

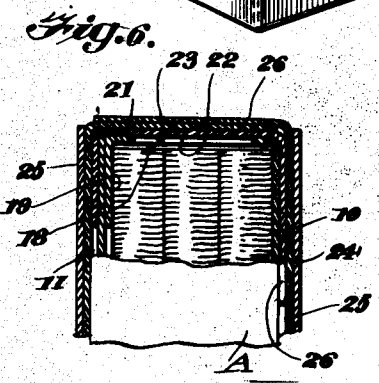
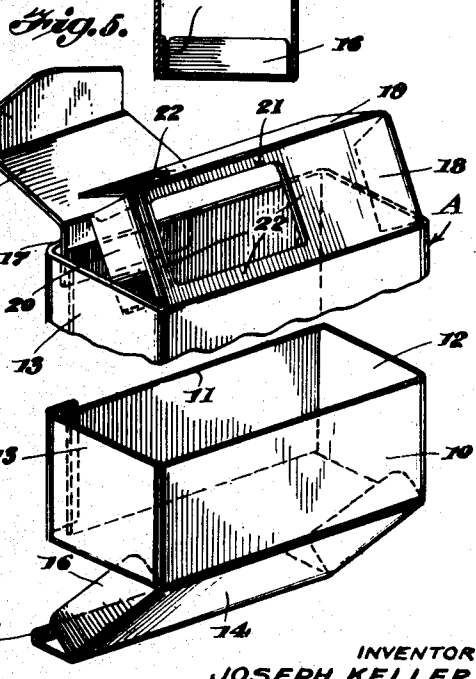
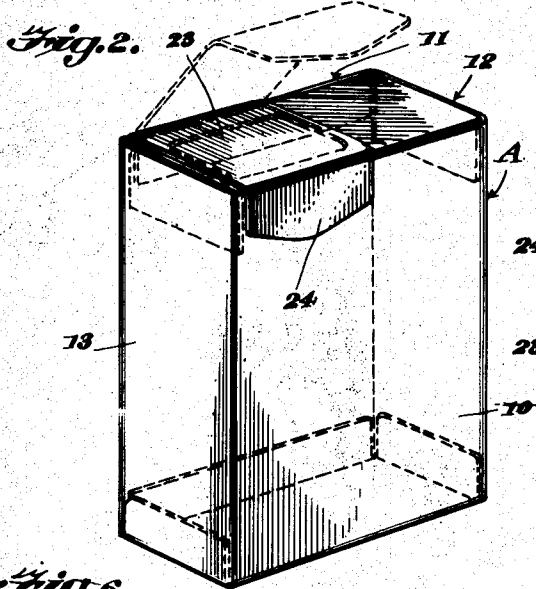
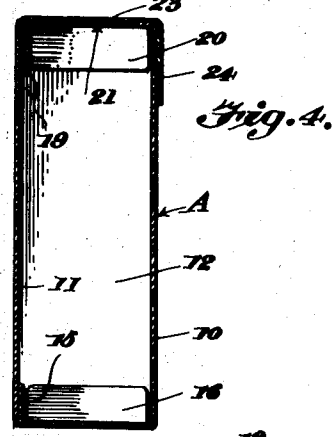
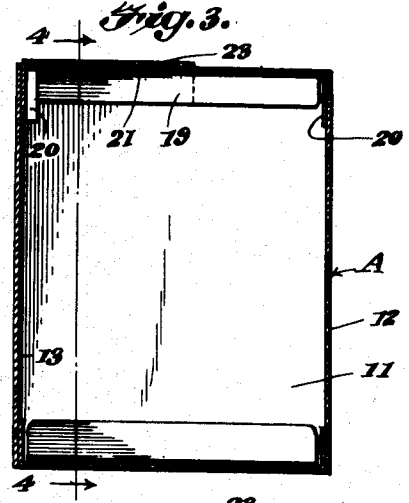
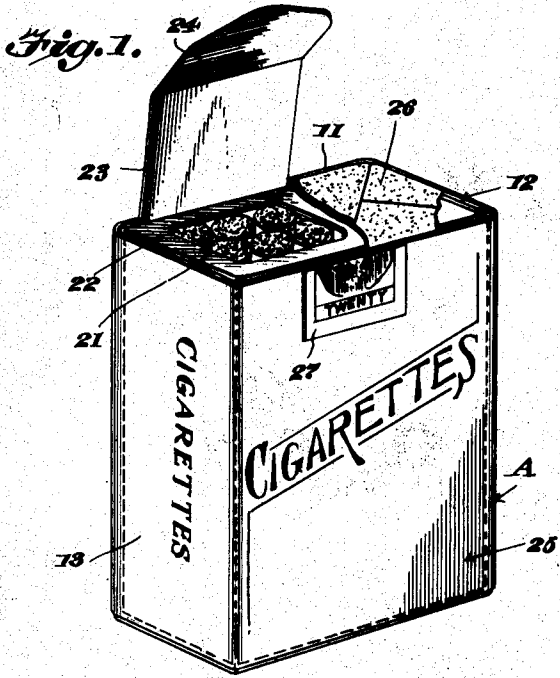
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1 Claim. (Cl. 229-7)

This invention relates to cigarette packages and has for one of its objects the production of a simple and efficient package for containing cigarettes and the like, whereby the cigarettes or other contents of the package may be kept thoroughly covered and in a fresh condition, and at the same time permit the package to be opened for the purpose of extracting a cigarette when desired.

Another object of this invention is the production of a simple and efficient cigarette package having the cigarette-extracting opening so covered as to prevent dust and tobacco from falling into the pocket in which the packages may be placed after being initially opened.

Other objects and advantages of this invention will appear throughout the following specification and claim.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cigarette package having the closure tongue in an open position.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the package or carton in a closed position, the outer wrapper not being shown;

Figure 3 is a vertical sectional view of the cigarette package;

Figure 4 is a vertical sectional view taken on line 4-4 of Figure 3 and at right angles to Figure 3;

Figure 5 is a sectional perspective view of the body of the container or package, with the bottom and top portions partly open;

Figure 6 is a vertical sectional view through the upper end of the cigarette package when in a closed and sealed condition and also illustrating the cigarette extracting opening.

By referring to the drawing, it will be seen that A designates the body of the cigarette package which comprises a front panel 10, a rear panel 11, and two side panels 12 and 13. A bottom 14 is integrally secured to the front panel 10 and is provided with an inwardly folded side flap 15 and end flaps 16 which are fitted, sealed, or fastened to the inner faces of the back and side panels respectively. A flap 17 is formed along the side edge of the side panel 13 and overlaps the adjoining side edge of the back panel 11, as shown in Figure 5 to hold the package in its rectangular formation.

A top panel 18 is integrally secured to the upper edge of the front panel 10 and is provided with a side inwardly turned flap 19 and end flaps 20 which may be sealed or otherwise secured to the inner face of the back and side panels. The

top panel 18 is provided with a cigarette extracting opening or aperture 21, rectangular in shape of smaller size than the top panel 18, and located near one side of the package, in this way providing overhanging portions 22 adjacent the edges of the opening or aperture 21, to prevent those cigarettes fitting against the side panels of the body from falling out of the package.

A closure tongue 23 is carried near the upper edge of the back panel 11 in a position to overhang the opening 21 and may be either formed as an integral extension of the back panel 11, or as a separate portion fixed to the panel 11, as shown in Figure 5. This tongue is of a length 15 to overhang the end of the package and is provided with an end flap 24 which is adapted to fit in overhanging relation with respect to the upper edge of the front panel 10, as shown in Figure 2, and under the outer wrapper 25, as shown in Figure 6. The body A is covered with the conventional tin foil wrapper 26 over which the outer conventional wrapper 25 fits. The usual revenue stamp 27 is fixed over the upper end of the package in a position to overhang the tongue 23 when the package is in its sealed condition.

It will be noted that the overhanging portion 22 will constitute a means for retaining the cigarettes and prevent the same from accidentally dropping out of the package, but at the same time allowing the cigarettes to be easily picked out of the package by the fingers of the smoker. Furthermore, when the tongue 23 is folded to a closed position, the package will be closed and sealed thereby preventing tobacco dust and chips of tobacco from falling into the pocket in which the package may be placed.

The body A is formed from a blank sheet of material, preferably cardboard and the like, and folded to provide a front, back and end panels, as well as the bottom and top panels.

Certain detail changes may be employed in the present invention without departing from the spirit of the invention, so long as such changes fall within the scope of the appended claim.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:—

In a cigarette package, a hollow body having front and rear walls, end walls, and a bottom and a top, the top being integral with the front wall and being folded along the upper edge thereof to a head-forming position and provided with marginal flaps extending into the body and secured against the back and end walls to firmly support the top, said top having an end portion

5 formed with a cigarette-extracting opening spaced from all marginal edges of the top to provide portions surrounding the opening and adapted to prevent accidental displacement of cigarettes and retain loose tobacco within the body, a closure flap for said opening carried by the rear wall and folded downwardly upon the

top in covering relation to the opening and having its free front end portion folded downwardly against the outer face of the front wall and free from the same, and a wrapper enclosing the body and the flap.

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