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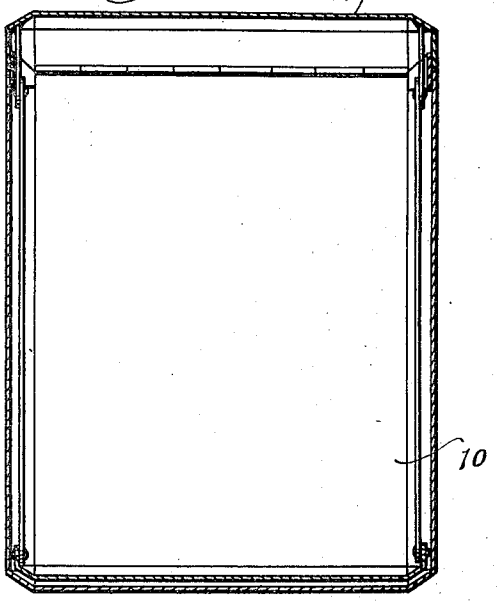


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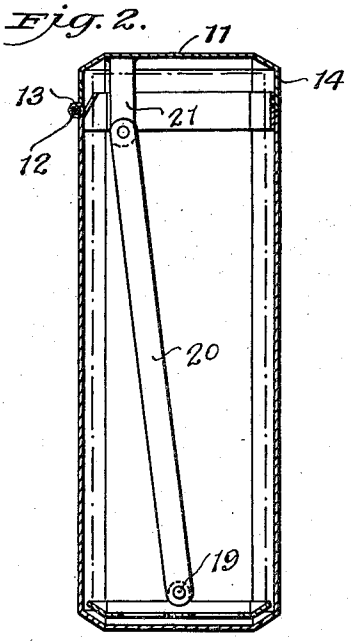


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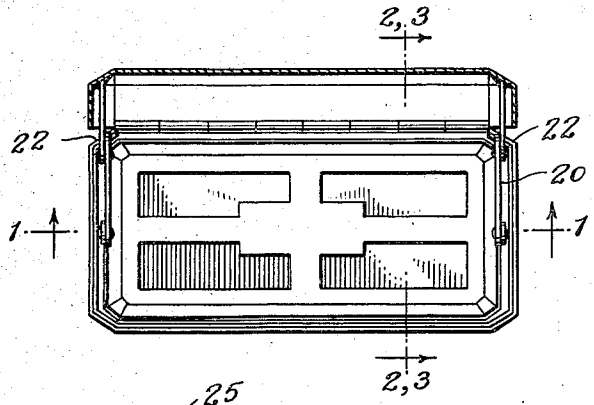
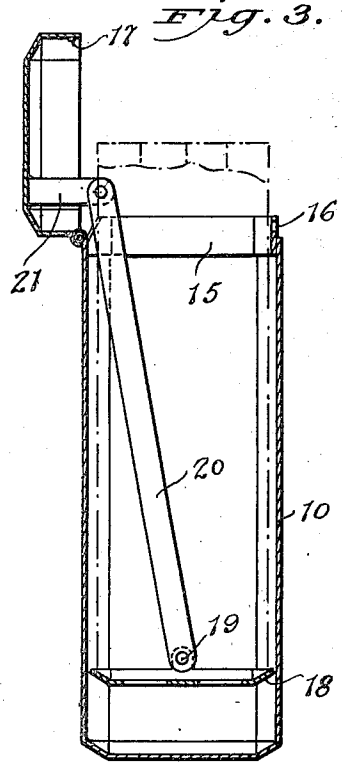


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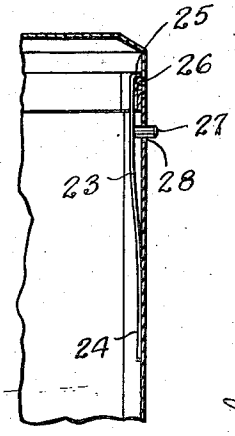


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS TAMIS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county of New York and State of New York, have made and invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigarette Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to cigarette holders and particularly to that class wherein as the lid of the container is opened a tray upon which the cigarettes rest is raised so as to render the cigarettes easily accessible and readily withdrawn.

The object of my invention is to provide a container or receptacle for cigarettes of the above-mentioned character and having improved means for limiting the extent to which the lid may open and to accomplish the afore-mentioned ends in a manner so as to prevent any danger or likelihood of the lid being torn or broken from the body of the receptacle. The container is preferably formed of precious metal such as gold and is accordingly provided with thin walls and of light construction throughout, so it is of prime importance that the parts be so arranged as to prevent undue stresses from being brought to bear thereon.

A further object is to provide a cigarette container of neat and pleasing appearance and having the side walls so arranged as to not only lend an attractive appearance to the box but to also enter into the functioning of the stop mechanism which will restrict the hinged movement of the lid and bring the same to a gradual stop at its open position.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, my invention consists in the improved cigarette holder illustrated in the accompanying drawings and hereinafter described and claimed, and in such variations and modifications thereof as will be obvious to those skilled in the art to which my invention relates, it being understood that changes may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit thereof.

The preferred embodiment of my invention is disclosed in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a view in vertical section of my improved cigarette holder, the section being taken on the line 1—1 of Figure 4;

Figure 2 is a view in side section of the foregoing, the section being taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 4;

Figure 3 is a similar view illustrating the cover and tray in their raised or open position;

Figure 4 is a top plan view of my improved cigarette holder, the lid being in an open position and illustrated in section; and

Figure 5 is a fragmental view in side section of a modified form of latch or cover holder.

Referring specifically to the several views, wherein similar reference numerals designate corresponding parts throughout, my improved container comprises the body portion 10 of the approximate size so as to receive a popular package of cigarettes therein, preferably of that type of package wherein twenty are wrapped in a paper binder. The body 10 of the container or receptacle is provided with a cover 11 attached thereto by the hinge 12, there being a suitable spring 13 contained within the hinge so as to constantly tend to open the cover into the position illustrated in Figure 3. The cover 11 includes the downwardly extending side walls 14, which are adapted to pass down over and embrace the offset rim 15 with which the body of the receptacle is provided so as to thereby align the side walls of the cover and the walls of the receptacle body so as to present a smooth and pleasing appearance when the cover is closed, the rim 15 being provided with a suitable opening 16 into which is adapted to snap the lug 17 so as to hold the cover in a closed position against the action of the spring 13.

In order to project the package of cigarettes above the top of the container, as the lid is opened I provide a tray 18 upon which the cigarettes rest and upwardly from which project the ears 19. To the ears 19 are hingedly connected the two links 20, which in turn are connected to the rigid arms 21 carried by the cover. It is to be particularly noted that the arms 21 are secured to the cover in such position as to bring the links 20, as the cover is opened, into contact with the bevelled walls 22 with which the body of the receptacle is provided. This location of the arms 21 and links 20 provides that as the front wall of the container is pressed inwardly, relieving the fastener 16—17, the cover 11 under the in-

fluence of the spring 13 will fly open and in so doing will bring the links 21 against the outer edge of the bevelled walls 22, thereby causing the links to tend to move inwardly and for a certain distance to slide along the walls 22 and thereby gradually bring the cover 11 to rest and without shock. Any excessive strain brought to bear upon the cover 11 while in an open position will cause the links 20 to slide further along the bevelled wall 22 and which movement is resisted by the resiliency of the links 20, as such sliding will naturally cause a flexing of both the arms 21 and the links 20. This feature is particularly important, inasmuch as the entire mechanism is formed of precious metal and accordingly must be made as light as possible.

A modified form of fastener has been disclosed in Figure 5, wherein a spring latch 23 is soldered or in other ways fastened to the inner surface of the front wall as at 24 and is provided at its upper end with the tongue 25 which is adapted to extend through and engage a boss 26 formed upon the inner surface of the cover 11. A finger-engageable knob 27 is carried by the latch 23 and projects through an opening 28 in the front wall of the container, so that as the knob 27 is pressed inwardly the latch will be disengaged and the cover will fly open, raising the tray and cigarettes, as previously described, but the lid will come to a gradual stop without undue shock, as previously explained.

Having thus described and explained my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

A container comprising a body with bevelled corners, a cover hingedly secured to said body, arms rigidly carried by said cover, a tray contained within said receptacle and located adjacent the bottom wall thereof, links pivotally connected to said tray and to said arms, said links adapted to contact with the bevelled edges of the body of the receptacle and bring the cover to a gradual stop as it approaches its open position, resilient means tending to move said cover to its open position, and a fastener carried by said cover and the body of the receptacle and holding said lid in a closed position.

Signed at New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county of New York and State of New York, this 24" day of March, A. D. 1924.

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