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Improvements in or relating to Cigarette Cases or Containers

We, FERNAND SCHWALBE, of 11, Courte Rue du Vanneau, Antwerp, Belgium, a subject of the King of the Belgians, and SCHWALBE FRERES, of 11, Courte Rue du Vanneau, Antwerp, Belgium, a corporate body organized under the Belgian laws, do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

The present invention relates to the improved construction of cigarette cases or containers of the type comprising two pockets hinged together by a flap, so that the open ends of the pockets are directed towards each other when the container is opened out in an extended condition, and said flap extends across the open ends of both pockets when they are held together.

A display paper box of such type has been constructed from a single paper blank so that the two opposed envelope-like compartments are formed by a rectangular blank portion flanged at three sides, said flanges having an edge strip bent inwardly and parallel to the plane of the blank.

In a cigarette case it has been proposed to provide two outer box sides or holders between which is hingedly fitted a rectangular frame within which one or more spring-controlled auxiliary holders are pivotally mounted. In the closed position of the case said frame fits flush with the outer edges of the box sides.

The invention now consists in a cigarette case or container formed by two receptacles, each formed by a rectangular blank flanged at three sides, said flanges having an edge strip bent inwardly and parallel to the plane of the blank, and is characterized by the fact that the two receptacles are made of metal and hinged to a metal flap at the non-flanged side of the blank.

Further characteristic features will appear from the description hereafter.

A preferred form of embodiment of the invention will be described hereafter with reference to the accompanying drawing.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a cigarette container according to the in-

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vention, arranged in completely open position.

Fig. 2 is a vertical section therethrough.

The cigarette container is formed by two blanks 1 and 2, three sides of which are provided with a flange 9, and the edge strip 10 of each flange is bent inwardly and parallel to the plane of the blank. The receptacles thus formed are connected to the central strip 3 by longitudinal hinges 4. The width of the strip 3 is substantially twice that of the flanges 9, so that both receptacles 1 and 2 can be folded together with their open sides facing each other, and the container will appear as a completely closed box.

A snap fastener 7 may hold the containers in this closed up position.

Each receptacle is provided with a flap 5 connected to the edge strip 10, opposite to the hinge connection 4, by a spring-loaded hinge, so that said flap 5 is permanently pressed towards the rectangular wall of the blank. Cigarettes 8 will thus be held steadily in rows in each of the receptacles 1 and 2.

As stated herebefore, the cigarette container will be made of sheet metal, preferably of valuable metals, and all kinds of ornamental applications may be made to such containers.

The mobility of the elements forming the improved cigarette containers enable them to be placed in the extended open position, the receptacles upright, upon a table, so that cigarettes can be easily withdrawn.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of our said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, we declare that what we claim is:—

1. A cigarette case or container formed by two receptacles each formed by a rectangular blank flanged at three sides, said flanges having an edge strip bent inwardly and parallel to the plane of the blank, characterised by the fact that the two receptacles are made of metal and hinged to a metal flap at the non-flanged side of the blank.

2. A cigarette case or container as claimed in claim 1, characterized by the

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fact that the width of the connecting flap is substantially twice that of the flanges, so that both receptacles may be folded together with their open sides facing each other, a snap fastening holding the container thus completely closed, substantially as described.

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10 3. A cigarette case or container as claimed in claims 1 and 2, characterized by the fact that each receptacle is provided with a flap at the edge strip opposite

to the non-flanged side and connected thereto by a spring-loaded hinge, substantially as described.

4. The cigarette case or container substantially as described with reference to the accompanying drawing. 15

Dated this 23rd day of September, 1936.
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[This Drawing is a full-size reproduction of the Original.]

