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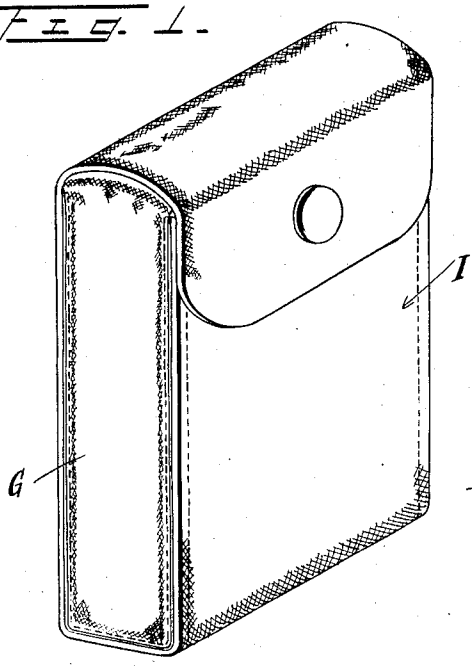


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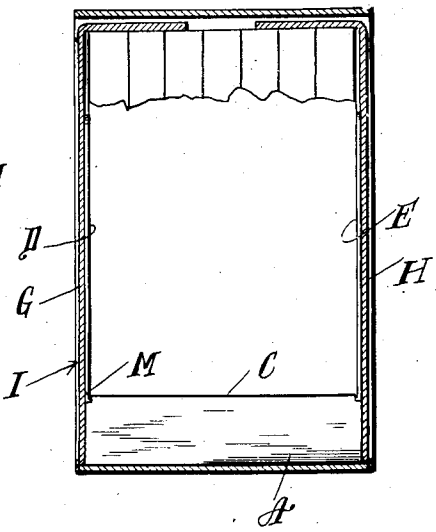


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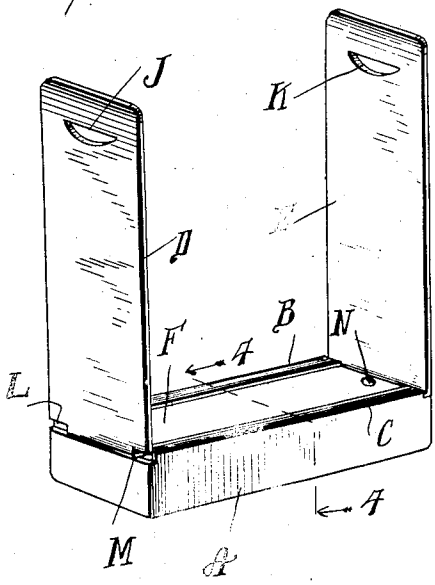


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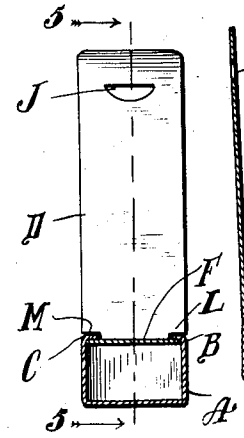
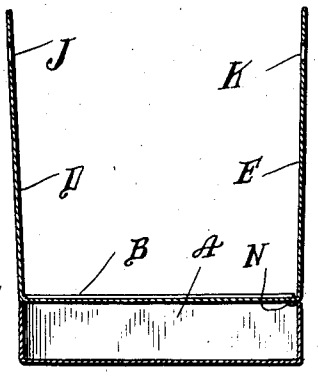


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This invention relates to a concealed compartment for packages or cases, such, for example, as a cigarette case.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a concealed compartment which is adapted to be detachably inserted into the confines of a cigarette case ordinarily made of leather or other flexible material, to thereby conceal from discovery articles such as jewelry or the like.

More specifically, the invention comprehends the idea of providing a compartment with the sliding closure and arms therefor which may be slidably inserted into a cigarette case in such a manner that the compartment is located within the lower part of the cigarette case and is entirely concealed from view when a cigarette package is inserted in such a case.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a slidable closure for said compartment which closure has integrally formed therewith, parallel arms which engage the side walls of the cigarette case and thereby prevent the case from smashing with the consequent damage to the cigarettes therein.

Numerous other objects of the invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art from a reading of the following specification, in conjunction with the drawings attached hereto and forming a part hereof, in which,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view.

Fig. 3 is a detailed view of the attachment.

Fig. 4 is a detailed view taken partly in cross section, and

Fig. 5 is a sectional view on line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

Referring now more specifically to the drawings, A designates a compartment provided with inturned marginal portions B and C. I preferably integrally form arms D and E with a closure F, which arms extend upwardly and engage the sides G and H, respectively, of the cigarette case I. The inherent resiliency of these arms tend to spread them apart into tight engagement with said case. These arms are preferably provided with recesses J and K near the upper terminals thereof, affording finger grips by the medium of which one may easily draw the same outward, thereby lifting the compartment out of the cigarette case.

The corner portion of the shoulder and one of the arms is slotted as at L and M affording a guiding means in conjunction with the inturned portions of the compartment aforesaid, to facilitate a sliding movement of the closure and arms relative to the box to gain access thereto. In order to securely fasten the closure to the box, I provide a depressed boss N in the lower portion of the closure, which snaps over the top of the end piece O of the compartment. It will be seen from the foregoing that this detachable concealed compartment is adapted for many purposes wherein articles are desired to be hidden from ready inspection, but yet may be always carried on the person of the user and access obtained thereto through a minimum of effort. It will further be apparent that the compartment, in conjunction with the arms of the closure therefor, afford a bracing medium for cigarette cases which ordinarily are made of flexible material to prevent damage to the cigarette case.

It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that many changes in the size and arrangement of the parts may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention, as defined in the appended claims, and that the words herein used are words of description and not of limitation.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

1. The combination with a cigarette case, a concealed compartment removably located in the confines thereof, and normally situated in the lower part of said cigarette case, said compartment having a removable closure, and resilient arms connected with said closure and normally engaging the side walls of said casing to secure the same therein, said arms affording a means for removing the compartment from said case.

2. The combination with a cigarette case constructed of flexible material, a concealed compartment removably located in the lower portion of said case, and tightly engaging the interior of the case to prevent injury to the cigarettes, said compartment having inturned marginal flanges, a closure slidably retained by said inturned marginal portions, parallel arms attached to said closure and extending in an upward direction with respect to said cigarette case, said arms affording a means for removing the compartment from said case.

3. The combination with a cigarette case,

a removable concealed compartment therefor, a sliding closure for said compartment, said closure having means to resiliently snap the same in place when in operative position, and means for withdrawing said compartment from the flexible case to obtain access thereto.

4. The combination with a cigarette case of flexible material and having an open top adapted to receive cigarettes, of a detachable concealed compartment adapted to be inserted into said flexible case through the open end thereof and to be located in the lower confines of said case, said compartment being concealed by the cigarettes supported thereon and being adapted to serve as a bracing medium for the flexible casing, and means connected with said compartment and extending towards the open end of the casing whereby the compartment may be removed.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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