

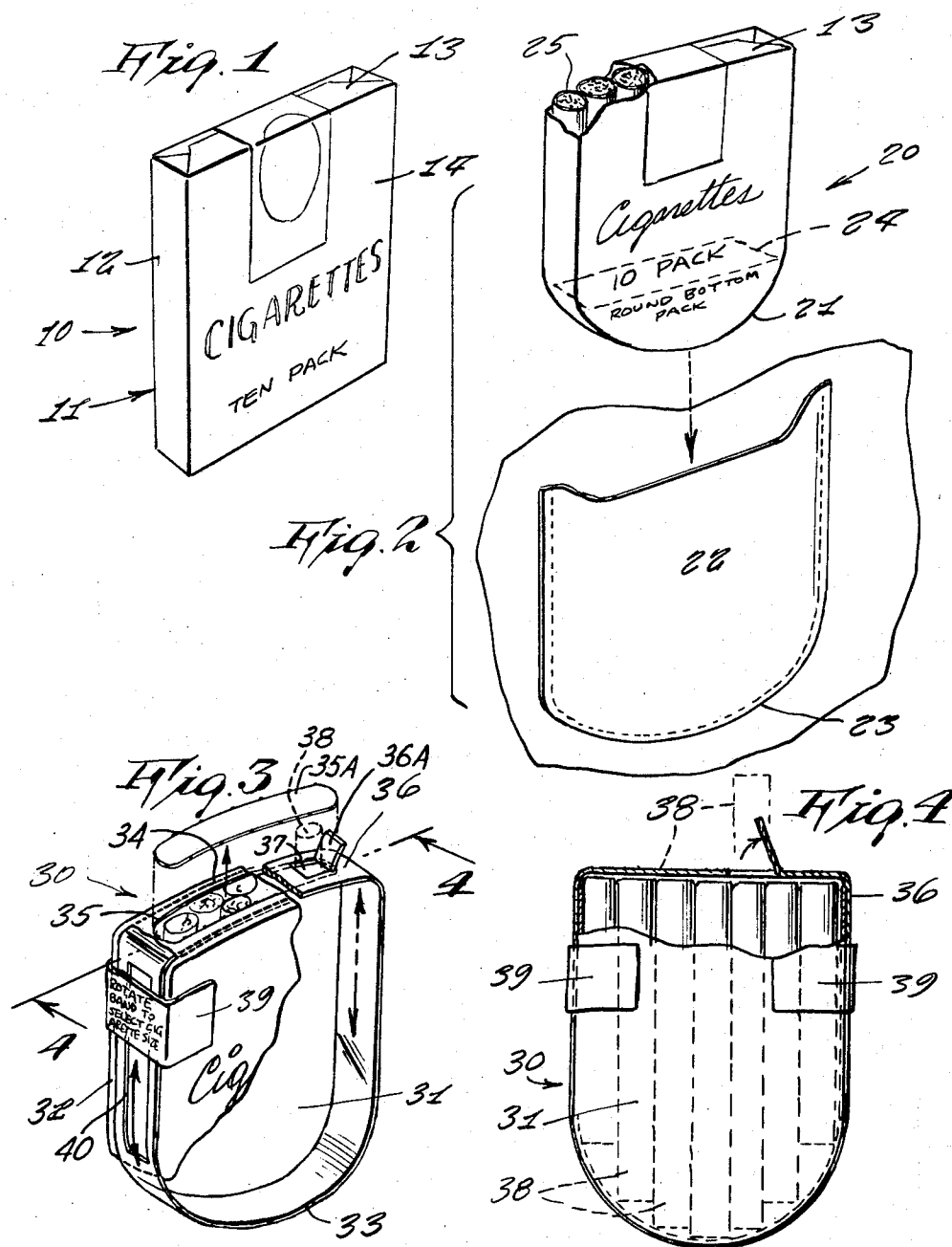
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A cigarette pack formed having only one layer of cigarettes, comprising ten in number instead of the usual twenty, so as to fit more conveniently within a person's pocket due to forming a thinner package.

This invention relates generally to packs of cigarettes.

A principal object of the present invention is to provide an improved cigarette pack which is approximately one-half of the thickness of conventional cigarette packs, so that it may fit more conveniently within a person's pocket.

Another object is to provide an improved cigarette pack which comprises only ten cigarettes instead of the usual twenty, that being sold at a cheaper price than other packs, and accordingly being a more frequent repeat seller.

Yet another object is to provide an improved cigarette pack that has a rounded bottom so that it will readily fit more neatly within a correspondingly round bottom pocket of a garment.

Other objects are to provide a split pack of cigarettes which is simple in design, inexpensive to manufacture, rugged in construction, easy to use and efficient in operation.

These and other objects will be readily evident upon a study of the following specification and the accompanying drawings wherein:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of one form of the invention,

FIGURE 2 is a perspective view of a modified pack design shown being fitted into a garment pocket,

FIGURE 3 is a perspective view of a modified form of the invention, and

FIGURE 4 is a side view partly in cross section as viewed on line 4—4 of FIGURE 3.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, the reference numeral 10 represents a split pack according to the present invention wherein, as shown in FIGURE 1, there is a pack 11 of rectangular shape and which contains only one layer of ten cigarettes therein so to form a thin package, having thin side edge walls 12 and thin top and bottom edge walls 13 so to fit more conveniently within a pocket. Front and rear panels 14 remain to be the same shape and size of conventional twenty cigarette packs.

In a modified construction, shown in FIGURE 2, the pack 20 is similar to pack 10 except that it has a rounded bottom edge 21 so to fit within garment pocket 22 having a rounded bottom 23. A partition 24 within the pack is made parallel with top edge wall 13 so to form a sup-

porting bottom for cigarettes 25 which thus are all of equal length.

In FIGURE 3, a further modified construction is shown wherein the pack 30 includes side walls 31, side edge walls 32, rounded bottom edge wall 33, and top edge wall 34 having a perforated tab 35A which may be torn off to form a large slot 35. An endless band 36 extends around the edge walls 32, 33 and 34 to seal off the open slot, the band having a liftable tab 36 to expose a small opening 37 and also having a spaced elongate opening 40, the band being rotatable about the pack so as to align the opening 40 with slot 35 to permit removal of tab 35A, and also rotatable to align the opening 37 with slot 35 so to allow dispensing therethrough of cigarettes 38. The band can be moved to align the opening 37 with the end of the next cigarette as each is removed. By rotating the band to disalign with the slot the remaining cigarettes remain sealed in the pack so to stay fresh. As shown in FIGURE 4 the cigarettes may be of different lengths whereby a person may select for a shorter or longer smoke, as preferred.

In operative use, a person merely rotates the band to align with an end of a cigarette to allow the same to fall out therethrough. U-shaped brackets 39 of paper keep the band from slipping off the pack.

While various changes may be made in the detail construction, it is understood that such changes will be within the spirit and scope of the present invention.

Having thus set forth and disclosed the nature of this invention, what is claimed is:

1. In a cigarette pack the combination of a pack member and a plurality of cigarettes in said pack member, the improvement comprising providing said cigarette pack member with flat opposite side walls between relatively thin edge walls, said edge walls including parallel side edge walls, a top edge wall, and a bottom edge wall, a slidable endless band around said edge walls, said top wall having a removable perforated tab to form a slot over the ends of said cigarettes, said band having a liftable tab to expose a small opening to allow a cigarette to be dispensed therethrough, and bracket means to retain said band around said pack.

2. The combination as set forth in claim 1 wherein said bottom edge wall is rounded.

3. The combination as set forth in claim 2 wherein said pack includes a partition parallel with said top wall so to retain equal length cigarettes therebetween.

4. The combination as set forth in claim 2 wherein said cigarettes are all of different lengths.

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