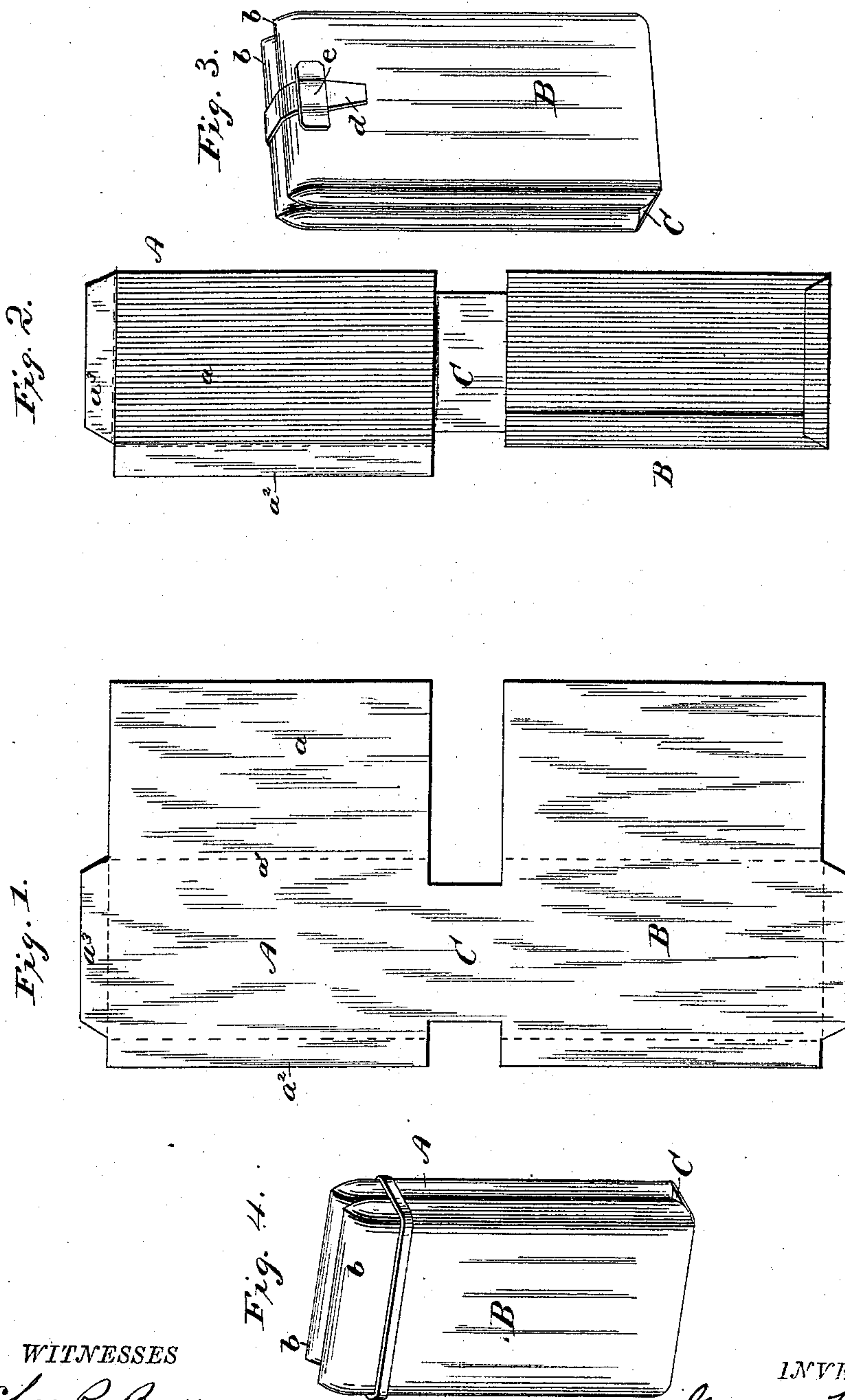


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE L. PRESTON, of Scranton, in the county of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar and Cigarette Cases; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and to the figures and letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention has for its object to provide an improved case for carrying cigars and cigarettes, constructed substantially as I will now proceed to describe.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents the blank from which the case or holder is constructed. Fig. 2 represents a view of the case in process of construction, one portion or pocket being completed and the other portion being completed all save the turning down of the edge flaps. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the completed case filled with cigars. Fig. 4 is a view showing a modified form of means for holding the parts of pockets together.

Similar letters of reference in the several figures indicate the same parts.

In constructing my case I take a sheet of paper, preferably stout Manila paper, and cut from it a blank of the form shown in Fig. 1, the same consisting of an upper and a lower section, A and B, reversely positioned, but of the same outline, and united by a wide strip or band, C. I next fold down the wide side flap *a* of the part A on the line *a'* into the position shown in Fig. 2, and this being done I fold down in succession the edge flaps, *a*² and *a*³, a film of paste having been first applied to the edge flaps, so as to cause them to adhere to the side flap *a*, and thus form a pocket or receptacle open at the inner end only. The portion B of the blank is then manipulated in like manner, so as to form a second receptacle or pocket, also open at its inner end only, the two pockets so formed being united by the broad band C.

In the practical use of this case each receptacle or pocket is filled with cigars or cigarettes, after which the two pockets are folded over against each other, as shown in Fig. 3,

the connecting strip or band C constituting a cover for the mouth of the two pockets, and serving as well to protect the ends of the contained cigars or cigarettes, and to prevent the latter from slipping out of the pockets.

Any suitable means may be employed for confining the outer ends, *b b*, of the pockets together. In Fig. 3 I show one such means, consisting of a tongue, *d*, pasted or otherwise secured to one of the pockets and a strap or keeper, *e*, pasted or otherwise secured to the other pocket, the end of the tongue being adapted to be passed between the strap and the body of the pocket to which it is secured, and to be there confined, as shown. In lieu of this tongue-and-strap arrangement, a small rubber band may be applied to the pockets, as shown in Fig. 4, or other means that may suggest themselves may be employed to hold the pockets together.

While I prefer to construct my improved case of paper, it is obvious that it may be made of cloth, leather, or other flexible material; but inasmuch as the particular design is to furnish a cheap case, which can be given away with purchased cigars, paper is found most economical, and Manila paper probably the strongest and most desirable.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The herein-described blank for cigar and cigarette cases, consisting of the two body portions A B, connected by the portion C, and each having the broad side flap *a*, the narrow side flap *a*², and the narrow end flap, *a*³, substantially as described.

2. The herein-described cigar-case, constructed of the blank having the portions A B, united by the portion C, and each having the broad side flap *a*, the narrow side flap *a*², and the end flap, *a*³, each of said broad side flaps being folded over on the line *a'*, and said narrow end and side flaps folding over upon the broad flap and secured thereto, substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

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