

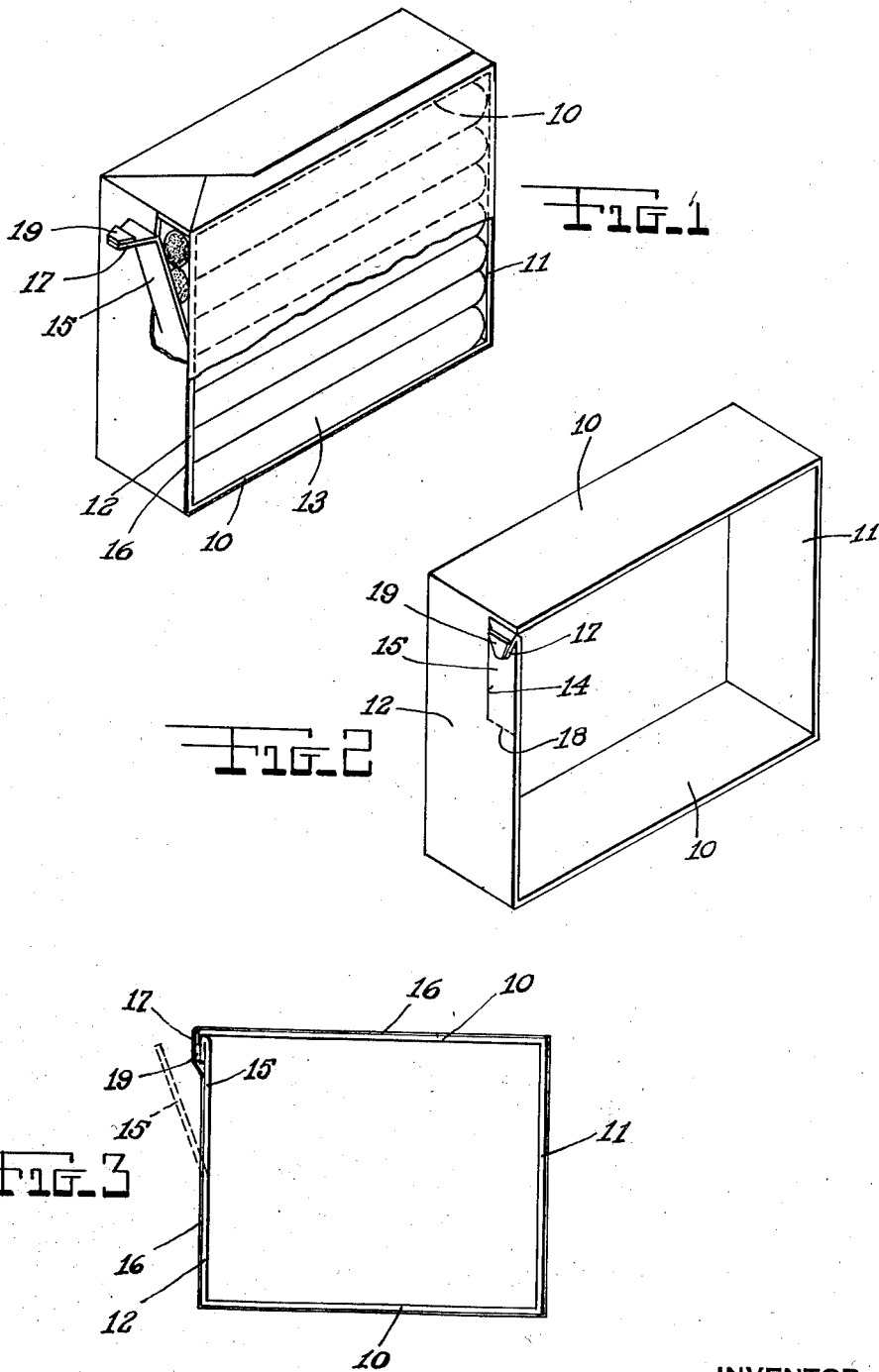
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The main object of this invention is to provide a cigarette package which is constructed with windows so that the contents of the package is instantly visible and the number of cigarettes at any time remaining in the package may be readily observed.

Another object of this invention is to provide a cigarette package which consists of an open frame wrapped in cellophane, the frame being provided with a door which may be selectively opened to permit the extraction of a single cigarette by the user.

The above and other objects will become apparent in the description below, in which characters of reference refer to like-named parts in the drawing.

Referring briefly to the drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a filled cigarette package, showing the door in partly opened position.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the cigarette package frame.

Figure 3 is a front elevational view of the frame, showing the door in closed position.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the numeral 10 indicates the long walls of a rectangular open-sided frame. These long walls are joined by a rear wall 11 and a front wall 12. The chamber framed within these walls is adapted to be filled with closely packed cigarettes 13.

From the top edge of the wall 12 (Fig. 1), a slit, represented by the line 14, extends downward at a short distance from and parallel with the rear edge (Fig. 1) of this wall. This slit forms one side of a door 15, whose opposite side is the upper portion of the said edge of the wall 12. In order to open this door, the same is bent away from the package on the dotted line 18 as a hinge. The door 15 is provided with a tongue 17 which is folded against the door before the package is opened, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. On this tongue a shoe 19, having its upper edge straight and flat, is attached by any suitable

means. The entire article as thus far described may be made of sheet metal, thin wood, or paste-board. If the latter material is used, then the shoe 19 is preferably made of metal or other hard substance.

With the door in normally closed position as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the entire casing is wrapped in transparent paper such as that commonly known as cellophane, 16. In order to open the package, a finger-nail may be run along the wrapping against the straight edge of the shoe 19, thus cutting the wrapping, and that portion of the wrapping lying immediately adjacent the tongue 17 may be folded back so that the tongue may be grasped in the fingers and the door opened. After a cigarette has been removed from the package, the tongue 17 is folded back against the opposite side of the door 15, so that upon re-closing the door this tongue lies against the roof (Fig. 1) of the package and ensures a better sealing of the package.

It is thus apparent that this package better preserves the cigarettes, once the package has been opened, against moisture and other external elements, than is possible in the common type of package, which lacks any sealing means.

It is to be noted that modifications in form and structure may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

I claim:

1. A cigarette package comprising a substantially rectangular frame having four walls enclosing a chamber adapted to be filled with cigarettes, one of said walls having a hinged door formed therein bounded by parallel sides, one of said sides being formed by the edge of said wall, a hinged extension on said door forming a tongue, a shoe on said tongue having a straight edge of relatively hard material, a transparent wrapper enclosing said frame, said straight edge providing a cutting edge for a finger-

nail or the like to permit piercing of the wrapper adjacent the door.

2. A cigarette package comprising a substantially rectangular frame having walls enclosing a chamber adapted to be filled with cigarettes, one of said walls having a door formed therein, a transparent wrapper enclosing said frame, a tongue hinged to said door and having a straight edge of relatively hard material thereon to provide a cutting edge for a finger-nail or the like to permit piercing of the wrapper adjacent the door.

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