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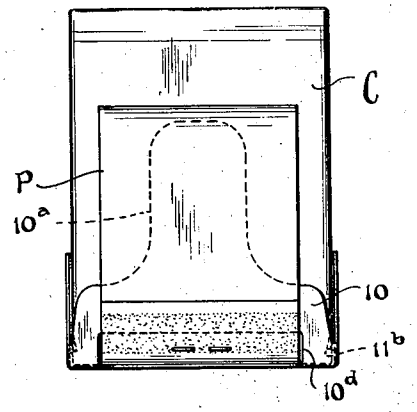


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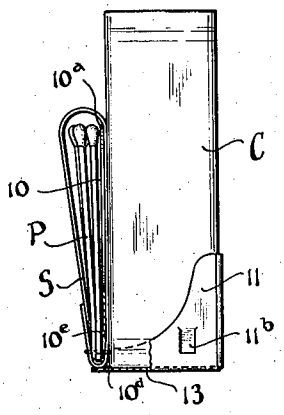


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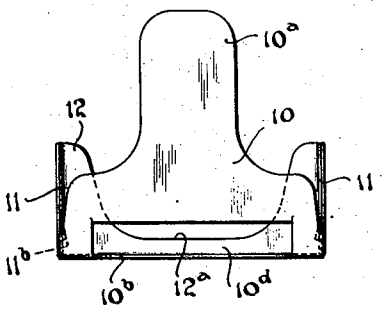


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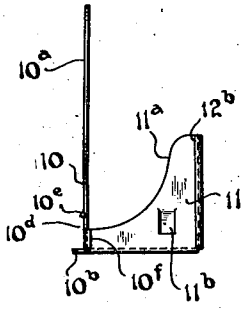
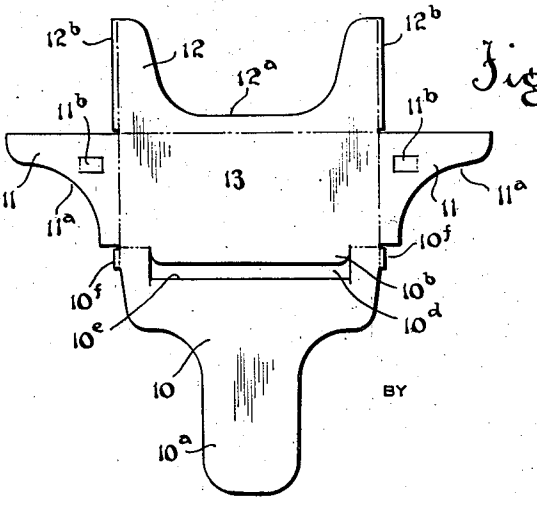


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This invention relates to a match holding attachment for cigarette packages and particularly to an attachment for securing a book type package of matches to a package of cigarettes.

The general purpose of the invention is to provide a convenient, easily applied and inexpensive attachment for cigarette packages whereby a package of matches of the book type may be readily attached to a cigarette package and will provide a convenient assembly of a package of cigarettes and a package of matches for use by smokers.

The invention will be better understood by reference to the accompanying drawing illustrating one embodiment thereof and the following description of this embodiment, it being understood that the invention is not limited to the specific form thereof shown and described.

Of the accompanying drawing,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a cigarette package having the attachment embodying the invention mounted thereon and securing a book type package of matches on the cigarette package;

Figure 2 is a side elevation thereof;

Figure 3 is a front elevation of the attachment per se;

Figure 4 is a side elevation thereof; and

Figure 5 is a plan view of a blank from which the attachment may be made.

Referring to the drawing, the improved attachment comprises a generally cup-shaped receptacle for snugly receiving the bottom portion of a package of cigarettes therein, this receptacle including a front portion 10, side portions 11, 11, a rear portion 12 and a bottom portion 13. The receptacle may be made from a blank of sheet metal such as shown in Figure 5, folded along the dotted lines indicated thereon. The front portion 10 has an upwardly projecting support 10^a. This support is preferably bent rearwardly slightly as indicated in Figure 4, whereby it is adapted to be sprung to a straightened position by insertion of a package of cigarettes therein as shown in Figure 2 so as snugly to hold a package of matches against a face of a package of cigarettes by the resilient action of the metal in the sprung support. The front portion 10 is also stamped so as to provide a portion 10^b for forming a shelf (see Figures 2 and 4) and to provide an opening at 10^d above the shelf through which the cover strip of the book type matches may be inserted to mount the matches on a package of cigarettes with the bottom of said package of matches resting on said shelf. The material of the front 10 defining the top edge of the opening 10^d is bent outwardly as indicated at 10^e to facilitate insertion of the cover strip of the book type package. The front portion 10 is bent upwardly to a position vertical to the bottom portion 13 of the blank, the portion 10^b being left in its original plane with the bottom 13 to provide the shelf.

The side portions 11 may be cut away as at 11^a, preferably along a curving line, and these have small tangs 11^b stamped out of the metal thereof and bent inwardly so that tangs 11^b extend downwardly of the inside of the receptacle. The sides 11 are folded to positions perpendicular to the bottom 13 and the front portion 10 may have projecting portions 10^f thereon for folding about the adjacent edges of the side portions 11 at the vertical joints between the front 10 and the sides 11. The back 12 of the receptacle may be cut away along curving lines indicated at 12^a and the back is folded up to a position perpendicular to the bottom 13 and may have projecting portions 12^b thereon adapted to be folded about the adjacent edges of the sides along the vertical joints between the back 12 and sides 11.

The attachment is adapted to receive or to be pushed onto the bottom end of a package of cigarettes indicated at C, the attachment being so formed that the bottom end of the package fits snugly therein and the tangs 11^b yielding more or less to the relatively downward force of the movement of the cigarette package C into the container grip the bottom portion of the package C tending to resist displacement of the attachment downwardly from the package thereby serving to hold the attachment to the package for its intended use. A package P of book type matches may be assembled with the attachment either before or after assembly of the cigarette package C therewith. The free end of the cover strip S is inserted upwardly from the outside of the receptacle through the opening 10^d and the strip S is drawn through the opening 10^d to bring the bottom of the package up onto shelf 10^b with the matches in the package supported in front of the support 10^a and to bring the top of the match package over the top of the support 10^a whereby the front of the cover strip S may be folded downwardly and the free end of the cover strip S engaged under the secured end of the cover strip in the usual way to close the book. The mounting of the book of matches on the attachment is clearly shown in Figures 1 and 2.

It will be apparent that the invention or features thereof may be employed with various forms of cigarette containers or cases for the attachment of book type packages of matches there-

to. Modifications of the invention may be resorted to without departing from the spirit thereof or the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. The combination with a package of cigarettes of an attachment snugly fitted onto the bottom end thereof and having one or more sides provided with a downwardly and inwardly extending package gripping tang and having a front portion provided with a shelf at the bottom thereof, said front portion having an opening above the shelf through which the cover strip of a book type package of matches may be inserted, the upper edge of said opening being bent outwardly to facilitate insertion of said strip, the upper part of said front portion providing an upwardly extending support of resilient material which is normally bent slightly rearwardly and is straightened by securing said attachment to a cigarette package, and a package of book type matches having the cover strip thereof inserted inwardly through said opening and brought upwardly over said upwardly extending support, the bottom of said package being seated on said shelf and the matches therein arranged in front of said upwardly extending support, said support resiliently urging the back of said package of matches against a face of the package of cigarettes.

2. The combination with a package of cigarettes of an attachment snugly fitted onto the bottom end thereof and having a front portion provided with a shelf at the bottom thereof, said front portion having an opening above the shelf through which the cover strip of a book type package of matches may be inserted, the upper edge of said opening being bent outwardly to facilitate insertion of said strip, the upper part of said front portion providing an upwardly extending support of resilient material which is normally bent slightly rearwardly and is straightened by securing said attachment to a cigarette package, and a package of book type matches having the cover strip thereof inserted inwardly through said opening and brought upwardly over said support, the bottom of said package being seated on said shelf and the matches therein arranged in front of said support, said support resiliently urging the back of said package of matches against a face of the package of cigarettes.

3. The combination with a package of cigarettes of an attachment snugly fitted onto the bottom end thereof and having one or more sides provided with a downwardly and inwardly extending package gripping tang and having a front portion provided with a shelf at the bottom thereof, said front portion having an opening above the shelf through which the cover strip of a book type package of matches may be inserted, the upper edge of said opening being bent outwardly to facilitate insertion of said strip, the upper part of said front portion providing an upwardly extending support, and a package of book type matches having the cover strip thereof inserted inwardly through said opening and brought upwardly over said support, the bottom of said package being seated on said shelf and the matches therein arranged in front of said support.

4. The combination with a package of cigarettes of an attachment snugly fitted onto the bottom end thereof and having a front portion provided with a shelf at the bottom thereof, said front portion having an opening above the shelf through which the cover strip of a book type package of matches may be inserted, the upper edge of said opening being bent outwardly to facilitate insertion of said strip, the upper part of said front portion providing an upwardly extending support, and a package of book type matches having the cover strip thereof inserted inwardly through said opening and brought upwardly over said support, the bottom of said package being seated on said shelf and the matches therein arranged in front of said support.

5. An attachment for cigarette packages comprising means for securing the attachment to one end of a package of cigarettes, means providing a shelf for supporting a package of book type matches on said attachment, a support for holding the back of the package of book type matches which is supported on said shelf against the face of a package of cigarettes, said attachment having an aperture below said support above said shelf whereby the cover strip of the package of book type matches may be inserted through said aperture and drawn upwardly about said support to bring the bottom of said match package onto said shelf and to bring the cover strip over the top of the support and downwardly about the matches which are to be arranged in front of said support.

6. An attachment for cigarette packages including means for securing the attachment to one end of a package of cigarettes, and an upwardly extending support on said attachment, said attachment having an aperture therethrough beneath the support whereby the cover strip of a package of book type matches may be inserted through said aperture and drawn upwardly about said support and downwardly over said matches which are arranged in front of the support, said support being adapted to hold the back of said package of matches against a face of a cigarette package to which the attachment is secured.

7. An attachment for cigarette containers including means for securing the attachment to a cigarette container, and means for holding a book type package of matches on the face of a container of cigarettes to which the attachment is secured, said means including an upwardly extending support for extending along a face of the container and having an aperture therein below the support whereby the cover strip of a book-type package of matches may be engaged about the support and held thereby against the face of the container, and a shelf below said aperture.

8. An attachment for cigarette containers including means for securing the attachment to a cigarette container, and means for holding a book type package of matches on the face of the container to which the attachment is secured, said means including a support having a free end portion extending along a face of the container whereby the cover strip of a book type package of matches may be engaged about the support between the free end portion and the container to hold said package on said container.

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