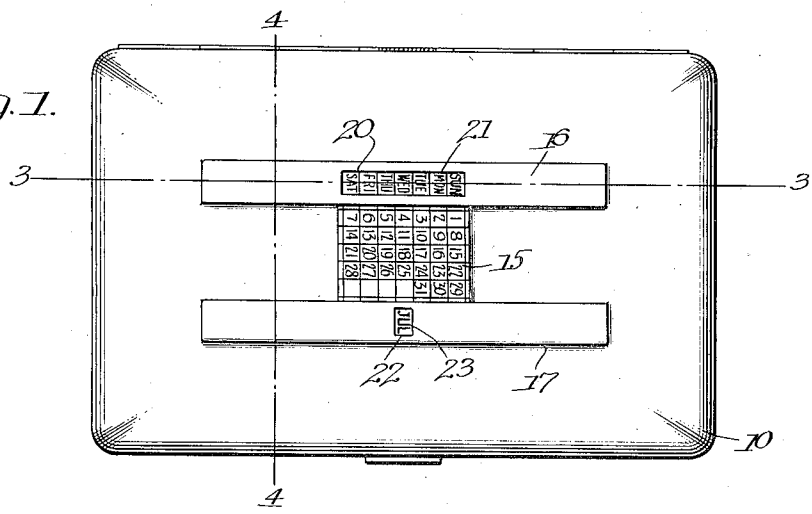
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Fig. 1.



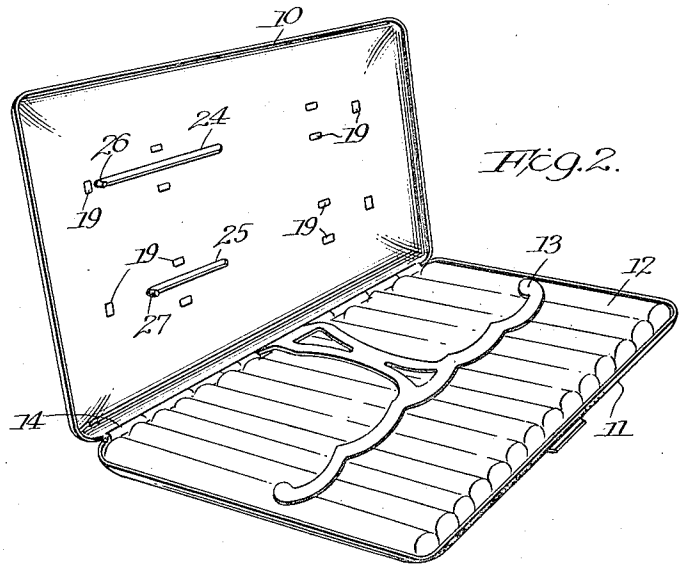


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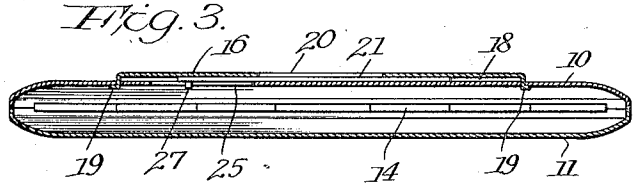
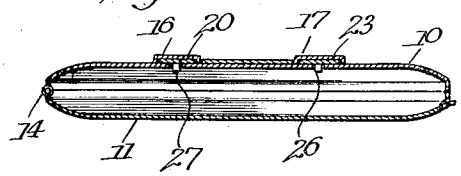


Fig. 4.



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The present invention relates to containers and, to illustrate one form which it may take, is here shown as applied to a cigarette container of the usual hinged type. Obviously it is applicable to other forms.

It has for its object to provide a container for articles as, for example, cigarettes, combined with which is a perpetual calendar so disposed and assembled with the container as to be readily manipulated and set, and applied to the case in such manner that there is no interference in the ordinary use of the container nor any diminution of its cubical area, nor are there any objectionable projections interiorly which might injure or interfere with the articles as, for example, cigarettes, when placed in the container.

Furthermore, the disposition of the calendar parts is such that when once set they are not likely to be displaced as they are incapable of manipulation exteriorly of the container and their arrangement is such that the external appearance of the container or case is in no way detracted from by the calendar parts, but is, in fact, enhanced by the ornamental appearance produced.

In the drawing herewith I have shown a cigarette case as one form of the container to which my invention is applied, and in said drawing:

Figure 1 is a view in plan of the container having the calendar applied thereto.

Figure 2 is a perspective view showing the container in open position and illustrating the method of attaching the calendar parts and operating the slides.

Figure 3 is a longitudinal sectional view substantially on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a cross sectional view substantially on the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Referring to the drawing by numbers, like numbers indicating like parts in the several views, it will be seen that the container is made up of two members, here shown as hinged together, the member 10 constituting the cover portion and the member 11 constituting the container portion. The articles 12, here shown, are cigarettes adapted to be placed in the container portion and there held by the usual clip 13.

The cover portion 10 may, as stated, be hinged to the container portion 11, this being done in any suitable or convenient manner, as by a long hinge 14, which may be of the usual spring type.

Mounted on one of the container members, preferably, and as here shown, the cover member 10, is a plate 15 of substantially H-shaped formation, the central portion or cross bar of which carries the day dates, running from 1 to 31 inclusive.

Extending from the central portion of plate 15, here shown as separate, although they may be formed integral therewith, are the portions 16 and 17 which are stamped up so as to be raised from the cover member 10 and provide recesses 18, as best shown in Figures 3 and 4, the outer, inner, and end edges of the raised plate 16 being downwardly turned so as to make a close finished contact with the cover member 10 of the container and retain the slide members, hereinafter described, in place. The plate 15, and the recessed members 16 and 17, may be secured in any suitable manner to the cover plate 10, but preferably, as here shown, the plate 15 will be fixedly secured, in any usual manner, to the cover member 10, and the members 16 and 17 for the purpose of assembly, will be provided at the ends and at the edges with projections 19 which pass through slits or apertures in the cover plate 10 and clinch down so as to provide a substantially smooth, unobstructed interior face for the cover 10 and permit of the polishing or finishing of the interior surface of the cover 10, there being no objectionable protuberances or projections to interfere with the appearance or with the finish of the interior surface.

The raised members 16 and 17 of plate 15 are provided with apertures 21 and 22, one of the members 16, as here shown, having an aperture which will expose letters indicating the days of the week. The other member 17 has an aperture which will expose letters or indicia indicating the month.

Mounted in the recess 18 of the member 16 is a slide 20 on which indicia indicating the days of the week are provided, which slide will be of such length and have such range of movement in recess 18 that it can be set to bring the letter indicating any day of the week opposite the initial date day of the month on which that week day falls, and obviously the day slide may be manipulated to take care of any calendar adjustment that may be necessary, the slides being held from complete removal by the downwardly turned edges of the members.

The month slide 23 will be manipulated to bring in position exposed to the aperture 22, any one of the twelve months, the slide 23 being of such length and range of movement as to permit it to be set in twelve different positions.

In order to provide for manipulation of these slides 20 and 23, I form the cover member 10 of the container with slots 24 and 25, and projecting from the slides 21 and 23 are studs 26 and 27, the ends of which project slightly beyond

the bottom of the cover member 10 so as to be readily engaged by the fingernail and the slides moved to the desired position. The studs 26 and 27 are small and their projection slight so that neither they nor the slots materially affect the interior appearance of the cover, nor do the studs project far enough to interfere with or injure the goods contained in the box.

The parts are so assembled that the slide containing recesses and the slides are closely fitted so that friction of the slides in the recesses will maintain them in their adjusted positions and yet permit them to be moved to their different positions without any undue exertion.

It will be seen that by the expedient of having a central or bar portion and the elongated symmetrically arranged leg portions on each side thereof, which leg portions are elevated to form the slide recesses, a very effective and ornamental result is provided, as well as a unique utility in the matter of the perpetual calendar feature. The construction is such that it lends itself very conveniently to finishes in contrasting metals or enamels and, without departing from the conventional form of the type of container shown, gives a combination which, preserving all of the necessary features and maximum cubical area of a container of this type, has as well the added feature of the perpetual calendar. The disposition of the calendar parts, with the centrally-placed day-date portion 15; the recessed month-plate 17; the recessed day-plate 18, and the movable day and month slides, all exteriorly of the container cover, is of advantage, in that the interior area of the container is not interfered with, and, because of the arrangement of the projections for manipulating the slides, there are no projections interiorly to contact or injure the contents of the container.

While I have shown the indicia of the calendar as so placed that the legends are read when the case is held with its longest dimension vertical, obviously the indicia may be so disposed as to read with the long dimension horizontal, if desired.

Such departures in structure and assembly as lie within the skill of the mechanic may, of course, be made from the structure here shown and still remain within the purview of my invention.

I claim:—

1. A container of the class described, comprising separable members, one of which members is provided with an exteriorly disposed fixed indicia-bearing area, an exteriorly disposed apertured slide-receiving section adjacent said area, an indicia-bearing slide movable in said apertured section, and means for manipulating said slide.

2. A container of the class described comprising separable members, a fixed indicia bearing plate on one of said members, an apertured exteriorly disposed slide-receiving plate adjacent said indicia-bearing plate forming an indicia-bearing slide in said apertured plate, and means projecting interiorly of said container member for manipulating said slide.

3. A container of the class described comprising separable members, a fixed indicia-bearing plate forming a central portion on one of said members, apertured exteriorly disposed slide-receiving plates secured to said container at each side of said central portion, indicia-bearing slides mounted beneath said apertured plates, and means projecting interiorly of said container member for manipulating said slides.

4. A container of the class described comprising separable members, a fixed indicia-bearing plate on one of said members, recessed apertured exteriorly disposed slide-receiving plates on each side of said central plate, indicia-bearing slides in said recessed apertured plates, and means operable from the inside of said plate-carrying member for manipulating said slides.

5. A container of the class described having an article receiving member, a cover member having slots therein hinged thereto, a fixed indicia-bearing plate secured to said cover member, apertured exteriorly disposed recessed plate members adjacent said first-named plate member, indicia-bearing slides mounted in said recessed plate members, and means on said slides extending into the slots in said member and accessible from the inside of said slotted cover plate for operating said indicia-bearing slides.

6. A container of the class described having an article receiving member, a slotted cover member hinged thereto, plate members assembled in substantially H-shaped form secured exteriorly of said cover and comprising a horizontal fixed limb bearing indicia, apertured exteriorly disposed and recessed vertical limbs adjacent said horizontal limb, indicia-bearing slides in said recessed vertical limbs, and projections on said slides passing through the slots in said cover member and operable from the inside of said member to manipulate said slides.

7. A container of the class described having an article receiving member, a slotted cover member hinged thereto, plate members assembled in substantially H-shape form and comprising a fixed plate having day dates thereon and forming a horizontal limb, an apertured and recessed vertical limb disposed exteriorly on said cover adjacent said horizontal limb, a slide in said recessed plate having on its upper surface day names in sequence readable through said apertured plate and having a projection extending through the slot in said cover to permit manipulation of said slide from the inside of said cover, a second apertured and recessed vertical limb disposed exteriorly of said cover on the opposite side of said day date plate, and a slide in said second recessed plate having on its upper surface the names of the month and having a projection on its underside extending into the slot in said cover to permit said month name slide to be manipulated.

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