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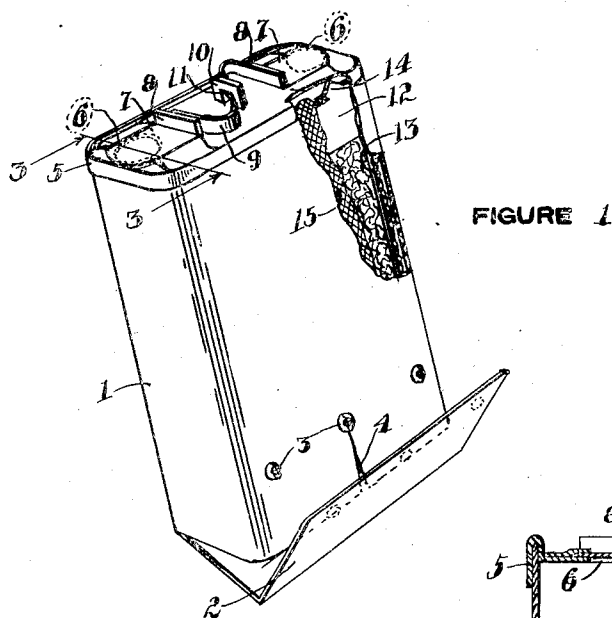


FIGURE 1

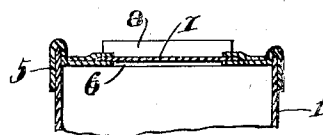


FIGURE 3

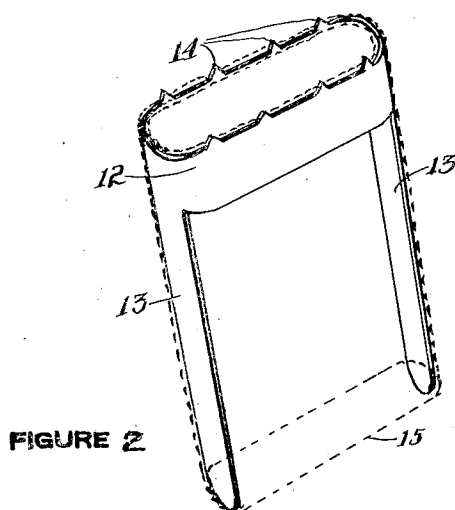


FIGURE 2

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This invention relates particularly to that type of tobacco bag holders adapted to hold a small bag of tobacco in such a manner as to render its contents more readily available when desired for use in a cigarette.

The ordinary small bag of cigarette tobacco is closed by means of a draw-string, and therefore whenever used the draw-string must be first loosened and afterwards tightened, and usually the string must be looped or tied in order to prevent the bag from opening in the pocket.

It is the object of the present invention to provide a holder for the bag that will effectually hold the same extended at all times, even when partially empty, and that maintains the mouth of the bag in an open position at all times ready for use.

It is another object of the invention to provide a device of the character indicated that not only extends the mouth of the bag but provides normally closed openings in a rigid top whereby the tobacco may be quickly and easily poured from the bag without the manipulation of draw-strings or similar devices.

Finally, it is the object of the invention to provide a simple, efficient and economically constructed device for holding a tobacco bag and rendering its contents as easily accessible as the contents of the ordinary tin tobacco can now so commonly used.

In the drawing—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device, part broken away.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the spreader forming a part of my invention.

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, I show at 1 a case made of any suitable material such as artificial leather and having the general proportions and size of the tobacco bag which it is intended to hold. This case has one end, which I shall call the bottom end, closed by means of a flap 2 which, when closed, is secured by means of snaps 3. This lower end of the case is split upwards a distance as at 4 to permit the easy insertion of a bag therein.

Upon the upper end of this case 1 is mounted a metal top piece 5 having an opening 6 in each end thereof. A closure 7 is slidably mounted over each opening 6 as shown, the opposing edges of these clo-

sures being provided with upturned parts 8. At 9 is shown an S shaped spring member having its ends bearing against the opposing parts 8 as shown and held in position on the top 5 by means of a lug 10 provided with a slot 11 as shown and through which the spring passes. By means of this construction either closure may be quickly moved back to uncover the opening beneath it, but the moment the closure is released the spring automatically moves it back again to a closed position.

At 12 I show a spreader strip having a finger as 13—13 extending from one edge at each end. This spreader is of such a size that it will just fit within the upper end of a tobacco bag with the fingers 13 down the inside of the bag to its bottom end. A series of teeth as 14 are formed on the upper edge of the spreader to engage the upper edge of the bag and hold it in its proper position, the bag being indicated at 15.

In its practical application the spreader element 12—13 is removed from the case 1, the draw-string on the tobacco bag is loosened and the opening in the bag extended to permit the free ends of the fingers 13 to be inserted therein. The spreader is now forced down into the bag until the fingers 13 reach the bottom and the top edge is drawn over the upper edge of the spreader and caught on the teeth 14.

The bag with the spreader therein is now inserted in the case 1 and the flap 2 fastened in a closed position.

When it is desired to extract some tobacco from the bag the required quantity may be readily poured out by inverting the device and pressing one of the closures 7 open with the thumb. When the desired tobacco has been obtained the closure is released and the spring moves it back into position.

It is to be understood, of course, that while I have herein shown and described but one specific embodiment of my invention, changes in construction and operation may be made within the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:—

1. A device of the character described, comprising a spreading device insertable in the open end of a tobacco bag and provided with fingers extending to the bottom of the bag and having its upper edge formed to engage the upper edge of the bag, a case adapted to receive the spreader with a bag

mounted thereon, means for holding the bag and spreader in the case, the said case having an opening formed therein adjacent the open end of the bag, and a closure for said
5 opening.

2. In a device of the character described, a spreader comprising a substantially rigid

band adapted to fit within the neck of the bag to be spread and having a plurality of bag engaging teeth projecting from one edge thereof and a finger projecting in the opposite direction to said teeth from the other edge thereof and at each end of said band. 10

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