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Fig. 1.

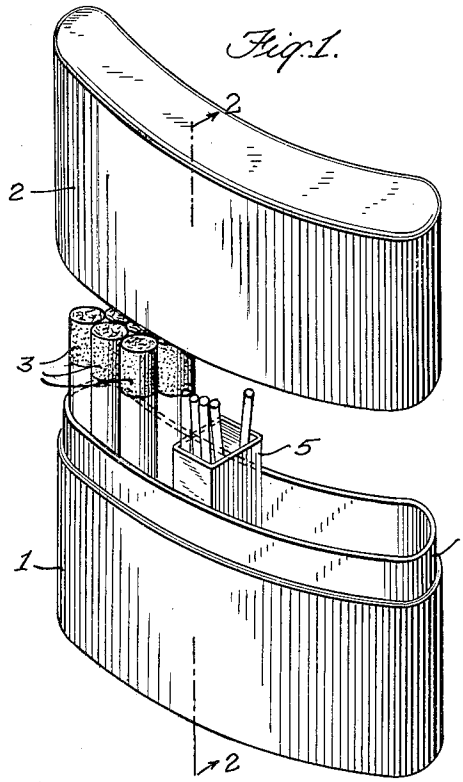


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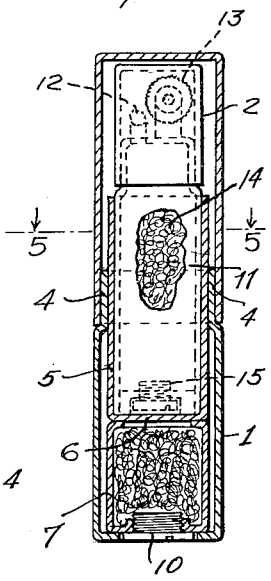


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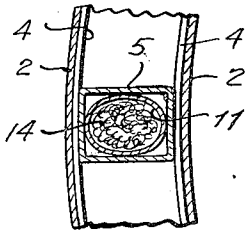


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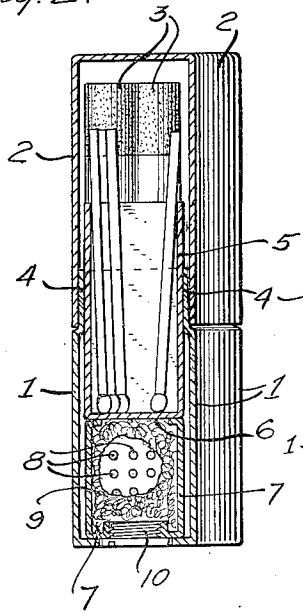
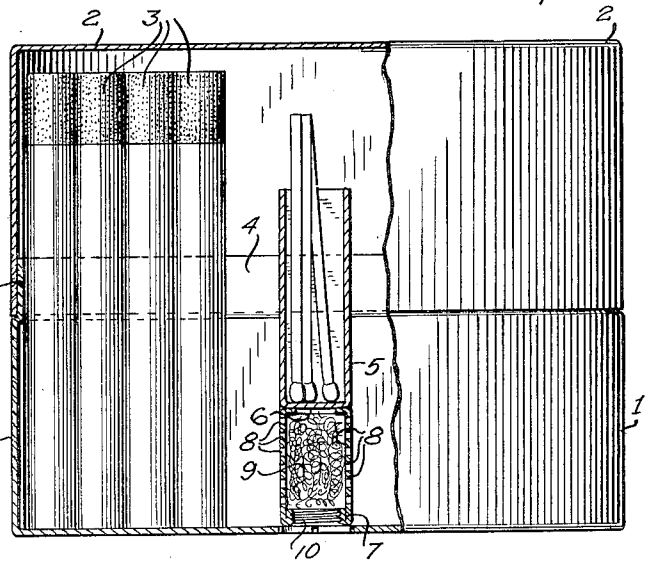


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to a cigarette or cigar case of such size and shape as to conform to and conveniently fit in the hip pocket of the user with means associated therewith for lighting a cigarette or cigar and for keeping the same moist.

Further advantages of the invention and the details of construction will become apparent from the following description and claims when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of the invention showing the cover raised to better exhibit the interior arrangement;

Figure 2 is a section on the line 2—2, Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a part elevation and part sectional view;

Figure 4 is a vertical sectional view of a somewhat modified form which the invention may take; and

Figure 5 is a section on the line 5—5, Figure 4.

Referring to the drawing, 1 indicates the lower or base portion of my improved cigarette holder and 2 the sliding cover therefor. The base portion is of a depth to accommodate cigarettes 3 in upright position and is somewhat reduced at 4, the cover 5 snugly fitting this reduced portion so that when the cover is applied the joint is a smooth one. Both the base and cover are curved as indicated in Figure 1 so that the closed case fits conveniently into the hip pocket.

The case may be of aluminum or other suitable material and may be covered with leather or left plain.

Located approximately centrally of the base portion is a receptacle 5, preferably formed of metal or other suitable material and of a width equal to the interior thickness of the reduced portion of the base. While the exact dimensions may be varied, I prefer to make the inside cross width of the base about ¾'' which is likewise the outside width of the receptacle 5. The crosswise dimension of the receptacle 5 is approximately ½''.

This receptacle is so constructed that it is adapted to contain either matches or a cigarette lighter of conventional type, such lighter being shown more or less diagrammatically in Figure 4. A humidor 7 is located immediately below and in line with the receptacle 5 as shown in Figures 2 and 3 and by preference is secured to the imperforate bottom 6 thereof by soldering or other convenient attaching means. Openings or perforations 8 lead into the cigarette space and supply moisture to the cigarettes therein. Any suitable moisture holding material such as cotton, may be put into the humidor, the moisture passing through the openings 8 into the cigarette compartments on either side. The moisture absorbing material is indicated at 9 and to enable this to be readily replaced or taken out for the purpose of being newly saturated, I provide an opening in the bottom of the humidor which coincides with an opening in the bottom of the base 1, a screw cap 10 being provided for normally closing this opening. The receptacle and humidor thus form in effect an integral part of the cigarette case.

The receptacle 5 is adapted to hold matches, as indicated in Figures 1, 2 and 3, or it may contain a cigarette lighter of conventional type.

In Figure 4 I have shown a lighter 11 which is of such size that it snugly fits the receptacle, said lighter having a wick 12 and a friction device 13 for causing ignition of gases which are given off by material indicated at 14 within the lighter. A screw 15 tapped into the bottom of the lighter furnishes access to the interior thereof. A cap 16 is provided to prevent escape of fumes.

From the foregoing it will be apparent that I have provided a holder adapted for cigarettes or cigars which contains within itself the means by which the cigarette or cigar may be lighted and moreover supplies the necessary moisture. Either matches or an ordinary lighter may be used. The matches, if such are used, are sufficiently protected from moisture from the humidor while the tobacco is readily subjected to its action.

What I claim is:—

1. A cigarette case having space to accommodate cigarettes, a receptacle for receiving lighting means secured to the case, and a humidor having an open bottom attached to the bottom of the receptacle, said cigarette case having a base portion and cover, the base portion having an opening giving access to the interior of said humidor.

2. A cigarette case having space to accommodate cigarettes, a receptacle for receiving lighting means secured to the case and located between the ends thereof and a humidor attached to the bottom of the receptacle, said humidor having lateral openings into the cigarette spaces, said case having a base portion and a cover and having an opening through the bottom of the base giving access to the interior of said humidor.

3. A cigarette case comprising a base having a reduced portion of substantial depth at its upper edge, a receptacle for lighting means having

an imperforate bottom, said receptacle extending across the base and of a depth to fit snugly between the inner reduced portions thereof, a humidor directly beneath said receptacle and secured to the bottom thereof, said humidor having perforated lateral walls which are in line with the lateral walls of said receptacle said imperforate bottom acting to insulate the receptacle from the humidor, the base having spaces at either side of said receptacle and humidor for holding cigarettes.

4. A cigarette case comprising a base having a reduced portion of substantial depth at its upper edge, a receptacle for holding lighting means extending across the base and of a width to fit snugly between the inner reduced portions thereof and located between the ends of the base, a humidor located immediately under said receptacle and extending to the bottom of the base, said humidor having perforated lateral walls and an open bottom, said base having an opening in the bottom thereof giving access to the interior of the humidor.

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