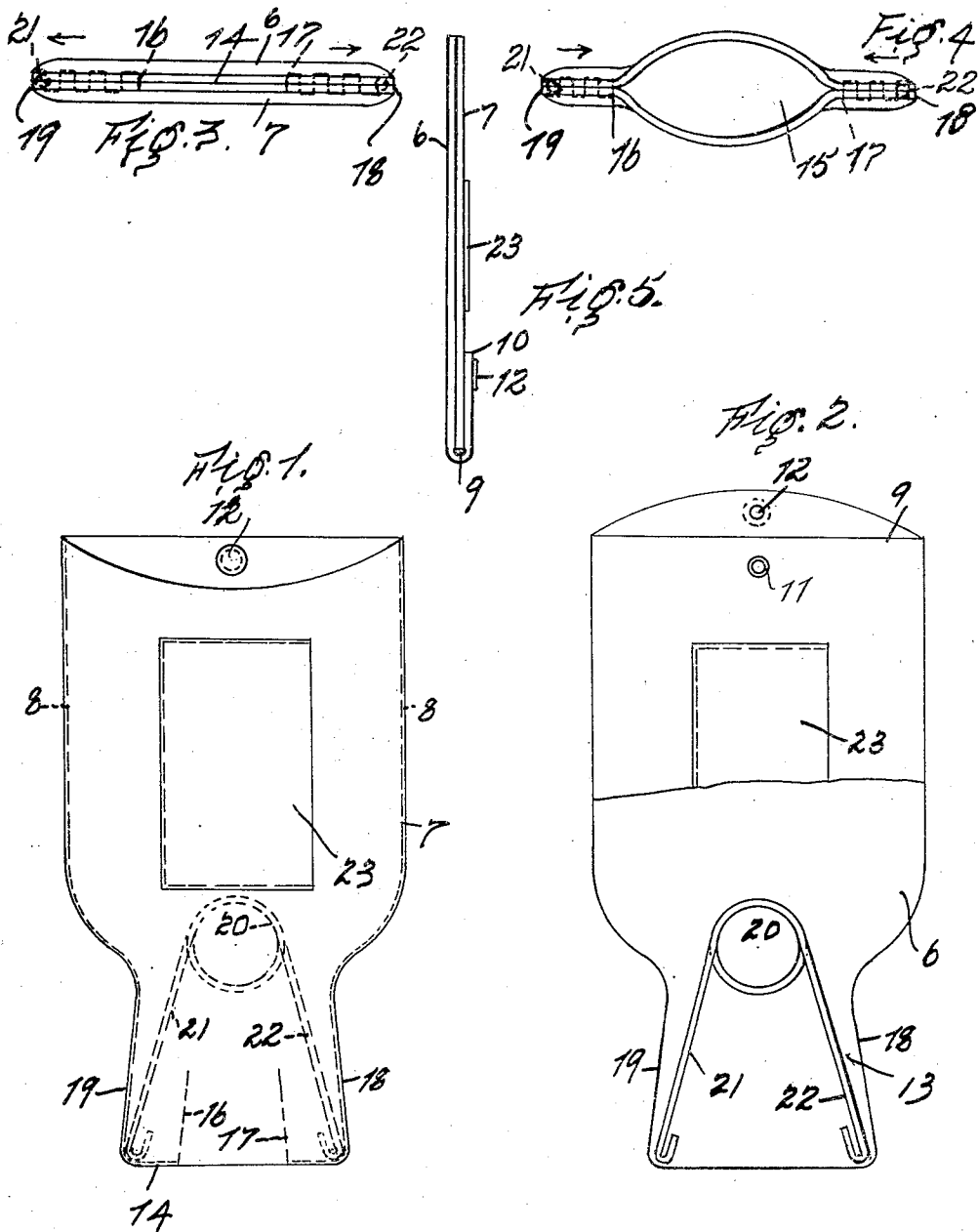


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM SCHEUER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at New York city, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Pouches, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in pouches adapted to contain tobacco for pipes or cigarettes, one of the objects being to provide a pouch not only arranged to contain tobacco, but also to facilitate the making of cigarettes or to readily fill pipes. In other words, my improved pouch is arranged so that the mouth portion can be transformed into a spout through which tobacco can be poured into the bowl of a pipe or into cigarette paper which has been creased by the fingers preparatory to the rolling of the cigarette. Other features of improvement will hereinafter appear.

I will now proceed to describe my invention in detail, the novel features of which I will finally claim, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 illustrates my improved pouch in elevation;

Fig. 2 also illustrates my improved pouch in elevation, one side being broken away;

Fig. 3 is a top edge view of the mouth portion of the pouch, the mouth being illustrated as closed;

Fig. 4 is a similar view, the mouth being illustrated as opened to form a spout; and

Fig. 5 is an edge view of the pouch.

In the production of my improved pouch, I employ (in this instance) two side members 6 and 7 stitched together along the edges, as indicated by 8. One end of the pouch is left open, said open end being indicated by 9, for the purpose of introducing tobacco into the pouch. In this instance the open end 9 of the pouch is closed by a flap 10 which is preferably an integral part of the member 6 of the pouch. The flap 10 will be releasably secured to pouch member 7 by a snap fastener device or otherwise, said fastener consisting of a socket member 11 and a button 12. The neck portion 13 of the pouch is closed only for a portion of the width of its edge 14; in other words, the pouch members 6 and 7 will be unsecured at the edge for some distance each side of the center thereof, as indicated by 15, to provide an opening for the passage of tobacco.

The mouth members 6 and 7 are secured together at the neck portion, as indicated by 16 and 17, so as to cause the neck portion, intermediate the stitching 16 and 17, to bow outwardly, as indicated in Fig. 4, when the edges 18 and 19 are forced toward each other, as indicated by the arrows in said Fig. 4.

To maintain the mouth of the pouch closed, I provide a yieldable resilient member or spring 20, the arms 21 and 22 of which bear against the sides of the neck portion and normally press said sides away from each other, thereby maintaining the mouth of the pouch closed; hence tobacco will not fall out. When, however, it becomes desirable to fill a pipe or provide tobacco for a cigarette, the sides 18 and 19 of the pouch will be pressed toward each other, as per the arrows in Fig. 4, thereby compressing the yieldable arms 21 and 22, which action will cause the neck of the pouch to open between the lines of stitching 16 and 17, thereby forming a spout. When the pouch is filled, tobacco will flow out or through the spout into a pipe or cigarette paper by simply pressing the arms 21 and 22 together. The formation of the spout greatly facilitates the filling of pipes or the making of cigarettes. The pouch can be filled through the open end 9. The yieldable spreading device 20 can be inserted through the open end 9 of the pouch and slipped into position.

If desirable, a pocket 23 can be provided to retain matches or other small articles such as cigarette paper. A pocket can be provided by stitching a strip of suitable material to either side member of the pouch. The pouch will be made preferably of flexible material, such as leather or suitable fabric.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A tobacco pouch consisting of a sack of flexible material having an elongated neck portion of less width than the remainder of the pouch, said neck being partly open at its end, the opposite end of the pouch having a relatively larger opening and means for closing the same, a yieldable compressible spreading device within the elongated neck and extending partly within the container and arranged to maintain said open end closed, the material at the open portion of the neck of said sack being arranged to spread apart when said neck or

body portion is compressed transversely of the neck.

2. A tobacco pouch consisting of a plurality of flexible members, said pouch having an elongated neck portion of less width than the remainder of the pouch, said neck being partly open at its end, the opposite end of the pouch being entirely open, a flap carried by one of said members arranged to close the open end of the sack, means to secure the said flap to the other sack member, a yieldable compressible spreading device within the elongated neck and extending partly

within the container and arranged to maintain said open end closed, the material at the open portion of the neck of said sack being arranged to spread apart when said neck or body portion is compressed transversely of the sack.

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