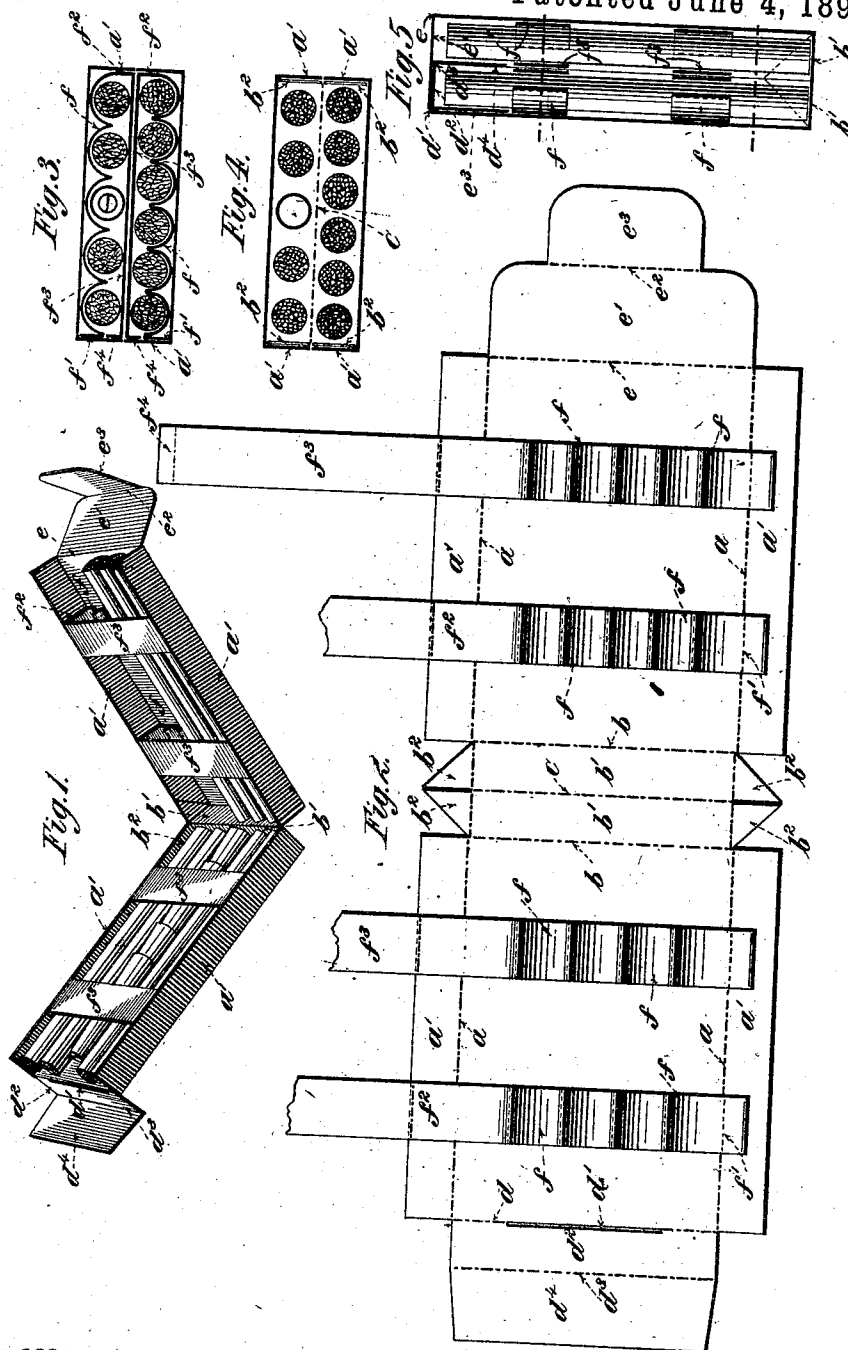


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD HENRY FAN-
COURT, tobacco-manufacturer, a subject of
the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Wa-
verly, near Sydney, in the British Colony of
New South Wales, have invented a new and
useful Improved Box or Pocket-Case for Cig-
arettes, Cigars, and Such-Shaped Goods, of
which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a box or pocket
case or holder specially devised for vending
cigarettes although it will be found equally
useful for holding cigars and goods partaking
of the shape of cigarettes and cigars. Though
it is intended to manufacture this improved
box or pocket holder of cardboard, straw-
board, stiff leather or the like, yet other ma-
terial as metal or anything suitable might be
used for the purpose.

This improved box or pocket case for cigar-
ettes, cigars and such shaped goods has three
distinct and peculiar features which prefer-
ably are used in combination although two
of them may be separately used in other com-
binations going to make up similar articles.
These distinct and peculiar features are, first,
folding or hinged flaps on the end—say the
top—of two meeting halves of the box or case,
one of which takes over the contents of its
half case, while the other laps over the whole
end or top and portion turns in behind the
first mentioned flap. The second peculiar
feature is the insertion of partially crimped
bands, the crimped part of which forms rests
for the cigarettes, cigars, &c., while the plain
part turns over and retains the said cigarettes,
cigars, &c., in such resting places. The third
peculiar feature is the making of the box or
case of one piece cut, punched or stamped
into particular shape.

In order that this invention may be clearly
understood reference will now be made to the
drawings herewith, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a filled
cigarette-box constructed according to this
invention. Fig. 2 is a plan of the cut, punched,
or stamped blank with the retaining-bands
in place during manufacture. Figs. 3 and 4
are transverse sections through a retaining-

band and away from the bands, respectively, 50
while Fig. 5 is a longitudinal section of the
box or case complete and closed.

The material is cut, punched or stamped
into shape and then scored or marked (as in-
dicated by dotted lines) as shown in Fig. 2. 55

a are longitudinal scorings or marks the
outsides a' of which form the sides of each
half of the box or case when they are turned
up at right angles. The scorings b leave the
ends b' which are also turned at right angles 60
the angle pieces b^2 taking inside the sides a'
to which they are gummed or otherwise fas-
tened leaving the box or case with two dis-
tinct halves which hinge upon scoring or
mark c . The scoring d has therein the cut 65
or slot d' and this end has a second scoring d^2
at a distance from the first equal to the width
of the contents of the half case or box so that
the part d^2 will form the top of one half of
said box or case and the lap piece d^4 will turn 70
over the contents as shown in Fig. 5. At the
other end of the box or case are scorings e
and e^2 the piece e' being the width of the full
contents so that such piece e' on being turned
on the scorings or marks will form the top of 75
the box and the lap piece e^3 will form a fas-
tening by being inserted in cut or slot d' with
the sides of each half box or case meeting
at their edges completing the whole. The
crimped bands have scorings or marks so that 80
there will be turns f' to fasten to the sides of
the half box and a turnover f^2 to take over
the crimps f forming rests for the cigarettes
and a turn-in f^4 for again fastening to the
side of the half box the band being further 85
fastened to the opposite side at f^3 just before
the turnover. The cigarettes say with a num-
ber of spills or mouthpieces are placed in
the box or case before the final fastening of
the retaining bands. 90

It will be easily seen that the folding or
hinged flaps (forming first the end or top of
one half case or box and then an overlapping
end or top of the whole case or box) might be
used in a similarly constructed box or case 95
which, instead of being made of one piece or
blank, has two halves hinged together in the
center. It will be further understood that

the crimped retaining bands might be used in similarly constructed boxes or cases made with one instead of with two receptacles or "halves" and whether or not the box or case is made of one piece or blank or has two hinged parts or its cover hinged or otherwise fixed on it.

Having now particularly described and explained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is—

1. A pocket-box or case for cigarettes and similar shaped articles, consisting of two flexibly connected half boxes or cases each containing a crimped band to receive the cigarettes or other articles, and each having at its outer end a folding flap, one flap having in juxtaposition to its base an incision or slot to receive the extremity of the other folding flap, substantially as described.

2. A pocket-box or case, consisting of two flexibly connected or jointed half boxes or cases each provided with a band having a plurality of crimps to receive the cigarettes or other articles, and a plain end portion for folding over the cigarettes or other articles lying in the crimped portion, and adapted to be secured at its extremity to the half box or case to hold or retain the cigarettes or other

articles in the crimps of the band, substantially as described.

3. A pocket-box or case for cigarettes and similar shaped articles, consisting of two flexibly connected or jointed half boxes or cases each provided with an attached band having a plurality of crimps to receive the cigarettes or similarly shaped articles, and a plain end portion constituting a continuation of the crimped portion for folding over the cigarettes or other articles lying in the crimped portion, substantially as and for the purposes described.

4. A pocket-box or case for cigarettes and similar shaped articles, consisting of two flexibly connected half boxes or cases each containing a band having a plurality of crimps, and a plain end portion forming a continuation of the crimped portion and each also having at its outer end a folding flap to cover the outer end of the contents thereof, one flap having in juxtaposition to its base means for engaging the other flap, substantially as described.

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