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FIG. 1.

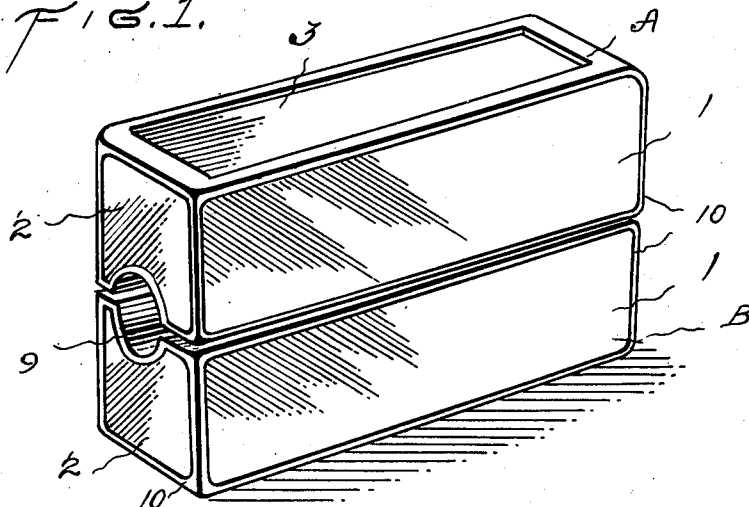


FIG. 2.

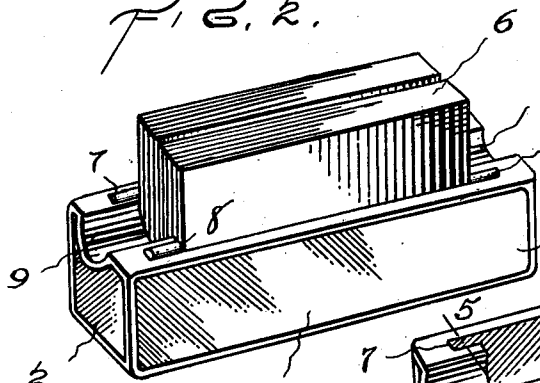


FIG. 3.

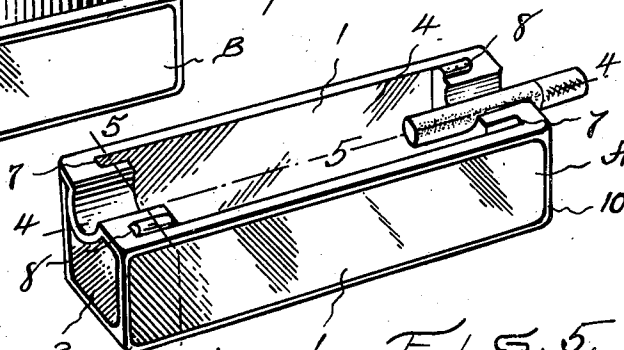


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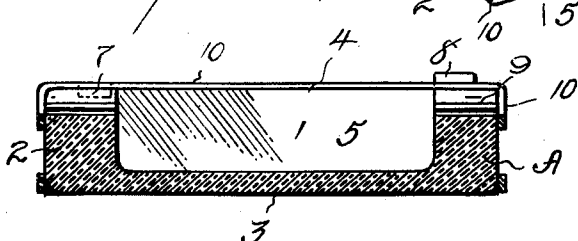
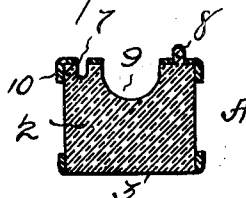


FIG. 5.



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The present invention has relation more particularly to containers useful for holding playing cards and the chief object of the invention is to construct the sections of the container so that they will be servicable as an ashtray set.

The container is composed of two sections, identically alike so as to be interchangeable whereby either section may operate as the cover and the other section as the tray or body. The sections are preferably made of glass having a metal covering deposited or secured thereon to bind the edges and corners and to provide desired ornamentation, but it will be understood any other suitable material may be employed such, for example, as wood or a composition.

The invention will be more fully described hereinafter with reference to the accompanying drawing illustrating one embodiment of the invention, and wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing the two sections in the closed position,

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one section forming the tray or body section and so designated because it contains the pack of cards.

Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the cover section,

Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 3, and

Fig. 5 is a cross section taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Referring to said drawing A and B indicate the two container sections which are precisely the same each having side walls 1, end walls 2, a bottom 3 and an open top 4. The sections A and B are preferably of rectangular shape so as to provide a well 5 of similar shape to receive the pack or packs of cards 6.

The cards 6 should closely fit in the wells 5 so that when the container is closed the contents, extending from one section into the other, will prevent end or side displacement of the sections. Further to prevent displacement of the sections A and B, registering notches 7 and engaging lugs 8 are provided on the top of the end walls 2 and the latter means, it will be noted, are of service particularly when the container is closed without contents being therein.

The end walls 2 are comparatively thick so that the recess 9 formed in each end wall may be extended to provide sufficient base for a cigarette or cigar to rest thereon.

In such instances where a binding or covering 10 is desired for reinforcement or ornamentation a metallic coating or covering is deposited or secured on the outer surfaces of the sections in any known and suitable manner.

The operation of the improved device is simple for it is only required that the operator removes the inverted cover section, then take out the cards and place the sections in position to operate as ashtrays.

Various modifications may be made in carrying out the details of the invention hereinbefore described, and it is to be understood that any modification coming fairly within the terms of the appended claims shall be covered thereby.

I claim:

1. A combined container and ashtray composed of a pair of disconnectible members, formed to be superposed and having confronting faces each formed with a central well, the members having bounding walls devoid of projections whereby the vertical faces of the walls are substantially flush with each other in superposed relation of the members, one of said members having one of the walls thereof formed with a substantially U-shaped recess which extends from the inner face of the wall to substantially the outer face of the wall, the said wall being of such thickness to provide supports of a length to hold cigarettes in a horizontal plane, the confronting faces of the members having registering complementary projections and depressions, said projections and depressions being spaced from and independent of the U-shaped recesses and formed to hold the members when superposed against all horizontal movements relative to each other while permitting bodily separation thereof, the projections and depressions being within the confines of the outer side faces of the bounding walls.

2. A combined container and ashtray in accordance with claim 1, wherein the members are of substantially rectangular form and wherein there is a U-shaped recess in each end wall of each member, wherein said end walls are each of such thickness to provide supports of a length to hold cigarettes in a horizontal plane, and the projections and depressions are formed on said end walls and located on opposite sides of the U-shaped recesses.

3. A combined container and ashtray in accordance with claim 1, wherein each of said members has one of the walls thereof formed with a substantially U-shaped recess.

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