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CIGAR-CASES.

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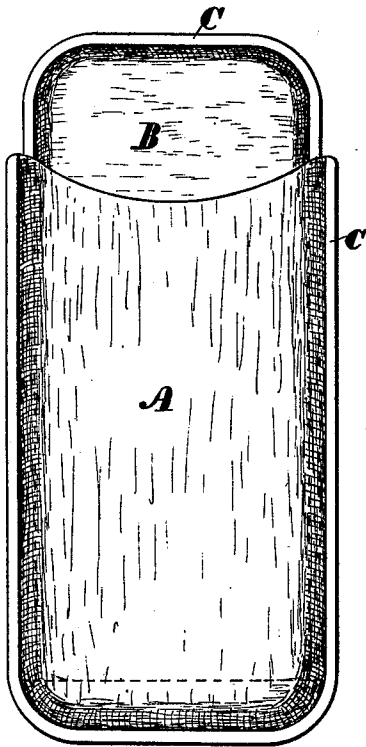
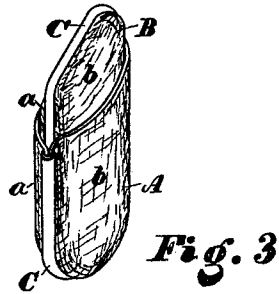


Fig. 1

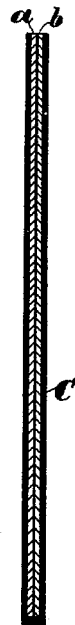


Fig. 2

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IMPROVEMENT IN CIGAR-CASES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES F. RUMPP, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Leather Cigar and Match Cases; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section through the metallic clamp and fastener. Fig. 3 is a perspective of a match-safe, showing how the metallic stiffening clamps the leather sides of the same.

My invention has for its object to give greater stiffness and rigidity to that class of cigar-cases which are formed of two sliding sections, one fitting within the other, without impairing the flexibility required for the same.

My invention accordingly consists of a cigar or match case formed of two sliding telescopic sections, each section being formed of two pieces of leather united at the edge by a metallic clamp and frame-piece C, as hereinafter described.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, A and B represent the two sections of a cigar-case, the smaller one, B, being constructed of size to slide or telescope into the larger, A, filling the latter snugly when thus inserted. Each of these sections is formed of two pieces of leather, *a* and *b*. These pieces have heretofore been united by stitching, whereby their edges had little or no more rigidity than the

parts between the said edges. Thus stitched, the cases, on being slid together, or when being inserted in the pocket of a garment, were liable to bend, thus injuring their contents seriously. In lieu of stitching, I take a thin metallic strip, C, which I place along the coinciding edges of the pieces *a* and *b*, and then bend over, by suitable tools or machinery, in such manner that said edges will be firmly clamped together. By this means I substitute for stitching means which not only hold the pieces forming the sides together but provide an edge-frame, and thus produce a cigar-case which will not bend to the injury of the contents, and will be yet sufficiently flexible for all necessary purposes.

While I confine my claim of invention to sliding cases, it is obvious that the principle may be employed or adapted in connection with cases for matches as well as with those for cigars. It is also obvious that this improved construction will also enhance the finish and appearance of the article to which it is applied.

I claim as my invention—

As a new article of manufacture, a cigar or match case formed of two sliding or telescopic sections, each section being formed of two pieces of leather united at the edge by a metallic clamp and frame-piece, C, substantially as shown.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of January, 1876.

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