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Cigar Case.

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Fig. 1.

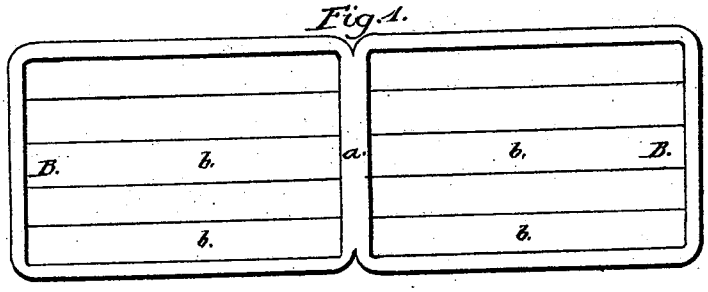


Fig. 2.

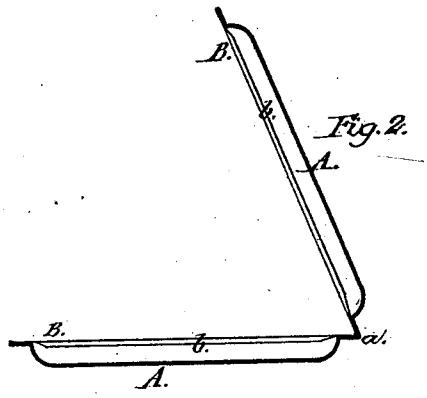
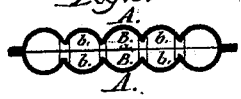


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CASES FOR HOLDING CIGARS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, S. R. WILMOT, of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Cases for Holding Cigars and other articles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, rererence being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a face view of a blank as struck or stamped to form a case for holding cigars, made according to my improvement; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section of said case in its open condition; and Fig. 3, a transverse section thereof closed.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention consists in a case of double hollow-leaf form struck or cut, and stamped with corrugated formations to form pockets for the article or articles it is designed to carry, out of a single piece of sheet metal or other suitable material, and afterward folded intermediately of its length, to constitute a spring-hinge or connection and give to the case its necessary hollow double-leaf or book form. This completes the case, which may, however, afterward be lined with paper or other thin material, and if desired have any suitable fastening applied. A case constructed in accordance with this my improvement may be got up cheaply, and affords all necessary protection to the article or articles it serves to hold or carry.

To describe my invention in connection with the accompanying drawing, which shows the improvement as applied to a cigar-case, I construct said case by stamping out of a sheet of pasteboard, metal, or other suitable material a blank substantially as represented in Fig. 1, by which operation it is at once cut to the required shape, dished or hollowed, and fluted or corrugated, so that when folded, as at *a*, it forms hollow leaves or backs A A, having pockets *b* in them for separate retention of the cigars, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawing, the flutes or corrugations formed in the blank, Fig. 1, being so arranged in two rows or sets, B B, as that when the blank is folded, as at *a*, and the case closed, the cigars lie within both leaves or backs A A. In this way may a cigar-case be constructed cheap at a single blow or operation, as it were, and, as a receptacle, all necessary protection secured for the cigars, with every requisite facility for extracting them from the case.

Of course the number, size, and shape of the corrugations or pockets formed by them in the case may be varied according to the number, size, and shape or description of the articles the case is designed to hold or carry. Thus, for a spectacle-case, the blank shown in Fig. 1 may be made much narrower and only have a corrugation or corrugations in it to form a single pocket or cavity, adapted in size and shape to holding a pair of spectacles.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as a new article of manufacture—

A cigar, spectacle, or other similar case struck out of a single piece of sheet metal, or other suitable material, and folded, as shown and described, so as to form a spring-hinge or connection of the two halves of said case, as set forth.

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