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## PACKAGE FOR CIGARS, CIGARETTES, &c.

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*Fig. 1.*

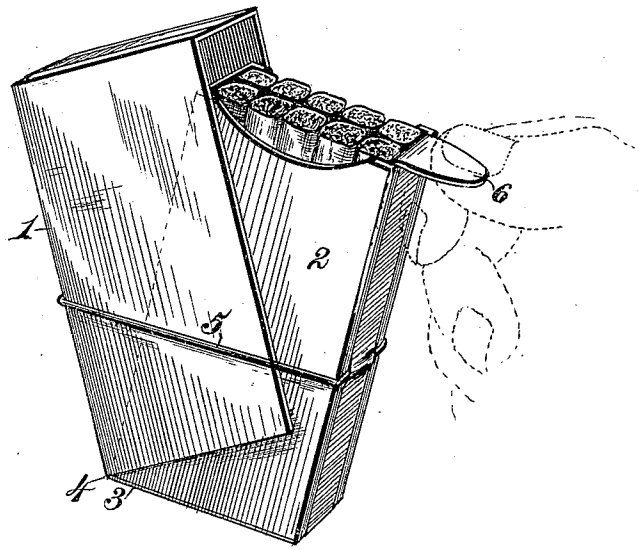
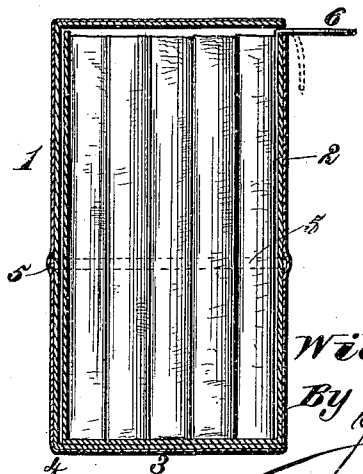



*Fig. 2.*




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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM HANSON EMERY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Packages for Cigarettes, Cigars, and other Articles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to boxes or cases to retain cigarettes, cigars, and other similar articles, and enable them to be safely carried in the pocket; and the object thereof is to provide a simple, convenient, and comparatively inexpensive device for this purpose which shall be normally retained in and automatically restored to a closed condition.

The invention consists in the several novel features of construction and combinations of parts, fully set forth hereinafter, and definitely pointed out in the claims following this specification.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the box or case opened. Fig. 2 is a sectional view showing the parts enlarged and illustrating the box or case closed.

In the said drawings, the reference-numeral 1 designates the outer portion of the box or casing, which is formed of paper, card-board, wood, artificial leather, or any other suitable material. It is of rectangular form, and two of its edges are removed or left open to permit the insertion of the inner portion.

Within the outer casing, 1, is arranged the inner package, 2, which is also rectangular in form and of similar size to the outer case, save that its thickness is such as to permit it to be inserted within the casing 1 without crowding. The package 2 is open at its top to permit the insertion of cigarettes, cigars, or other articles, and the upper edges of the sides may, if desired, be slightly trimmed off, as shown, to permit of the ready withdrawal of the contents.

The package 2 is connected with the outer casing by a flexible strip, 3, which may or may not form part of either or both of the connected portions. In other words, the strip 3 may form part of the bottom wall of the inner package, 2, and the rear wall of the outer casing, 1; or said strip may consist simply of a piece of flexible material pasted or otherwise secured to said parts. In either form of construction a flexible or hinge connection is formed at the point 4, whereby the package 2 may be readily turned into and out of the outer casing.

Surrounding the inner package and connected to the rear wall of the outer casing is an elastic strip, 5, whereby the parts are normally drawn into and retained in the position shown in Fig. 2. This spring may be arranged at any suitable point above the bottom of the box; but I prefer to place it at or a little below the central portion, as shown. It may be external to the outer casing, as in Fig. 1, or it may be within it, without departing from my invention.

Heretofore a box has been used composed of two parts, one pivoted within the other, and thrown in by a leaf-spring bearing against its lower interior angle. In this device the lower opposite angles of the two parts are prolonged to extend them below the point where the spring-pressure is exerted, to permit a hand-hold pressure on these opposite angles being employed to open the case.

By my invention I provide a simple, strong, inexpensive package, of rectangular form, having no projecting angles to catch in the clothing or crush and break up by use. I may put a tag, 6, upon the top of the inner package to facilitate its removal.

It is evident that the device may be used for matches and other articles, though it is specially intended for cigarettes.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A package or box for cigarettes, consisting of an outer rectangular casing open on one side and one end, a similarly-shaped inner box open at its top and connected with the outer casing at their lower inner angles by a flexible strip, and an elastic cord or tape, whereby the inner box is drawn into and retained within the outer casing, substantially as described.

2. A package or box for cigarettes, consisting of an outer rectangular casing open on one side and one end, a similarly-shaped inner

box, open at its top, connected with the outer casing by a flexible strip, and an elastic cord or tape surrounding the inner package and secured to the rear edge of the outer casing, substantially as described.

3. The combination, with the rectangular outer casing, 1, open on one side and one end, of the inner box or package, 2, of similar shape, the flexible strip 3, passing around the lower inner angle of the part 2 and making a hinge-connection at the point 4, and the elastic cord or tape 5, arranged at a point not far from the central portion of the device, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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