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MATCH HOLDER

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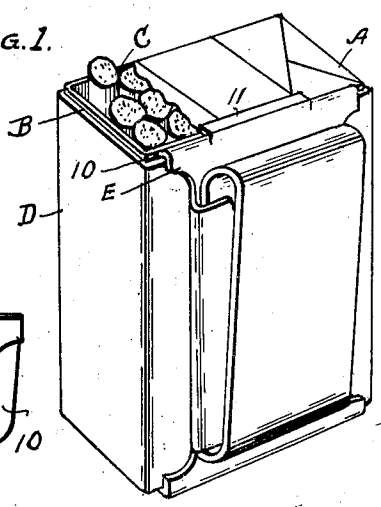


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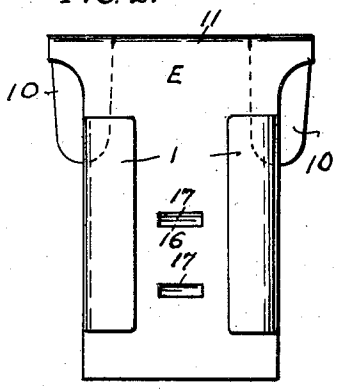


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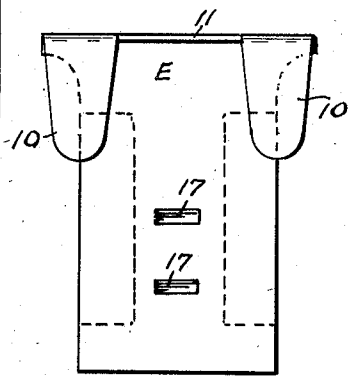


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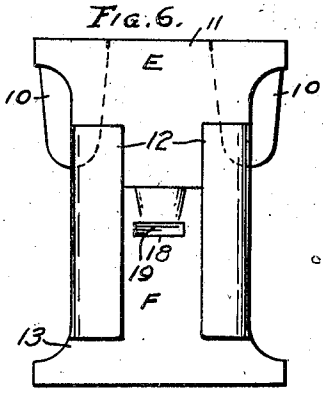


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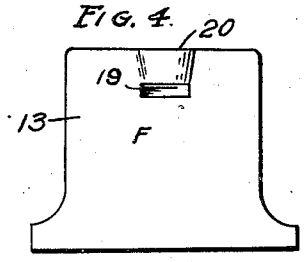


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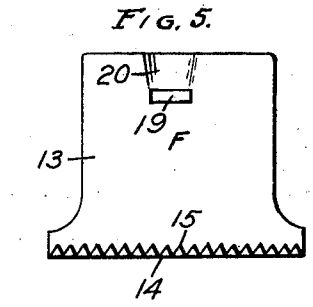


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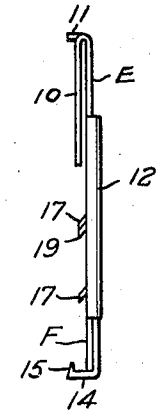
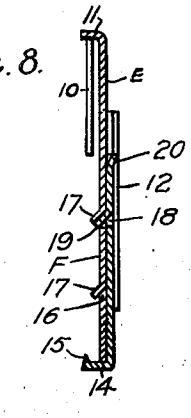


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This invention is a device adapted to be removably attached to the standard commercial type of cigarette package, and so constructed and arranged as to removably support a book of matches of a character which is now in common use.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a match carrier of simple construction, having a portion capable of being slipped between the outer wrapping of a cigarette package and the label which usually girds said package, and another cooperating portion adapted to engage an end of the package, so that the holder is firmly attached to the latter, one of said portions having means for removably supporting a packet of matches. A further object is to provide a holder of the character mentioned in which the two portions are arranged in overlapped relation but separably connected so that they may be readily applied to and removed from the package. A further object is to provide simple means for removably supporting a book of matches in a position covering one side of the package without interfering with the handling of the latter or the dispensing of cigarettes therefrom.

The invention will be hereinafter fully set forth and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating a commercial type cigarette package with the invention applied thereto. Figures 2 and 3 are front and rear views respectively of one of the two members of the device illustrated in Figure 1. Figures 4 and 5 are front and rear views of the other member. Figure 6 is a front view illustrating the parts in assembled relation. Figure 7 is an edge view of Figure 6. Figure 8 is a longitudinal sectional view on the line 8—8, Figure 6.

Referring to the drawing, A conventionally illustrates the ordinary type of commercial cigarette package, which is shown with one corner torn off (as indicated at B), so as to expose the cigarettes C in a manner commonly practiced by cigarette users. Surrounding the package is a label D, which is usually in the form of a band which girdles the package, and has its ends attached to each other by paste or the like.

The holder of the present invention comprises two separable members E and F, respectively, each constructed of sheet-like material possessing a certain amount of rigidity, preferably thin sheet metal. The member E is provided with two laterally spaced tongue-like members 10, formed by bending strips of metal back parallel with one face of the main portion of the member, the edge of the metal between the tongues being bent over as indicated at 11, to provide a guard which normally overlaps and rests upon the adjacent end of the package, as clearly illustrated in Figure 1. The side edges of the member E are also bent laterally inward over the other face of member E to provide flanges 12, which are adapted to removably receive the flexible cover of a book of paper matches of a very well known type now in general use.

The member F is provided with a reduced portion 13 adapted to slide beneath the flanges 12, and at the lower edge is provided with an angular flange 14 which is adapted to overlap the adjacent end of the package A. The edge of the flange 14 is provided with teeth 15 adapted to engage the adjacent portion of the cover of the package A, so as to prevent slipping of the match holder while engaged to the package.

In order that the two members E and F may be normally and releasably retained in assembled relation, one of them is provided with slots and the other with a tongue complemental to the slots to be engaged therewith for the purpose stated. For purposes of illustration, and without intent to limit the invention, the member E is shown with two of said slots indicated by the numeral 16, the wall above each slot and contiguous thereto being bent slightly inwardly as indicated at 17. The member F is also provided with a similar slot 18 near its upper edge, the offset portion 19 forming a tongue which will be brought into engagement with either of the slots 16, by any slidable movement tending to separate the guard 11 and flange 14. The upper edge of the member E is also preferably slightly bowed outwardly, as indicated at 20, so that the edge may be readily caught by the finger of the operator to lift the tongue 17 out of engagement with either of the slots 16.

In practice, the tongues 10 of the member E are inserted between the label D and the package A by a downward movement from the top of the package, the tongues being of sufficient length to extend approximately the full length of the package, while the guard 11 is engaged with the package A. The member E is then slid beneath the flanges 12 until the teeth 15 of the flange 14 engage the bottom of the package. The slots 16 and 17 of member E are so located that when the parts have reached the positions above described, the tongue 19 of member F will be in engagement with one of them, so that separation of the two members is normally prevented. Thus, the package is engaged by the tongues 10,

the guard flange 11 and the flange 14 by clamping engagement and the device cannot be removed without first raising the upper end of the member F sufficiently to disengage the tongue 19 from the slot 16. This is conveniently done by inserting the end of the finger back of the bowed portion 20, and lifting the top edge of member F outwardly. It is obvious that upon release of the two members from their locking engagement they may be readily separated by a sliding movement, preparatory to engaging the device with a new package of cigarettes.

The packet of matches indicated at F is retained in place by slipping a portion of the cover thereof beneath the flanges 12 and over the adjacent face of the members E and F, the packet being held in closed position by passing the edges of the usual friction strip also beneath the flanges 12, so that when it is desired to use the matches it is only necessary to disengage the friction portion from the flanges 12 to release the packet, permitting it to be opened in a manner to expose the matches for ready access.

The advantages of the invention will be readily understood by those skilled in the art to which it belongs. An important advantage is that a very simple and inexpensive device is provided which may be readily attached to the usual type of commercial cigarette package, and in such manner as to practically become a unitary portion thereof as long as the package contains cigarettes. Another advantage is that it stiffens the package in such manner that the cigarettes may be readily dispensed in the usual manner without any difficulty, and after the package is exhausted the device may be readily attached to a fresh package. A further advantage is that the matches are also conveniently supported, so as to be readily available, thereby providing a unit assembly of great convenience.

Having thus explained the nature of the invention and described an operative manner of contructing and using the same, although without attempting to set forth all of the forms in which it may be made, or all of the forms of its use, what is claimed is:

1. A match holder for cigarette packages comprising two separable flat members of sheet-like material arranged with adjacent ends in overlapped relation, the outer end of one of said members having means for releasably engaging one end of a cigarette package, the outer end of the other member having means for releasably engaging the other end of said package, one of said members having means for supporting matches, said members having complemental interlocking means for maintaining them in normally fixed overlapped relation.

2. A match holder for cigarette packages comprising two separable flat members of sheet-like material arranged with adjacent inner ends in ovelapped relation, the outer end of one of said members having means adapted to be inserted between an adjacent portion of a cigarette package and the band-like label which normally girds said packages, the outer end of the other member having means for releasably engaging the adjacent end of the package, one of said members having means for supporting matches, said members having complemental interlocking means for maintaining them in normally fixed overlapped relation.

3. A match holder for cigarette packages comprising two separable flat members of sheet-like material arranged with adjacent inner ends in overlapped relation, the outer end of one of said members having tongues extended downwardly from one end thereof and parallel thereto, said tongues being adapted to be inserted between an adjacent portion of a cigarette package and the band-like label which normally girds such packages, the outer end of the other member having means for releasably engaging the adjacent end of said package, one of said members also having means for supporting matches, said members having complemental interlocking means for maintaining them in normally fixed overlapped relation.

4. A match holder for cigarette packages comprising two separable flat members of sheet-like material arranged with adjacent inner ends in overlapped relation, the outer end of one of said members having tongues extended downwardly from one end thereof and parallel thereto, said tongues being adapted to be inserted between an adjacent portion of a cigarette package and the band-like label which normally girds such packages, said member also having a guard portion interposed between said tongues and adapted to overlap one end of said package, the outer end of the other member having means for releasably engaging the adjacent end of said package, one of said members also having means for supporting matches, said members having complemental interlocking means for maintaining them in normally fixed overlapped relation.

5. A match holder for cigarette packages comprising two separable flat members of sheet-like material arranged with adjacent inner ends in overlapped relation, the outer end of one of said members having means for releasably engaging the wrapping of a cigarette package at one end of the latter, the outer end of the other member having an angular portion so positioned as to overlap and engage the other end of said package, one of said members having means for supporting matches, said members having complemental interlocking means for maintaining them in normally fixed overlapped relation.

6. A match holder for cigarette packages comprising two separable flat members of sheet-like material arranged with adjacent inner ends in overlapped relation, the outer end of one of said members having means for releasably engaging a cigarette package, the outer end of the other member having an angular portion so positioned as to overlap and engage the adjacent end of said package, said angular portion having teeth adapted to engage the wrapping of the package, one of said members also having means for supporting matches, said members having complemental interlocking means for maintaining them in normally fixed overlapped relation.

7. A match holder for cigarette packages comprising two separable flat members of sheet-like material arranged with adjacent inner ends in overlapped relation, the outer end of one of said members having means adapted to be inserted between an adjacent portion of a cigarette package and the band-like label which normally girds said package, the outer end of the other member having an angular portion positioned to overlap and engage the adjacent end of said package, one of said members also having means for supporting matches, said members having complemental interlocking means for maintaining them in normally fixed overlapped relation.

8. A match holder for cigarette packages comprising two separable flat members of sheet-like

material arranged with adjacent inner ends in overlapped relation, the outer end of one of said members having tongues extended downwardly therefrom and parallel therewith, said tongues being adapted to be inserted between an adjacent portion of a cigarette package and the band-like label which normally girds such packages, the outer end of the other member having an angular portion positioned to overlap and engage the adjacent end of said package, one of said members also having means for supporting matches, said members having complemental interlocking means for maintaining them in normally fixed overlapped relation

9. A match holder for cigarette packages comprising two separable flat members of sheet-like material arranged with adjacent inner ends in overlapped relation, the outer end of one of said members having means for releasably engaging a cigarette package, the outer end of the other member also having means for releasably engaging an adjacent portion of said package, one of said members having means for supporting matches, one of said members having a slot and the other member a complemental lug so constructed and arranged as to normally maintain said members in overlapped relation.

10. A match holder for cigarette packages comprising two flat members separably arranged with adjacent inner ends in overlapped relation, the outer end of one of said members having means adapted to be inserted between an adjacent portion of a cigarette package and the band-like label which normally girds said package, the outer end of the other member having an angular portion positioned to overlap and engage the adjacent end of said package, one of said members also having means for supporting matches, one of said members having a slot and the other member a complemental lug engageable with said slot so constructed and arranged as to normally maintain said members in overlapped relation.

11. A match holder for cigarette packages comprising two flat members separably arranged with adjacent inner ends in overlapped relation, the outer end of one of said members having tongues extended downwardly and parallel therewith, said tongues being adapted to be inserted between an adjacent portion of a cigarette package and the band-like label which normally girds such packages, the outer end of the other member having an angular portion positioned to overlap and engage the adjacent end of said package, one of said members also having means for supporting matches, one of said members having a slot and the other member a complemental lug so constructed and arranged as to normally maintain said members in overlapped relation.

12. A match holder for cigarette packages comprising two flat members separably arranged with adjacent inner ends in overlapped relation, the outer end of one of said members having package-engaging hooks, said member having means to removably receive a match packet, the outer end of the other member also having means for releasably engaging said package, one of said members having longitudinal flanges adapted to receive and retain portions of a flexible match packet, and means for positively and releasably maintaining said members in normally overlapped relation.

13. A match holder of the character described comprising two flat members separably arranged with adjacent inner ends in overlapped relation, the outer end of one of said members having hook means adapted to fit between the adjacent portion of a package of cigarettes and the band-like label which normally girds said packages, said member also having a guard portion which overlaps the adjacent end of said package, said member also having parallel flanges adapted to engage portions of the flexible cover of a packet of matches, the outer end of the other member having an angular portion at one end so positioned as to overlap the adjacent end of said package, said angular portion having teeth arranged to engage the package, the first mentioned member having one or more transverse slots therein, and the second member having a tongue complemental to said slots, said tongue and slots being so constructed and arranged as to normally maintain said members in overlapped relation, said second member having a portion of its edge provided with a finger engaging bowed portion.

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