

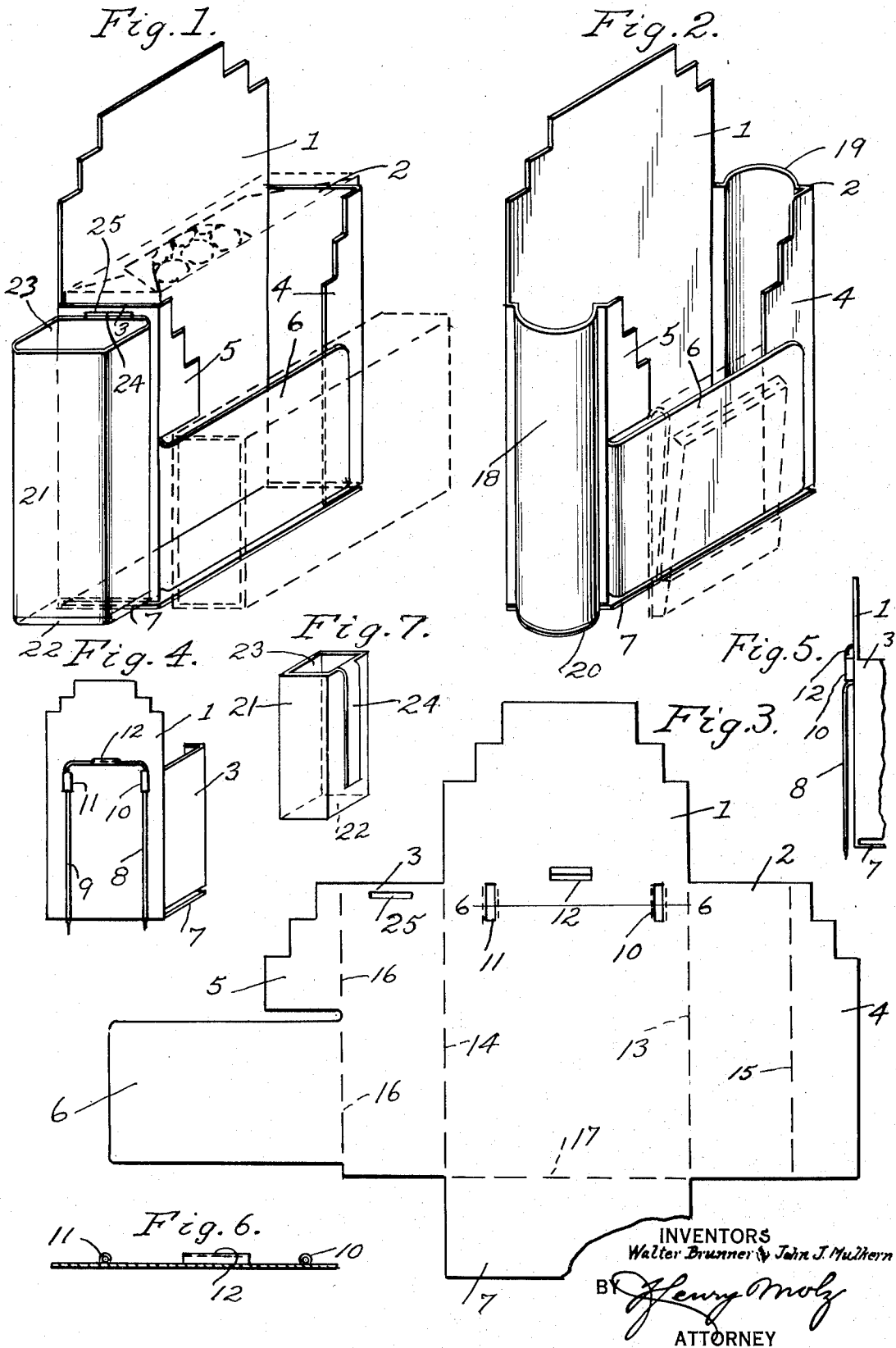
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Our invention primarily, is designed for use in vehicles of the automobile type, although unrestricted to such use in that it is applicable for any purpose and in any location where a suitable container for holding a package of cigarettes and a pocket packet or box of matches would be appropriate.

One object thus is to provide a container for inserting a full package of cigarettes, another, to provide such as would allow ready attachment of a pocket box of matches having an independent slidable cover, and/or a packet of paper matches, both of which are in common use.

Another object is the provision of a container of said characteristics providing an ash receiver from which the ashes may be removed without detaching the same or tipping it while in position for use.

A still further object is the provision of a container which readily lends itself as a suitable advertising medium in that provision is made for incorporating on the visible face thereof such advertising matter as may be desired to be featured.

An important object of our invention is the provision of a container that may be constructed out of ordinary sheet metal such as tin, for example, and which may be manufactured by blanking as a unit from a single piece thereof, ready for forming into the component whole.

Thus, the principal object of our invention is to provide an integral unit that may be cheaply manufactured as an advertising novelty, serving additionally a three-fold useful purpose, viz: hold a full package of cigarettes, a supply of matches and provide an ash receptacle; one type of our invention providing a separate ash receptacle which may be omitted if desired without in any manner affecting the desirability of the invention, and from which the ashes may readily be removed by simply lifting the ash receptacle and disengaging it from the cigarette case proper to permit its being turned up-side down, disengaging and re-engaging requiring but a few moments' time and no manipulation of any contrivances. In the other or modified type, the ash receptacle is integral with the cigarette case, the ashes being dischargeable therefrom by simply springing the bottom of the case, the side members being crimped to provide the necessary ash receiver space and the case bottom being extended to close up the same.

The invention will be best understood from a consideration of the following detailed description of the accompanying drawing, and wherein Figure 1 is an isometric view of our invention

showing the cigarette package case, and in dotted lines, indicating a package of cigarettes contained therein, together with a box, supposedly of matches, secured to the front of the case. The view further discloses in engagement with one of the sides of the case, a separate and independent ash receptacle of the type illustrated in Fig. 7, said receptacle being readily engageable and disengageable from the case which is an independent unit in no way dependable on receptacle, it being possible to use the case without the receptacle as satisfactorily without it as it is with it.

Figure 2 is a view somewhat similar to Fig. 1 but minus the package of cigarettes, and having in lieu of the separate ash receptacle disclosed in Fig. 1, an ash receptacle integral with the case and formed out of its sides, a paper packet of matches being indicated in dotted lines secured to the front of the case.

Figure 3 indicates the blanked sheet ready for folding into the unitary structure comprising our invention.

Figure 4 is an isometric view of the rear of our invention, and showing a prong means for attachment of the same to the upholstered interior of an automobile, for example.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary view showing the method of engagement of the attaching prongs to the case proper.

Figure 6 is a section on the line 6—6 of Fig. 3, and

Figure 7 is an isometric view of a separate ash receptacle for independent engagement to the cigarette package case proper forming our invention as is more particularly illustrated in Fig. 1.

Similar numerals of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views, the numeral 1 thus indicating the back of the case, a portion thereof being visible when a package of cigarettes is contained in the case, and providing a suitable space for advertising media, 2 and 3 indicate the respective sides of the case, the front comprising members 4, 5 and 6 as is particularly indicated in Fig. 3, the member 6 providing a lap for the engagement of a box of matches of the slidable cover type and/or for a pack of matches of the paper packet type as indicated respectively in Figures 1 and 2.

The numeral 7 indicates the bottom of the case, numerals 8 and 9 indicate prong members integrally formed out of suitable wire bent to form an inverted U-shaped double prong means as shown, 10 and 11 indicate eye means formed in the metal blank composing the case, this being

but one of many means that might readily be employed as an attaching means, the eye members serving to provide a means of attachment of the prongs to the case, a butt 12, integral with the case serving as an abutment or stop to restrain said U-shaped double prong attaching means from disengagement with the case when the latter is brought into contact with the object to which it is to be hung.

In its assembly, the blanked sheet is folded first, at 13 and 14, next at 15 and 16, and then at 17, the first folding providing its side members which may be of the shape shown to provide a case as indicated in Fig. 1, or may be shaped as required to form the side members indicated in Fig. 2. Folding 15 and 16 provides the front members, and 17 provides the bottom member.

As indicated in Fig. 2, the side members 18 and 19 serve in the place and stead of the side members 2 and 3 of Fig. 1, and the bottom 20, that of the bottom 7 in the same figure.

As disclosed in Fig. 7, the numeral 21 indicates the sides of the separate ash receptacle for attachment as illustrated in Fig. 1, 22 indicating its bottom, 23 its open top and 24 a clip providing an engaging means for ready engagement with a slot 25 incorporated in the blank as illustrated in Fig. 3, said slot appearing on the side of the cigarette package case when the blank is folded to comprise the same.

It is obvious that our combination case can be produced at very little expense since its blanking out of a single sheet of metal will entail but little labor and material costs, and that it may readily be finished in any of the modern trends of the painters and platers art, equally at little cost.

Simplicity is the keynote of its construction. As a practical and useful article of manufacture, and as a serviceable advertising novelty it has unquestionable merit.

In the detail of the front and back members a wide variety of design may readily suggest itself without departing from the scope of the present invention, and we are aware that some changes may be made in the general arrangement and combination of the case, as well as in its struc-

tural details without departing from the scope of the present invention as set forth herein, and as defined in the claims appended hereto. Hence, we do not limit our invention exclusively to the exact arrangement and construction indicated and described, but what we do claim is:—

1. A case of the character described, embodying front, back, side and bottom portions formed from a sheet of material to form the case body, portions of the case body being bent in opposed direction to form said body, one of said portions extending beyond another of said portions extending in the same direction and overlapping a third of said portions extended in the opposite direction, said oppositely extended portions comprising said front portion of said case body, and said overlapping portion providing a means for slidably engaging a supply of matches to said case body.

2. The herein described combination cigarette case and match holder, comprising a receptacle having an open top, a bottom, front, back and side end walls, said front wall comprising a plurality of oppositely directed flaps having their free ends unconnected, one of said flaps extending beyond another of said flaps in the same direction and partially overlapping a third of said flaps extending in the opposite direction, said overlapping flap adapted to slidably engage and retain a paper packet of matches or a pocket box of matches having a slidable engaging cover.

3. The herein described combination cigarette case and match holder, comprising a cigarette package receptacle having an open top, a bottom, front, back and semi-circular side members forming an ash receptacle, said front member comprising a plurality of oppositely directed flap members, one of which projects beyond and overlaps another of said flap members projecting in opposite direction for slidably engaging to said cigarette case a supply of matches, and means whereby said combination cigarette case and match holder is firmly secured to the upholstered interior of a motor vehicle or other object as may be desired.

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