

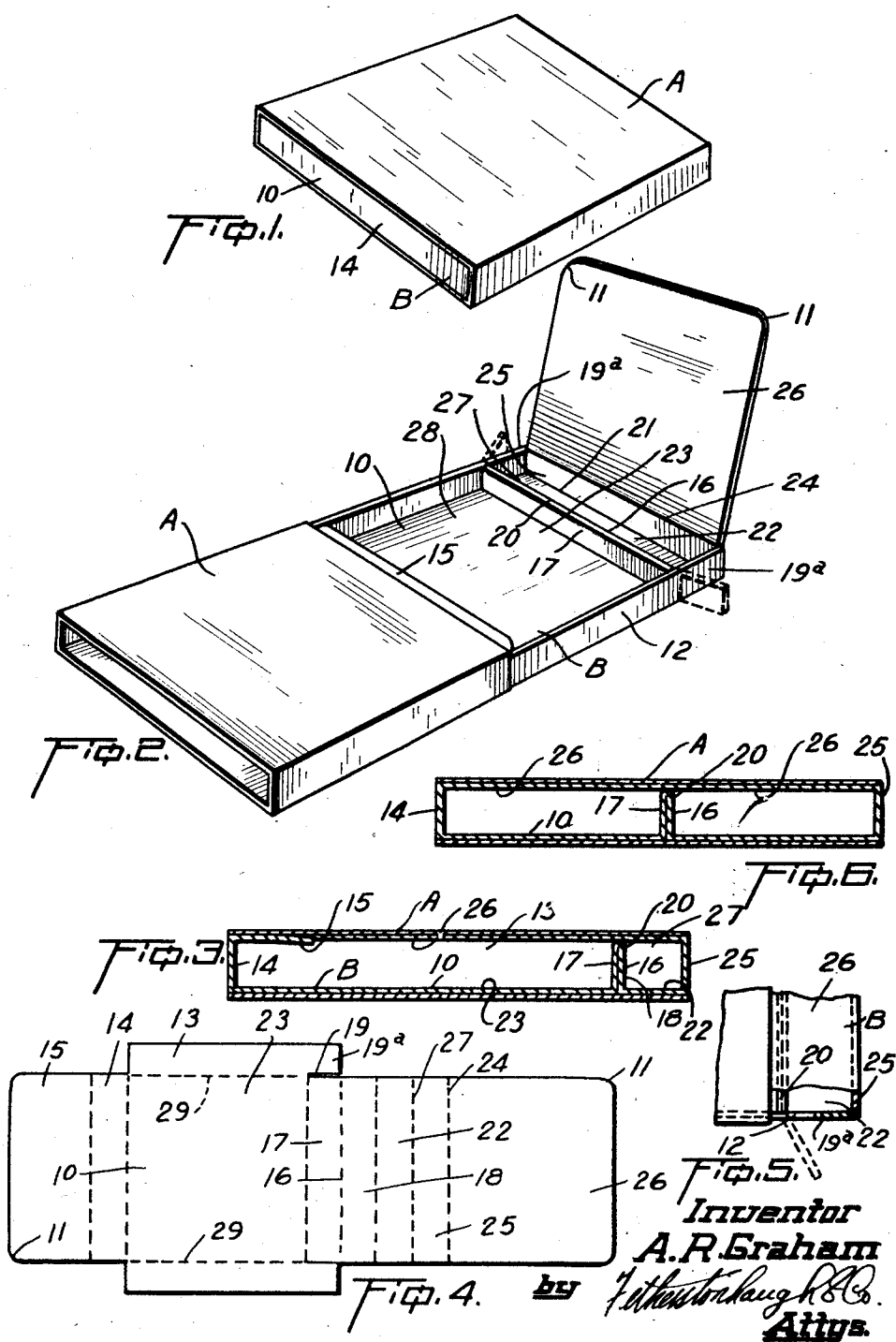
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This invention relates to improvements in combined cigarette boxes and match containers and the objects of the invention are to provide a neat, inexpensive, and convenient container for cigarettes and matches that can be readily carried in the pocket and thus be self-contained overcoming the inconvenience of carrying cigarettes in one box and matches in another, the major portion of applicant's case being adapted for cigarettes and the other and minor portion being adapted to hold matches.

Further objects are to provide a case of this description made from fibrous or other thin material suitably folded and creased, thereby enabling it to be produced at a very low cost.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, hereinafter more fully disclosed, the device comprises the combination with an outer casing of a container preferably made of fibrous material and including a single strip of cardboard or the like folded to form a box and creased on itself and connected together to form a partition, dividing the box into two compartments.

Referring now to the drawings in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each figure.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the box closed with the outer casing thereon.

Figure 2 is a similar view of the box in open position.

Figure 3 is a longitudinal section of the box in closed position.

Figure 4 is a plan view of the blank strip showing the creases.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary detail of a corner of the match holding compartment partly broken away.

Fig. 6 is a longitudinal section of a modified form with the partition formed in the centre of the box.

Referring more particularly to the drawings in which a preferred example of my invention is disclosed, A designates the outer casing and B the container or box adapted to slidably fit thereinto and formed, as illustrated in Figure 4, from a strip of cardboard or the like 10 with rounded corners as at 11

and provided on opposite sides substantially midway of its length with flaps or side pieces 12 and 13. The strip is transversely creased to form the end piece 14 and the flap 15 forming part of the cover. It is then creased at 16 to form the sections 17 and 18, the sides 12 and 13 being notched as at 19 to provide flaps 19^a adapted to be automatically closed when the box is within the casing and to be manually operated when the box is partially pulled out of the casing to permit matches or the like to be taken therefrom, to permit the sections 17 and 18 to be brought together in creased position, and then stuck by a suitable adhesive to form the double ply partition 20. The remaining portion of the strip of cardboard is then creased at 21 to form an extension 22 of the bottom 23 of the box and is again creased at 24 to form the end 25 of the box, the remaining uncreased section 26 forming the cover with the uncreased section 15.

It will thus be seen that when the sections 17 and 18 are creased and joined together forming a double ply partition that the sections 23 and 24 will with this partition provide a compartment 27 for matches or the like, the rest of the box being composed of the compartment 28 for cigarettes. Both cover sections 26 and 15 will, as the results of creases therein, become hinged on the main body portion. The side flaps 12 and 13 are also longitudinally creased at 29 to give them a hingedly mounted effect.

It will then be noted that one of the flaps 26 is much larger than the other flap 15 forming the hinged cover for the box. In this way when only a match is required the long flapped end of the box is pulled out and the match removed by opening one of the flaps 19^a. When a cigarette is required the short flapped end of the box is partially pulled out when the cigarettes in the compartment 28 are readily accessible.

As many changes could be made in the above construction, and many apparently widely different embodiments of my invention, within the scope of the claim, constructed without departing from the spirit or scope thereof, it is intended that all matter con-

tained in the accompanying specification and drawing be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

What I claim as my invention is:—

- 5 A container structure of the character described comprising a blank folded to provide bottom, side and end walls; said blank being doubled upon itself intermediate the end walls to form a two-ply partition wall

extending between the side walls in prox- 10
imity to and parallel with one of said end walls, the portions of the side walls extending between said partition wall and the last mentioned end wall being partially severed 15
from the bottom of the blank to serve as laterally movable flaps.

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