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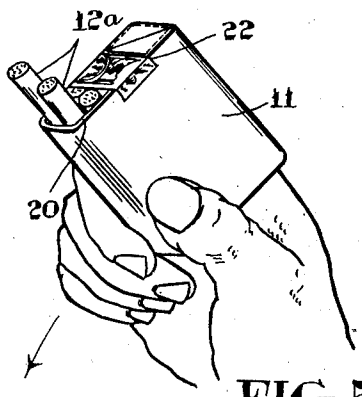


FIG. 5

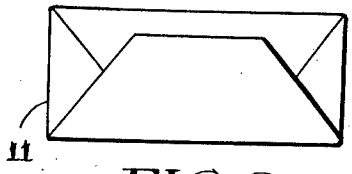


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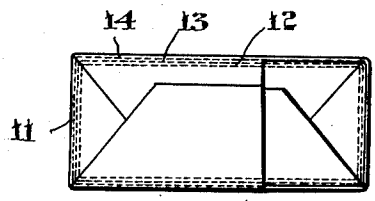


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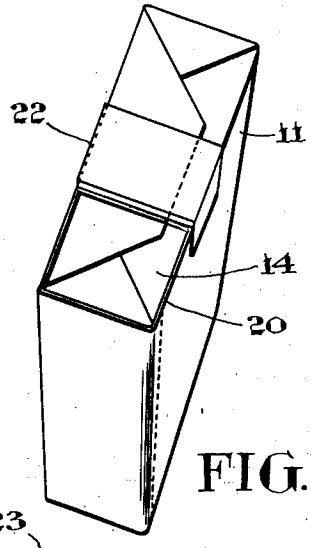


FIG. 1

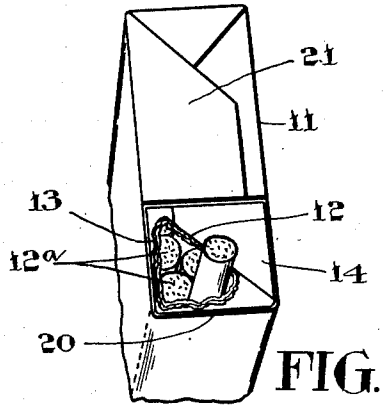


FIG. 2

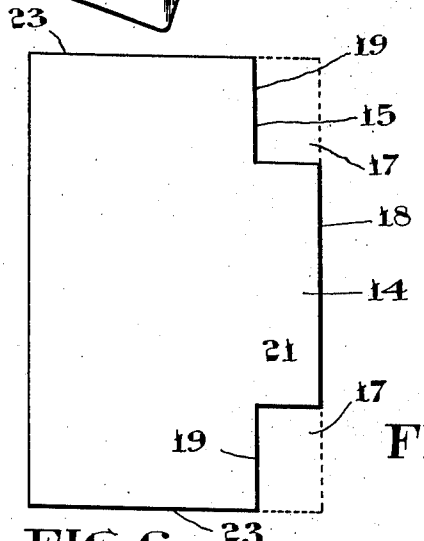


FIG. 6

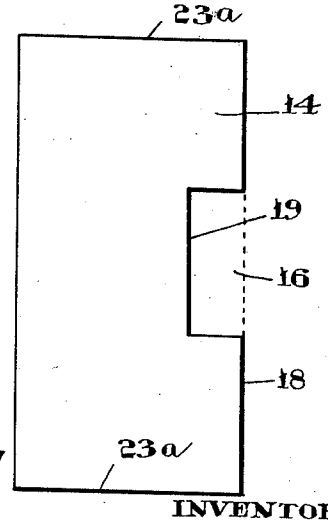


FIG. 7

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CIGARETTE PACKAGE

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in packages or containers for cigarettes, and particularly to the type of container in which the cigarettes are enclosed in paper and tinfoil wrappers, folded at their ends, the folds at one end being sealed by a revenue stamp, and the object of the invention is to provide an improved container, so constructed that a small opening may be easily made at one end so that a single cigarette may be lifted from its position in the bundle of packed cigarettes and easily removed therefrom.

In my invention, the cigarettes are bundled together and enclosed in a plurality of wrappers, the outer one of which is so constructed that when in its folded position, part of the interior wrapper is exposed to facilitate the tearing of same without interfering with the outer wrapper, in other words, the container is made weaker at one end and at one corner to facilitate the tearing of the container to remove cigarettes therefrom.

In the drawings which illustrate my invention:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the closed package.

Figure 2 is a part perspective view of the package with one corner torn away to expose the cigarettes.

Figure 3 is an end view of the bottom of the package.

Figure 4 is an end view of the top of the package in sealed condition.

Figure 5 is a diagrammatic illustration of the package in use.

Figure 6 is a developed plan of the outside wrapper used in Figure 1.

Figure 7 is a developed plan of one modification which may be made in the cutting of the outside wrapper.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 11 designates a package adapted to enclose a plurality of cigarettes 12a. The cigarettes are preferably wrapped in an interior wrapper 12, an intermediate wrapper 13 and an exterior wrapper 14. The interior wrapper is made of paper and the intermediate wrapper is made of tinfoil, and both are folded together at their ends to totally enclose the cigarettes to protect them from injury due to handling or atmospheric changes. The foregoing is the present method employed in packing cigarettes in paper containers for the market, but my improvement lies in the construction of the outside wrapper 14, which is shown in detail in Figures 6 and 7. The outside wrapper consists of a substantially rectangular sheet 15 of material, preferably paper, provided with a notch 16 or notches 17 cut or formed along one edge 18. The sheet 15 is then folded or wrapped around the intermediate wrapper and sealed by any suitable means at the bottom, in the manner shown in Figure 3. In folding the top, the lower edges 19 of the notch or notches are preferably placed in alignment with the upper folded edge 20 of the intermediate wrapper and at one corner thereof. The portion 21 of the outside wrapper is then folded in the usual manner, as shown in Figures 2, 3 and 4, and sealed by means of the revenue stamp 22 in the usual manner. It will be seen that one corner of the upper end of the intermediate wrapper is exposed, so that same may be torn, as shown in Figure 2, without mutilating or destroying the outer wrapper. In the wrapper shown in Figure 6, the edges 23 will overlap at the side in proximity to the opening while the edges 23a of the wrapper shown in Figure 7 will overlap at the side of the package remote from the opening.

The position of the slot may be modified to position the overlapping of the edges at any desired point without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In use it will be seen that the container is weakened at one end and that the interior wrappers may be easily torn to allow easy access to the cigarettes and by gripping the container in the manner shown in Figure 5, and by manipulating it by quick movements in the direction indicated by the arrow, the cigarettes are projected one at a time through the torn opening. This allows easy removal of the cigarettes without damaging same.

The device is easily and economically constructed and provides a simple device which weakens the package at one corner only to

allow easy access to the contents of the package. The package shown is for cigarettes, but it will be readily understood that the same type of package may be used for granulated tobacco and other classes of merchandise.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

1. A cigarette package comprising inner and outer flexible paper sheets folded to provide wrappers completely enclosing the cigarettes, the outer wrapper being provided with a preformed notch through which one corner only of the inner wrapper is exposed whereby the tearing of the inner wrapper to expose the cigarettes is facilitated.

2. A cigarette package having inner, outer and intermediate paper wrappers, said outer wrapper having a preformed notch at one upper corner to expose the underlying portion of the intermediate wrapper whereby the intermediate and inner wrapper may be readily torn away to expose the cigarettes.

3. A cigarette package having inner and intermediate paper wrappers folded to completely enclose the cigarettes and an outer paper wrapper of substantially rectangular form having one edge portion provided with a preformed notch to expose the upper corner portion of the intermediate wrapper when the outer wrapper is applied to and folded about the intermediate wrapper.

4. A cigarette package comprising a plurality of cigarettes, an inner wrapper completely enveloping the cigarettes, and an outer wrapper formed of a blank overlapping at its ends and folded about the inner wrapper to cover the sides, one end portion, and a part of the opposite end portion of the inner cigarette-enveloping wrapper, thereby leaving a part of the last-mentioned end portion of the inner wrapper exposed.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand.

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