

R. E. DIXON,
Tobacco Pouch.

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Fig. 1,

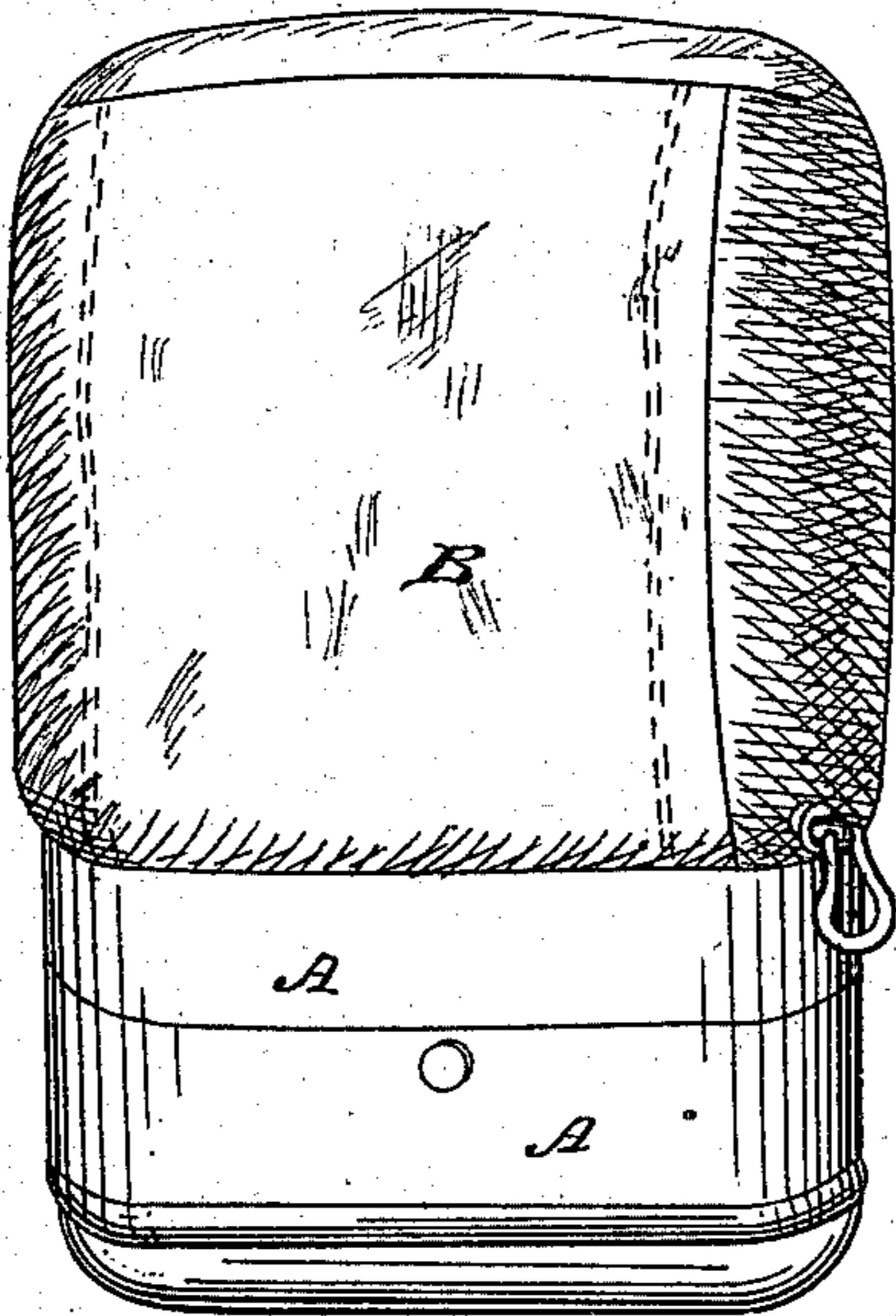
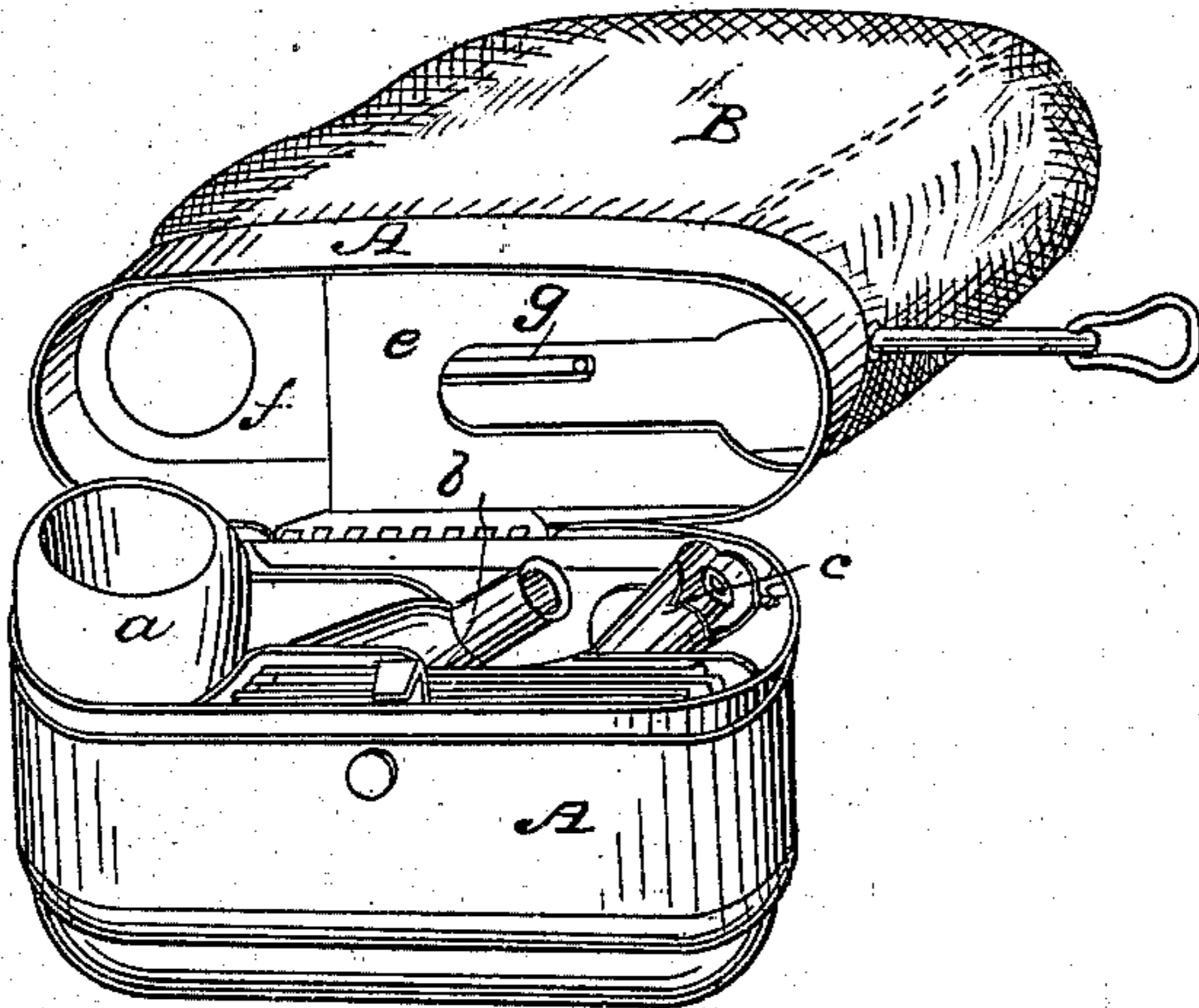
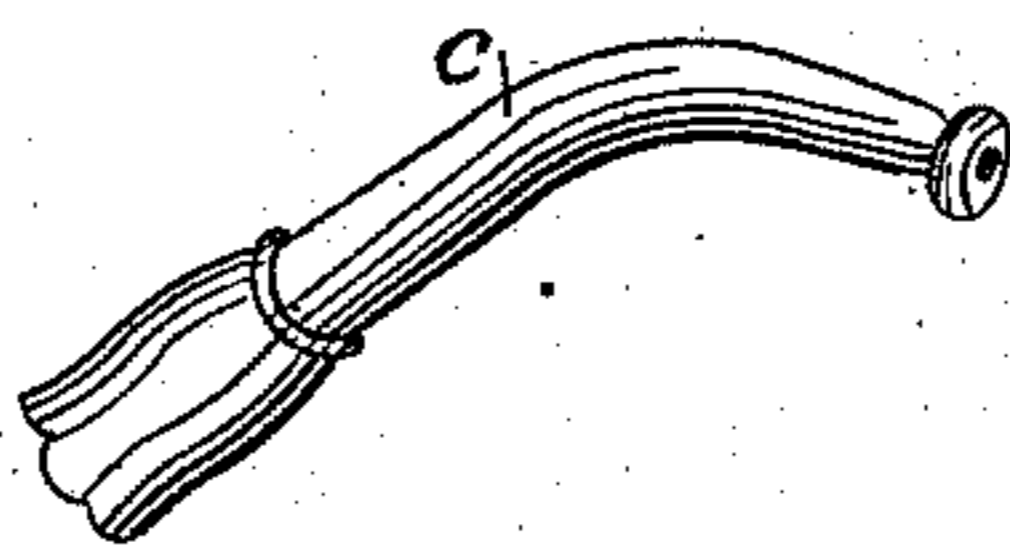


Fig. 2,



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IMPROVEMENT IN TOBACCO-POUCHES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUFUS E. DIXON, of the city and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Pipe and Tobacco Pouch; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, and of its construction and mode or manner of operation, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The general nature or character of my invention consists in fitting and arranging a small compact box or case for holding and protecting the pipe when not being smoked or used, and for carrying matches and other articles and conveniences used by smokers, and in combining therewith a bag or pouch for holding the tobacco intended for smoking, which bag or pouch is kept entirely distinct and separated from the pipe-case; but the two are so constructed and arranged that they can be made to communicate at pleasure, and thereby the pipe be charged with tobacco, ready for smoking, without opening the case or pouch, and without the trouble of filling the pipe in any of the usual ways.

Figure 1 is a view of the pipe and tobacco-pouch when closed and as carried in the pocket. Fig. 2 is a view of the same when opened, showing the pipe, &c., in position, and the communicating opening between the two.

The box or case A to hold the pipe is made just about broad enough to take in the bowl *a*, and also wide or long enough to receive such bowl with the short stem *b*—such as meerschau and brier-wood and other pipes usually have—and also permit the extension-stem *c* to be placed under the fixed stem *b*. On each side of the central space occupied by the stems *b* and *c* are spaces *d d*, suitable for holding matches to light the pipe, or to carry a piece of chewing-tobacco, or for any purpose desired by the smoker. For greater convenience, the case A will open about at its middle, so that when opened the pipe-bowl will stand up above the lower part of the box, as is shown in Fig. 2, so as to be convenient to be

taken out. In the upper part of the box there may be a roughened surface, *e*, for convenience to ignite the match.

The box or case A may be made of any thin metal desired, embossed or plain, and plated or otherwise, or of hard rubber or leather, or of any other substance or material found desirable and appropriate.

To the top of the pipe case or box A is attached or connected a bag or pouch, B, of bladder, oiled silk, rubber, leather, or other material suitable for keeping tobacco for smoking purposes. This may be attached more or less firmly, as desired, to the case A, the top of the case A being the bottom of the pouch B.

The position of the pipe-bowl *a* in the case A is, as shown in Fig. 2, with the top of the bowl upward. Directly over the bowl of the pipe and through the upper plate, *f*, of the case A, and which plate *f* forms the bottom of the pouch B, is a hole or opening of about the same size with the pipe-bowl, and which is opened or closed by a slide or valve, *g*, moved by a wire, *h*, projecting from one side of the case. The slide *g* may also be operated by a spring or in any other convenient manner.

When the pouch B is filled with tobacco and the whole is shut together, as shown in Fig. 1, so long as the hole or opening in the bottom of the pouch is closed by the slide or valve *g*, the tobacco in the pouch will be kept entirely separate from and out of the case A; but whenever and as soon as the wire *h* is pulled out and the hole opened, communication will be made between the two, and the tobacco will drop down into the pipe and load it, and when the wire and its valve are again pushed back the hole will be closed and no more tobacco can pass. If it is desired to have the tobacco loaded tightly in the pipe, the tobacco may be pressed down in the pipe as it rests in the case, and the box again closed, and the valve again drawn out and returned. When a person, therefore, who is provided with one of these convenient articles wishes "to take a smoke," it is only necessary for him to take the pouch from his pocket, holding it in the position represented in

Fig. 1, and draw out the valve by the wire or ring *h*, when his pipe will be at once filled without trouble.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The arrangement and combination of the pipe-case *A*, valve *g*, and tobacco-pouch *B*, substantially as described, so as to keep the two entirely separate from each other, but so

that the pipe can be loaded whenever desired without opening the pouch, or without the use of the fingers to load it, as is usually necessary.

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