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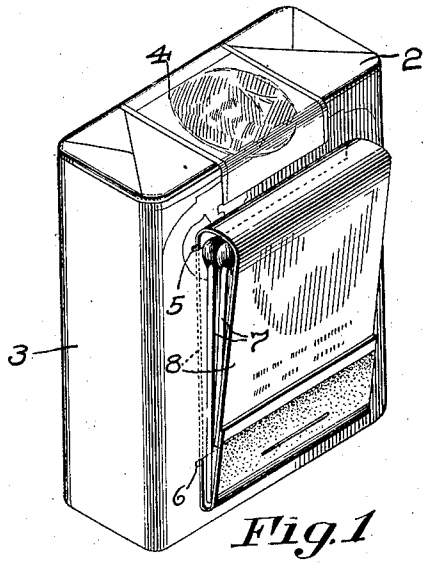


Fig. 1

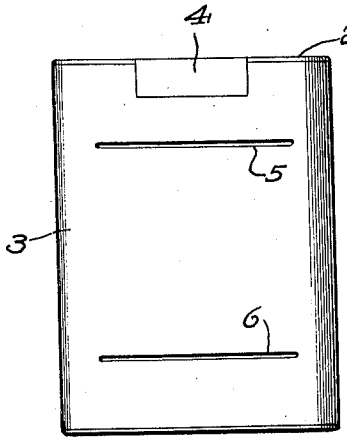


Fig. 2

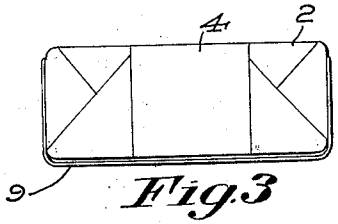


Fig. 3

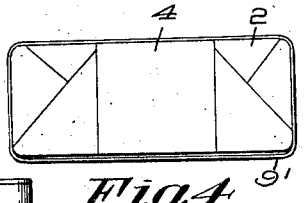


Fig. 4

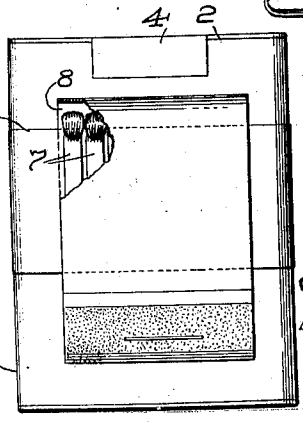


Fig. 5

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This invention relates to the merchandising of tobacco, cigarettes and matches in packages. It is a common practice to give away paper packages of matches with cigarettes, the match packages usually being distributed for advertising purposes. There is, however, no way, so far as I am aware, of connecting the two packages without the use of a holder or container of some character which is bulky and therefore objectionable. The present invention aims to combine the two packages in a form convenient to use and economical to manufacture. While the invention will be herein disclosed particularly with reference to cigarette packages, it is also applicable to tobacco packages of the same general character, the two being equivalents so far as this invention is concerned.

The nature of the invention will be readily understood from the following description when read in connection with the accompanying drawings, and the novel features will be particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring now to the drawings,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a combined cigarette and match package embodying this invention;

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the cigarette package shown in Fig. 1;

Figs. 3 and 4 are top views of a modified form of cigarette package; and

Fig. 5 is a front elevation of a combination package including the cigarette package shown in Fig. 3.

Referring first to Figs. 1 and 2, a cigarette package of the ordinary commercial type is shown at 2. The wrapper of this package includes a band 3 which is almost as wide as the package is long, the ends of this band being overlapped and secured together by an adhesive. The band 3 is further fastened to the main body of the package by the usual revenue stamp 4. The wrapper shown is provided with upper and lower slots 5 and 6, these slots being relatively narrow and spaced apart by a substantial distance but being in alinement with each other. They may be cut through the wrapper at either the front or back of the package. This forms a strip of wrapper between said slots, free from the main body of the package, but with the ends of said strip secured to the other parts of the package.

The match package shown in Fig. 1 is of a common type and includes a flat bunch of matches 7 supported by and enclosed in a folder 8 of relatively stiff paper or cardboard. The flap of this folder is inserted through the slots 5 and 6, as clearly shown in Fig. 1, so that the folder 8 and wrapper 3 are interlocked with each other and they thus securely fasten the two packages together. The packages may either be assembled in the manner shown at the factory, or they may be distributed separately, and the user may secure them together, as shown in Fig. 1.

A slightly different arrangement is shown in Figs. 3 and 5, in which a strip or band of paper 9 is secured to the wrapper 3, the central portion of said strip being free from the rest of the package, but the ends only being adhesively secured thereto. This additional band 9 performs the same functions as the portion of the wrapper between the slots 5 and 6 in the construction shown in Figs. 1 and 2. That is, the folder 8 of the match package is slipped under the band or strip 9, the band lying between the bunch of matches and the back part of the folder, and the folder is then closed as shown in Fig. 1.

If desired, the additional band 9 may completely encircle the cigarette package, as shown in Fig. 4, in which the band 9′ otherwise is like the band 9, Fig. 3.

It will now be evident that this invention provides a combined match and cigarette package in which the wrapper of the cigarette package is so constructed that the match package can be directly secured to it. The invention adds practically nothing to the expense of manufacture of the merchandise, and permits the convenient combination of the two packages without requiring the use of a separate holder or container for them, as has been necessary heretofore. The arrangement shown is of particular utility as an advertising device, while at the same time contributing to the convenience of the smoker.

Having thus described my invention, what I desire to claim as new is:

1. The combination of a cigarette package including a wrapper and a paper strip substantially free from the main body of the package, a bunch of matches, and a cardboard folder enclosing and supporting said matches, a part of said folder being inserted under the strip and secured by said strip to the main body of the package, said strip lying between said folder and said matches

2. The combination of a cigarette package including a wrapper and a strip free from the main body of the package with opposite ends of said strip secured to the package, and a match package comprising a folder of relatively stiff paper enclosing a bunch of matches with the portion of said folder behind said matches lying under a section of said strip and projecting above and below said section of the strip, whereby said match package is fastened to said cigarette package.

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