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Fig. 1.

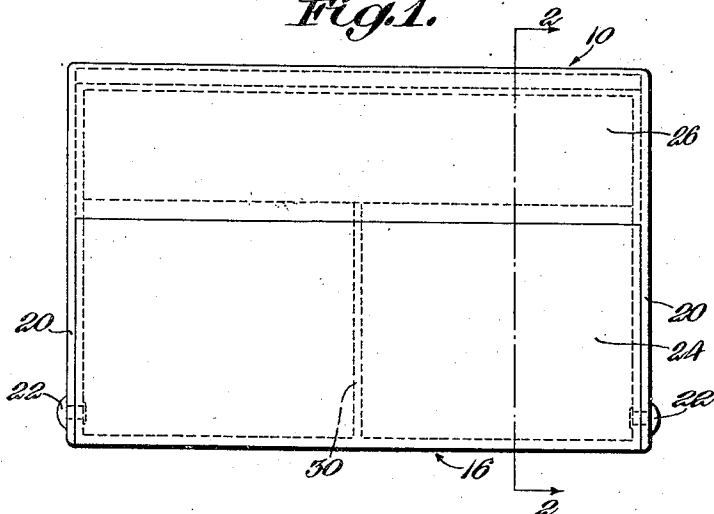


Fig. 2.

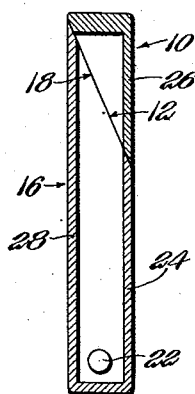


Fig. 3.

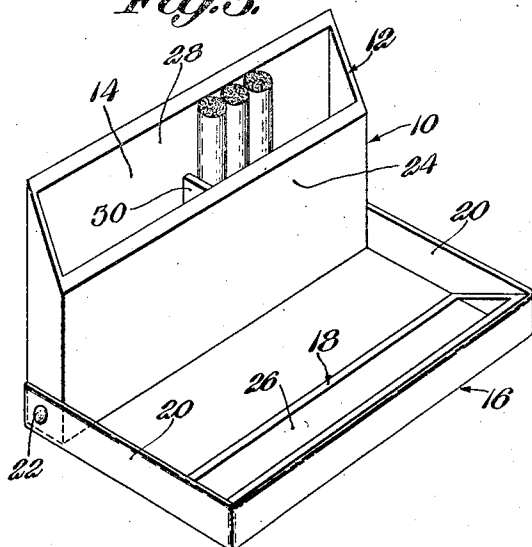
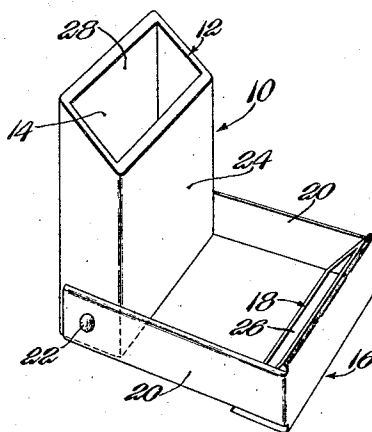


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES F. FISKE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Leominster, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Containers; 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 appertains to make and use the same.

The present invention relates to containers and more particularly to cases for cigarettes and similar articles of manufacture having an attached cover member which completely encases the articles when the cover is closed.

One object of the present invention is to provide a case for cigarettes and similar articles which presents a compact and attractive appearance when closed and which may be readily opened to permit the removal of one or more of the articles contained therein.

A further object of the invention is to provide a case of the type described having an attached cover member which may be readily manipulated to expose articles in the case and when so opened forms a convenient support or base for maintaining the case in an upright position.

With these and other objects in view, the various features of the invention consist in certain novel features of construction, combinations and arrangements of parts hereinafter described and claimed, the advantages of which will be obvious to those skilled in the art from the following description.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating the preferred form of the invention, Fig. 1 represents a front elevation of the improved form of case with the cover member closed; Fig. 2 is a section in elevation on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the case opened and supported by the extended cover member; and Fig. 4 is a slightly different form of case embodying the features of the invention.

The improved form of case shown in the illustrated embodiment of the invention, comprises essentially a container member 10 having a beveled upper portion 12. The beveled upper portion 12 surrounds an opening 14 which is closed by a cover member 16

having a beveled face 18 engaging with the similarly beveled portion 12 of the container. The cover member is supported at opposite ends by arms 20, which are pivoted at 22 adjacent the lower edge of the container member. When in closed position, the arms 20, in cooperation with the top edge 22 of the cover member, form a finish strip extending about the sides and top of the case. In this position, the front wall 24 of the container is flush with the wall 26 of the cover member to present in effect a continuous wall. When the cover member is closed, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2, the front walls 24 and 26 of the container and cover member respectively cooperate with the back wall 28 to form a compact and attractive case substantially free from projections or joints which would otherwise mar the finished appearance.

Although this type of case may be constructed of metal, fibre or similar material, it is particularly adapted to the employment of celluloid and similar compositions. This material is blanked from sheets to form the component parts of the case, these blanks being secured in any well known manner to form the completed case. The front and rear walls of the container are maintained in alignment and prevented from warping through the employment of a partition member 30 extending from the bottom of the container midway of the ends, as indicated in Fig. 3. This partition also serves to separate the articles supported in the case.

The form of container illustrated more particularly in Figs. 1 to 3 of the drawings forms a simple and attractive case for cigarettes. When the container is closed, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2, it is compact and occupies little room, and easily holds from ten to twelve cigarettes without crowding. The case may be readily opened by engaging the pivoted arms 20 of the cover member and thereafter pressing outwardly on the front wall 24 to move the cover member and supporting arms into the position shown approximately in Fig. 3. In this position, the cover member forms a convenient supporting base for maintaining the container in an upright position, if so desired. With the cover member removed from the opening to expose the articles contained therein, the cigarettes may be readily removed without

tearing or injury. Furthermore, with the cover member as a base, the case may be allowed to stand in an upright position on any convenient supporting surface. In this position, the cigarettes cannot be spilled from the container but are readily accessible whenever desired. It will be evident that the extension of the arms beyond the bottom of the container, together with the weight of the cover portion, prevents the case from tipping rearwardly even though the container member may be slightly inclined in a rearward direction.

In the form of case shown in Fig. 4, the member 10 has sufficient depth to hold a double row of cigarettes and is approximately one-half the width of the container member shown in Figs. 1 to 3. In this form of case, the container member is preferably not provided with a central partition 30. Aside from these differences, the two forms of case are identical in their construction and mode of operation.

It will be evident to those skilled in the art that this new form of container when constructed of celluloid or similar material adapts itself admirably to a variety of pleasing decorative effects.

While it is preferred to employ the specific construction and arrangement of parts shown and described it will be understood that this construction and arrangement is not essential except so far as specified in the claims and may be changed or modified without departing from the broader features of the invention.

The invention having been described, what is claimed is:

1. A two-part case comprising a container member having a rearwardly beveled opening in the upper portion for the introduction and withdrawal of articles, a cover portion having a beveled face corresponding with the bevel surrounding the opening in the container and designed to fit flush with the walls of the container when in closed position, supporting arms connected to opposite sides of the cover member and pivoted at opposite sides of the container adjacent the lower end in such a manner that the edges of the supporting arms and the side of the cover member form a prolongation of the base of the container when the arms are swung forwardly to remove the cover member from closed to open position.

2. A two-part case comprising a container open at the upper end, the opening being surrounded by an inclined wall, a cover member having a similarly inclined wall and designed to fit flush against the walls of the container when in closed position, flat supporting arms pivoted to opposite sides of the container adjacent the base and connected to the cover member at their upper ends to maintain the cover member in closed position and form finish strips for the sides of the container when so closed, and a prolongation of the base of the container when in open position.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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