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CIGARETTE CASE.
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Fig. 1

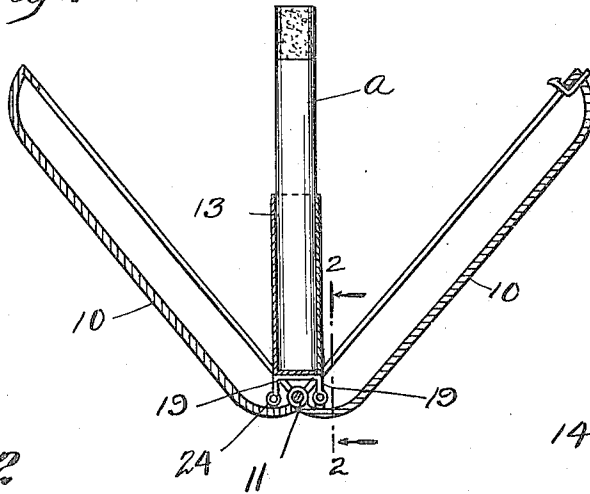


Fig. 2

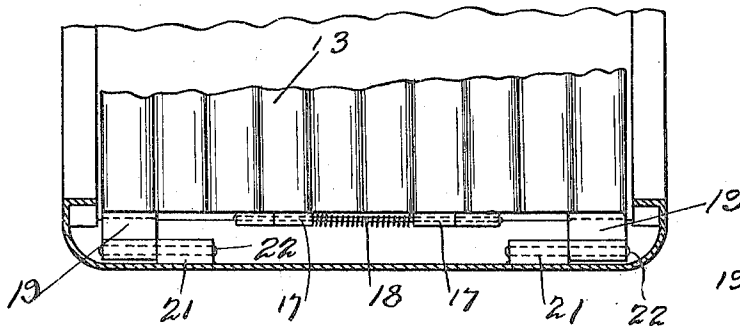
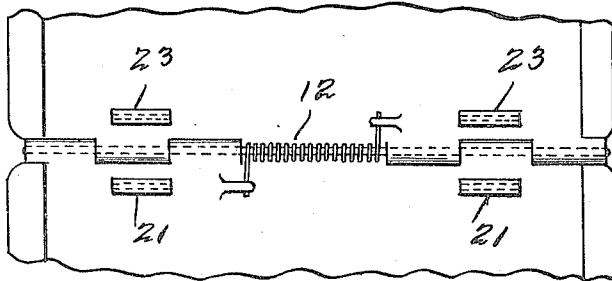


Fig. 3

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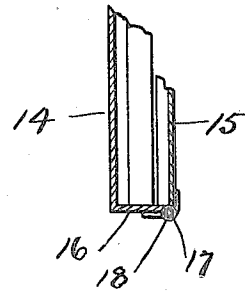
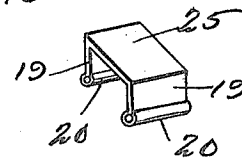


Fig. 5

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. BENS, a citizen of the United States, and resident of the city of Providence, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigarette-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in pocket cases more particularly of the class for holding cigarettes or similar articles, and the object of this invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive and effective case of this character having a holding member adapted to centralize the contents when the lids are open and position them for easy access.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, as will be more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1— is a sectional edge view showing the case in open position and the holder centralized between them. Fig. 2— is a side elevation sectioned on line 2—2 of Fig. 1 showing the holder supporting legs as hinged to the lids. Fig. 3— is a view of the inner side of the lids, portions of which are shown including the lid hinge, the holder member being removed. Fig. 4— is a transverse sectional view through a portion of the holder member showing the spring hinge by which one of the side members is secured to other portion of the holder. Fig. 5— is a perspective view showing one of the bridge members which provides a pair of legs on which the holder is supported.

Referring to the drawings, 10 designates the two lid members hinged together at 11 and which hinge is acted upon by the spring 12, see Fig. 3, for pressing the lids to open position. In this figure a coil spring is shown but any style of spring may be employed to act upon this hinge for opening the lids. The holder 13 may be formed in any suitable way, but I have preferably constructed the same in a rectangular box or trough-shape for holding cigarettes, the side members 14 and 15 of which are preferably corrugated somewhat for the purpose of forming individual sockets for the reception of the cigarettes *a*. The side member 14 is provided with a base portion 16 to which the side member 15 is secured by the

hinge 17 which hinge is provided with a coil spring 18 acting upon the side member 15 to normally hold it in closed position but permitting it to be swung outward so as to more readily permit the cigarettes to be deposited therein. This holder may be supported in any suitable way in the case, but I preferably provide the same with four yieldable legs 19 one at each corner and form an eye 20 at the end of each leg whereby the legs on one side of the holder may be hinged to one lid and those on the other side to the opposite lid. This hinging effect may be accomplished in any suitable way, but I have provided a pair of eyes 21 secured to the inner surface of the lid 10 to which the eyes 20 are connected by a pivot pin 22 and a similar set of eyes 23 are attached to the opposite lid to which the eyes on the opposite legs are attached by a pivot pin 24. It is found in practice very convenient to connect these two legs 19 together by means of the bridge member 25, see Fig. 5, but these legs may be formed of any suitable material and connected to the holder in any suitable way.

In assembling my improved case the lids are connected together by the usual pivot pin and spring, the legs 19 are secured in position on the holder and the two are connected by simply inserting the wire pivot pins 22 and 24. The lids 10 are normally held open by the spring 12 and when the lids are closed the legs 19 spring inward sufficiently to accommodate themselves to this position which brings their opposite pivoted ends a little closer together. The side members 14 and 15 of the holder are normally held closed by their hinge spring 18.

I have shown and described one construction of my improved case but the details of the same may be varied without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

I claim:

1. A case of the character described comprising a pair of hinged lids, a holder within the case, said holder being supported by a leg on either side of the hinge rigidly connected to the holder and pivotally connected to the opposite lids.

2. A case of the character described comprising a pair of hinged lids, a holder within the case, said holder being supported by a bridge member having legs straddling the lid hinge and pivoted at either end to the opposite lids.

3. A case of the character described comprising a pair of hinged lids, a holder within the case, said holder being supported on legs fixed to the holder and yieldingly attached to the opposite lid members. spring hinge, said holder being supported on four legs, two being hinged to each lid. 13
In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.
JOHN H. BENS.
4. A case of the character described comprising a pair of hinged lids, a holder within the case having two sides connected by a Witnesses:
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