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COMBINED SMOKING TOBACCO AND CIGARETTE PAPER BOOKLET PACKAGE

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The invention relates to packages and more particularly to improved combined packages for cigarette tobacco and cigarette paper, preferably in booklet form.

Recently there has come into vogue the rolling of cigarettes by the smoker for individual use, and to supply this demand various size packages of cigarette tobacco have been placed on the market. To facilitate the making of the cigarettes, it is customary to give away with the package of tobacco a small packet of cigarette papers, such papers being enclosed usually in a paper wrapper, and known in the trade as a booklet.

It is desirable to the manufacturer of the cigarette tobacco to print the paper wrapper of the booklet of cigarette papers in distinctive colors and having distinctive characters thereon, and frequently with trade-name and other advertising indicia, which usually correspond to the coloring and marking of the cigarette tobacco package.

An object of the invention is, therefore, to provide a combined package affording air- and moisture-proof carriage of the tobacco and a readily accessible and secure retention of the cigarette paper.

A further object of the invention is to provide such combined package of a form adapted to present-day packaging machines, and particularly of the so-called pouch type.

More particularly, the invention is directed to a pouch package comprising an inner air- and moisture-sealing envelope of tin-foil or equivalent material, an outer wrapper of paper or equivalent material, the outer faces, usually the two opposite larger faces, of which are imprinted with trade-name and other advertising indicia, as desired, one of which larger faces is provided with a slit, preferably extending vertically, for the reception, retention and support of cigarette papers, preferably in booklet form, the wrapper of the booklet bearing indicia corresponding to that imprinted upon the larger face, whereby the respective indicia are combined in sales appeal and artistic appearance.

Other objects and novel features of construction and arrangement of parts will appear to those skilled in the art from the following detailed description and the accompanying drawing, which illustrates preferred embodiments of my invention.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a pouch package of cigarette tobacco having associated therewith and attached to a larger side thereof, a booklet of cigarette papers by means of a vertically curvedly extending slit in the outer paper wrapper, the slit being substantially at right angles to the bottom margin of the side of the wrapper.

Fig. 2 is a sectional plan view on the line 22 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a modification, embodying a single rectilinearly extending slit, illustrating another method of combining the booklet of cigarette papers therewith.

Fig. 4 is a sectional plan view on the line 44 of Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawing and more particularly to Figs. 1 and 2, 10 designates a pouch such as ordinarily formed in a packaging machine, and comprising an inner pouch of tinfoil 11, and an outer enveloped sheet of paper 12. Such package usually enclosed a predetermined amount of cigarette tobacco 13. Usually, a pouch package has its opposite sides 14, 14, of larger dimension, and other opposite sides 15, 15, of smaller dimensions. At 16 are indicated trade-name and other advertising indicia.

For convenience in handling and in dispensing, I provide in the outer enclosing wrapper 12 a vertically extending slit 17 defining a flap 18. The flap 18 may be readily lifted up from the body of the outer wrapper 12 for the insertion and support of a booklet 19 of cigarette papers. The outer wrapper of the cigarette paper booklet 19 may and preferably is of the same color as the outer casing 12 and has imprinted thereon the trade-name 18 designating the brand and other advertising indicia of the tobacco with which it is to be associated.

With the booklet 19 in position relative to the strip 10, as described, it has been found that such booklet of papers 19 is resiliently held in place against accidental displacement and when positioned as shown in the figure, the cigarette tobacco and the cigarette papers are dispensed as a single unit.

Referring now to Figs. 3 and 4, there is shown the packet 10 of cigarette tobacco, similar to the packet shown in Figs. 1 and 2, like parts being designated by like reference numbers, but in the present instance, the outer casing 12 for the casing 10 is provided with a rectilinear slit 20, which extends at a right angle to the bottom margin. The slit 20 allows the insertion of a booklet of cigarette papers 18 between the outer wrapper 12 and the inner or enclosing pouch 11; the resiliency of the material 12 of the outer wrapper and the friction between the booklet or other packet of cigarette papers and the inner and outer wrapping material are sufficient to hold the booklet 19 in
position against accidental displacement. However, upon the user grasping one, i.e., the outermost individual cigarette paper, the binding force of the edges of the packet serving to hold the packet as an entity is insufficient to prevent the withdrawal of such one, i.e., outermost individual cigarette paper.

After considering the structures constituting representative embodiments of the present improvements, as above described in detail, skilled persons will understand that many variations may be made, and I contemplate the employment of any structures or arrangement that are properly within the scope of the appended claim.

In all of the aforesaid embodiments, the booklet is readily accessible, and is securely supported by the outer wrapper, and including the lower edge of its slit means, and at a definite spacing from the bottom margin of the side of the paper wrapper. The support of the booklet or other packet of cigarette papers is partially had by the lower edge of the slit, the remaining support being effectuated by the friction between the booklet and the respective faces of the packet afforded between the outer wrapper and the inner pouch.

Whereas I have described my invention by reference to specific forms thereof, it will be understood that many changes and modifications may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention.

I claim:

The combination of a multi-sided package formed of an inner wrapper and a resilient outer wrapper, said outer wrapper being provided on one face of the package with a slit forming with the inner and outer wrappers a closed pocket, and a packet of stacked cigarette papers inserted in said slit and into said pocket, said packet of cigarette papers comprising an outer wrapping exposing the cigarette papers exteriorly of said slit, the edges of said pocket being defined by said slit and exerting a binding force on said cigarette packet to hold said packet at all times within said pocket irrespective of the number of cigarette papers in said pocket, whereby to prevent accidental disengagement of said packet in said pocket, during the removal of a cigarette paper, the binding force of said edges being insufficient to prevent withdrawal by the user of said package of one of said cigarette papers serially as desired.

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