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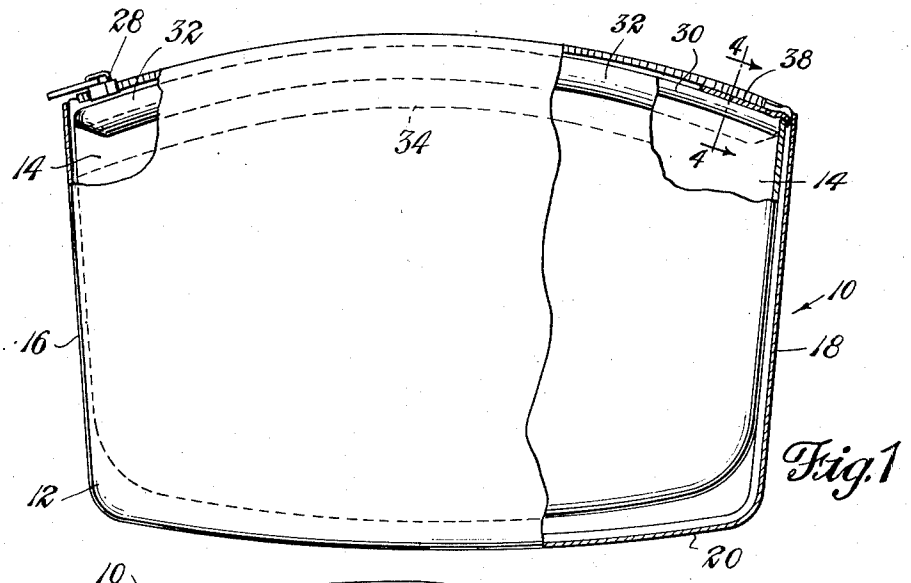


Fig. 1

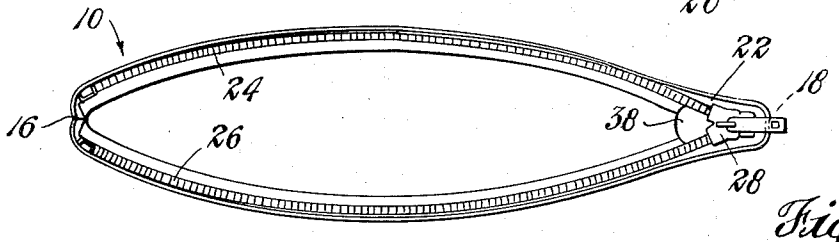


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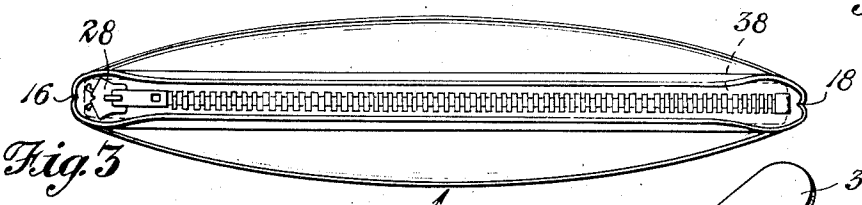


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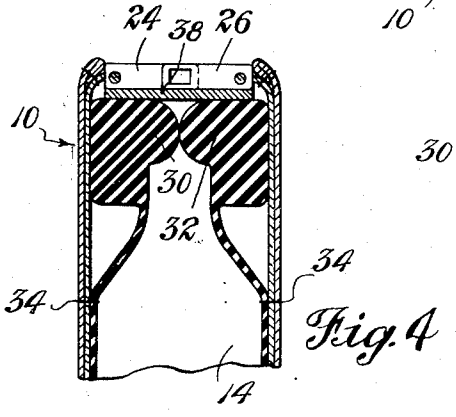


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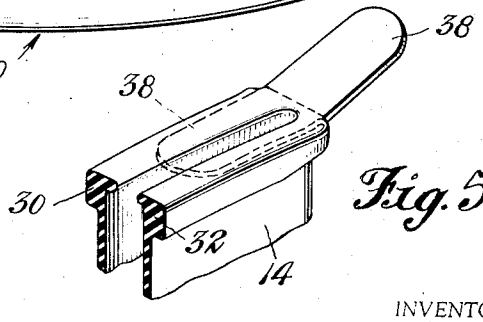


Fig. 5

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The present invention relates to pouches. More particularly, the present invention relates to a liner for particular use in a tobacco pouch, the liner including means for preventing tobacco particles from being trapped between the liner and the outer cover of the pouch.

The recent constructions of pouches, and particularly tobacco pouches, include a rubber or simulated rubber liner that is secured within an outer cover of leather or like material. The inner liner is formed with an open mouth which is normally provided with enlarged or beaded edges, the beaded edges being adapted to coact and thereby provide an air-tight seal for the interior of the liner. The inner liner is normally joined to the outer leather cover by stitching or some similar means and a slide fastener sealing member is usually associated with the open portion of the outer cover in order to effect a closure therefor. By moving the slide fastener to effect a closure of the outer cover, the beaded edges of the liner are thus brought into intimate contact to effect the air-tight seal of the pouch and thereby maintain the tobacco contained therein in fresh condition.

Prior to the instant invention, the inner liner was normally fastened in the outer cover by stitching that extended around the body of the pouch, but the stitching terminated adjacent the end where the slide fastener operator was located in normally open position and thus an open portion was defined at the unfastened end of the pouch between the inner liner and outer cover. During a pipe filling operation, the tobacco particles had a tendency to fall through the opening between the inner liner and outer cover and as a result collected at the bottom of the pouch.

The present invention includes an inner liner formed of a flexible material such as rubber that is positioned in an outer leather cover having an upper opening or mouth adapted to be closed by a slide fastener closure member, the inner liner being secured to the outer cover by stitching extending around the body of the pouch and adjacent the open upper end. In order to prevent tobacco particles from filtering between the unstitched portion of the liner and the outer cover, an outwardly extending tongue is molded on the end of the liner adjacent the mouth thereof and is folded over to provide a covering for the extreme end of the liner mouth. Thus, when the pouch is opened and tobacco withdrawn therefrom, such as in filling a pipe, the tongue will prevent tobacco particles from infiltrating between the liner and the outer cover.

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a tobacco pouch that includes means for preventing the collecting of tobacco particles between the liner and the outer cover of the pouch.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a liner for a tobacco pouch that includes a tongue formed integrally and adjacent the mouth thereof.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide a tobacco pouch that includes a liner having an outwardly extending tongue formed adjacent one end

thereof, the tongue being folded over to cover a portion of the open liner and thereby prevent tobacco from filtering between the liner and the outer cover of the pouch.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide a liner having a tongue formed on one end thereof, the tongue being positioned beneath the slide fastener of the outer cover of the pouch and preventing the collecting of tobacco between the liner and the outer cover of the pouch.

Other objects and the nature and advantages of the instant invention will be apparent from the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a side elevational view of the pouch embodied in the present invention with parts illustrated in section;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the pouch shown in Fig. 1 with the mouth shown in the open position;

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 with the mouth of the pouch shown in a closed position;

Fig. 4 is a view taken along lines 4—4 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the end of the inner liner formed with the outwardly projecting tongue, the tongue being shown in the inwardly folded position in dotted lines.

Referring now to the drawings, and particularly Figs. 1, 2 and 3, the pouch embodied in the present invention is generally indicated at **10** and comprises an outer cover **12** and an inner liner **14** positioned within the outer cover **12**. The outer cover **12** may be fabricated of leather or of a similar material and may be formed as a single unit, but is shown in the present invention as being formed of two similar panels stitched together along the ends thereof at **16** and **18** and at the bottom thereof at **20**. A mouth **22** is formed at the upper end of the outer cover **12** and is provided with a sealing device such as a slide fastener, the slide fastener including complementary members **24** and **26**. An operator **28** is adapted to close the complementary members **24** and **26**, moving them from the position shown in Fig. 2 to the closed position shown in Fig. 3.

The inner liner **14** is formed of a molded rubber or plastic material and is provided with solid longitudinally extending beaded edges **30** and **32** shown in Fig. 4 at the upper end thereof, the beaded edges defining the mouth of the inner liner. The beaded edges are adapted to be moved into intimate contact when the slide fastener operator **28** closes the open mouth **22** of the outer cover **12**. The mouth of the inner liner **14** is thereby sealed and an air-tight fit is maintained between the beaded edges **30** and **32**.

In order to secure the inner liner **14** in the outer cover **12**, the inner liner is positioned within the outer cover and with the slide fastener members **24** and **26** open, a stitch line **34** is directed around the body of the pouch terminating adjacent the slide fastener operator **28** located in the open position, as shown in Fig. 2. Since the stitching **34** cannot be extended around the end adjacent the operator **28**, an opening is defined between the inner liner **14** and the outer cover **12** at that end. In order to prevent tobacco particles from infiltrating through the opening between the inner liner **14** and the outer cover **12**, the inner liner **14** is molded with an outwardly extending projection tab or tongue **38** shown particularly in Fig. 5. When the inner liner is positioned in the outer cover **12**, the tongue **38** is folded over the open mouth of the inner liner **14**, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 5 and thereby acts to seal the opening formed between the end of the inner liner **14** and the outer cover **12**. With the tongue **38** shown in the folded position illustrated in dotted lines in Fig. 5, the pouch may be fully opened and tobacco removed from the inner liner without any excess tobacco particles falling between the inner liner

and the outer cover. The tongue **38** thereby serves the purpose of preventing the collecting of tobacco particles at the bottom of the pouch between the outer cover **12** and the inner liner **14**.

The inner liner **14** is formed in a relatively simple molding process, the tongue **38** being molded integrally with the liner body. The inner liner **14** is simply and quickly positioned within the outer cover **12** after the slide fastener members have been attached thereto and the stitch lines **34** are effected by automatic machinery to secure the inner liner within the outer cover. The tongue **38** is folded as shown in Figs. 1 to 4 to complete the pouch assembly. During use of the pouch, when the slide fastener operator **28** is moved across the outer cover mouth **22**, the complementary members **24** and **26** are closed to effect the closing of the pouch, the beaded edges **30** and **32** making intimate contact to form an air-tight seal. When tobacco is to be removed from the pouch, the slide fastener operator **28** is moved to open the complementary members **24** and **26**, thereby opening the mouth of the inner liner. The tongue **38** remains in the position as shown in Figs. 2 and 5 in the opened position of the pouch and thus prevents the infiltration of tobacco particles between the outer cover **12** and the inner liner **14** when the tobacco is removed from the inner liner.

It will be obvious to those skilled in the art that various changes may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention and therefore the invention is not limited to what is shown in the drawings and described in the specification but only as indicated in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. In a tobacco pouch, an outer cover having a mouth formed along the upper portion thereof, an inner flexible liner secured in said outer cover and being of approximately the same size and shape as said outer cover, said inner liner having a mouth formed at the upper portion thereof communicating with the mouth in said outer cover, said outer cover and inner liner having a space formed therebetween at one end thereof, said inner liner having coacting beaded edges defining the edges of the mouth thereof, a closure device secured along the length of the mouth of said outer cover and adapted to close said outer cover mouth, thereby moving said beaded edges into intimate contact for effecting an air-tight seal in said inner liner, and a tongue joined to said inner liner adjacent the mouth and at one end thereof, said tongue being folded over the mouth of said inner liner at the end thereof to form a seal between the liner interior and said space, particles of tobacco thereby being prevented from filtering between said inner liner and outer cover.

2. A flexible pouch comprising an outer cover having a mouth formed along the upper portion thereof, an inner liner of approximately the same size as said outer cover secured in said outer cover, said inner liner and outer cover having a space formed therebetween at one end thereof, said inner liner being formed with an open mouth portion, a tongue integrally joined to said inner liner adjacent said space, said tongue being folded inwardly over the adjacent end of said inner liner mouth to form a seal between the liner interior and said space whereby to prevent the infiltration of particles between said outer cover and inner liner.

3. A tobacco pouch comprising a flexible outer cover having a mouth formed along the upper portion thereof, a flexible inner liner of approximately the same size and shape as said outer cover secured in said outer cover, said inner liner and outer cover having a space formed therebetween at one end thereof, said inner liner having a tongue formed on the end thereof adjacent said space, said tongue being folded over the end of said inner liner to form a seal between the liner interior and said space, particles of tobacco thereby being prevented from infiltrating between said inner liner and said outer cover.

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