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Fig. 1.

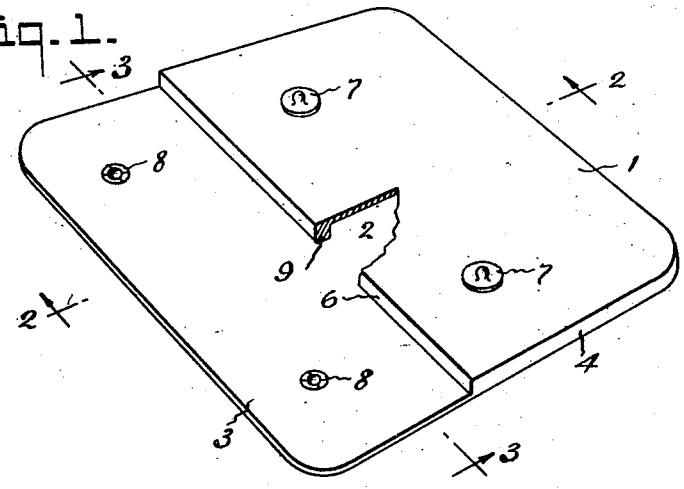


Fig. 2.

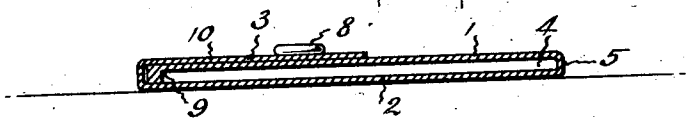


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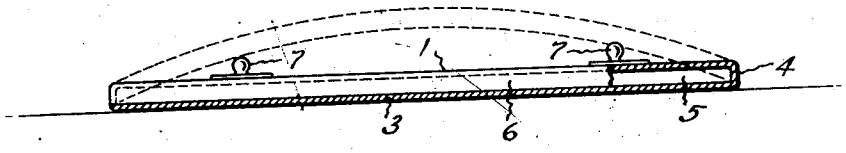
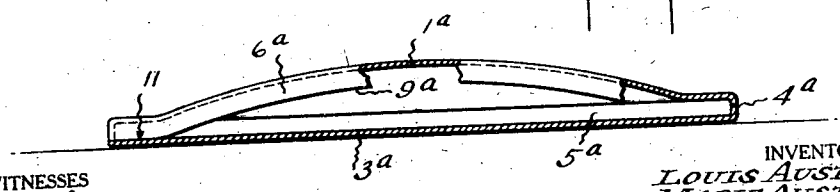


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to tobacco pouches of the flexible type which are adapted to be carried in a pocket.

In all forms of pouches, whether flexible or of the semi-flexible type, where a mouth is provided between the free edge of the front wall and the adjacent portion of the rear wall and closed by a flap forming an extension of said rear wall, great difficulty has been experienced in preventing loss of the granules of tobacco from the pouch, due to the fact that the free edge of the front wall fails to coact with the rear wall normally to form a closure, and the flap can not aid in forcing said free edge into engagement with the adjacent wall of the pouch. Furthermore, the walls are usually formed of relatively thin material, for lessening the weight of the pouch, and this factor tends rather to lessen the efficiency of the device since the relatively thin free edge at the mouth will flare outwardly from the adjacent wall at points and permit escape of the tobacco, even when the closure flap has been secured in place.

It is an object of the present invention to provide not only a reinforcement for the relatively thin edge of the front wall of a tobacco pouch, but a member which may be forced into frictional engagment with the rear wall of the pouch by the usual closure flap and seal the mouth of said pouch against loss of its contents.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a reinforcing rib extending the the length of the mouth of a tobacco pouch and carried by the free end of the front wall, the rib being adapted to be forced into frictional contact with the adjacent portion of the rear wall and maintained in such contact at all times by the flap folded over said free edge and secured in place at points on the outer face of the front wall.

With the above recited and other objects in view, the invention resides in the novel construction set forth in the following specification, particularly pointed out in the appended claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, it being understood that the right is reserved to embodiments other than those actually illustrated herein, to the full extent indicated by the general meaning of the terms in which the claim is expressed.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a tobacco pouch constructed in accordance with the principles of our invention;

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the pouch taken along the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical section taken along the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 4 is a transverse vertical section similar to the section shown in Fig. 3 but disclosing a modified form of the pouch.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 designates a front wall and 2 a rear wall which has an extension 3 which is adapted to be folded over the outer face of the front wall and forming a closure for the pouch. The front and rear walls are joined together by side walls 4 and a bottom wall 5. The upper edge 6 of the front wall 1 terminates at points along the rear wall where the closure flap 3 is connected to the rear wall and thereby providing a mouth through which the contents of the pouch may be discharged or whereby the pouch may be filled with granules of tobacco. The front wall is provided with the member 7 of a snap fastener, while the closure flap is provided with a complementary member 8 of the snap fastener, so that when the flap is placed in contact with the front wall 1 and the members 7 and 8 are forced into engagement with each other, the snap fasteners will lock the closure in position.

The construction just described will, when the flap is in closed position, permit granules of the tobacco to escape from the pouch at points where the flap 3 is connected to the rear wall 2, and since the rear wall and front wall are spaced from each other the flexibility of the material will further aid in forcing the granules from the pouch at these points.

In order to prevent the contents from being occasionally discharged from the pouch, we have provided a rib 9 at the upper edge 6 of the front wall and connected to the inner face of said wall. As shown in Figs. 1 to 3, this rib is not only secured to the front wall 1 but is connected at its extreme ends to the side walls 4, so that the front wall is free of the rear wall throughout its width. The rib depending from the

front wall normally engages the inner face of the rear wall in frictional contact and prevents the gradual discharge of the granules of tobacco from the pouch. When the flap is closed and locked by the members of the snap fasteners, the portion of the flap designated by the numeral 10 will exert pressure on the raised upper edge 6 of the front wall 1 and force the free edge of the rib in frictional contact with the inner face of the rear wall and eliminate all possibility of the escape of the granules of tobacco.

In the modified form shown in Fig. 4, the construction is identical in all respects with the pouch shown in Figs. 1 to 3, inclusive, with the exception that the rib 9^a is secured for a portion of its length, as shown at 11, to the rear wall and adjacent the opposite ends of the rib. The closure flap 3^a will force the free portion of the rib likewise into frictional contact with the rear wall 2^a and thus prevent the gradual discharge of the tobacco. The rib is connected to the upper edge 6^a of the front wall 1^a and is of sufficient depth to provide for the thickness of the side walls 4^a which space the front wall 1^a from the rear wall, as shown in the preferred form. Complementary members 7 and 8 of snap fasteners are connected to the front wall and flap 3^a in the same manner as has been described with reference to Figs. 1 to 3.

What we claim is:—

A rubber tobacco pouch including front and rear walls, side and bottom walls connecting the front and rear walls together and spacing them apart at their bottom and side edges, the rear wall extending beyond the free edge of the front wall to define a closure flap foldable upon the front wall, an integral solid rib of rectangular cross section projecting inwardly from the free edge of the front wall, said rib corresponding to the thickness of the bottom and side walls, whereby all edges of the front wall are maintained in spaced relation to the rear wall, and a pocket is defined, the rib frictionally engaging the rear wall to prevent the gradual discharge of the contents of the pouch.

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