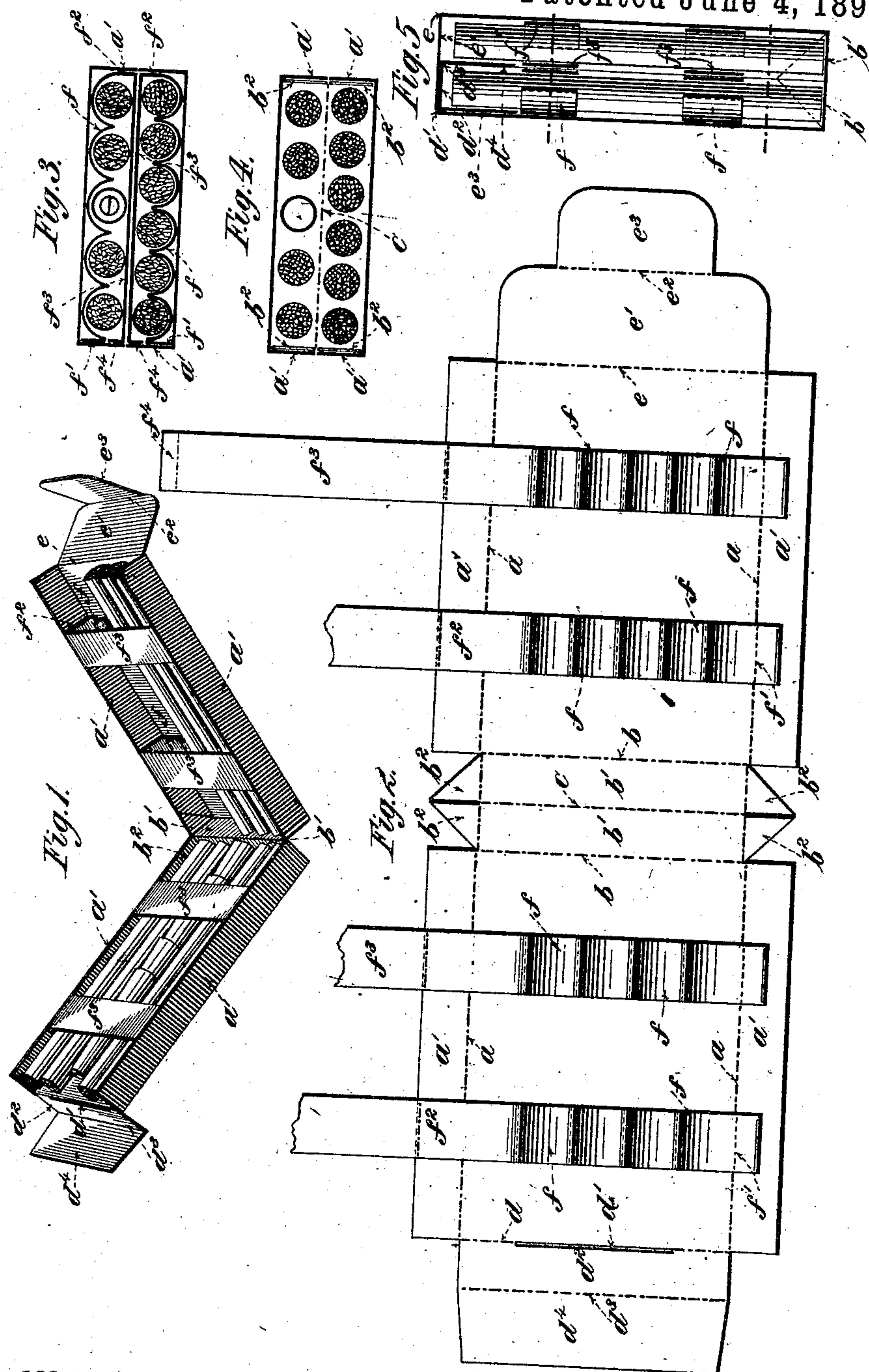


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RICHARD HENRY FANCOURT, tobacco-manufacturer, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Waverly, near Sydney, in the British Colony of New South Wales, have invented a new and useful Improved Box or Pocket-Case for Cigarettes, Cigars, and Such-Shaped Goods, of which the following is a specification.

10 This invention relates to a box or pocket case or holder specially devised for vending cigarettes although it will be found equally useful for holding cigars and goods partaking of the shape of cigarettes and cigars. Though  
15 it is intended to manufacture this improved box or pocket holder of cardboard, strawboard, stiff leather or the like, yet other material as metal or anything suitable might be used for the purpose.

20 This improved box or pocket case for cigarettes, cigars and such shaped goods has three distinct and peculiar features which preferably are used in combination although two of them may be separately used in other combinations going to make up similar articles. These distinct and peculiar features are, first,  
25 folding or hinged flaps on the end—say the top—of two meeting halves of the box or case, one of which takes over the contents of its half case, while the other laps over the whole  
30 end or top and portion turns in behind the first mentioned flap. The second peculiar feature is the insertion of partially crimped bands, the crimped part of which forms rests for the cigarettes, cigars, &c., while the plain  
35 part turns over and retains the said cigarettes, cigars, &c., in such resting places. The third peculiar feature is the making of the box or case of one piece cut, punched or stamped  
40 into particular shape.

In order that this invention may be clearly understood reference will now be made to the drawings herewith, in which—

15 Figure 1 is a perspective view of a filled cigarette-box constructed according to this invention. Fig. 2 is a plan of the cut, punched, or stamped blank with the retaining-bands in place during manufacture. Figs. 3 and 4 are transverse sections through a retaining-

band and away from the bands, respectively, 50 while Fig. 5 is a longitudinal section of the box or case complete and closed.

The material is cut, punched or stamped into shape and then scored or marked (as indicated by dotted lines) as shown in Fig. 2. 55

$a$  are longitudinal scorings or marks the outsides  $a'$  of which form the sides of each half of the box or case when they are turned up at right angles. The scorings  $b$  leave the ends  $b'$  which are also turned at right angles, 60 the angle pieces  $b^2$  taking inside the sides  $a'$  to which they are gummed or otherwise fastened leaving the box or case with two distinct halves which hinge upon scoring or mark  $c$ . The scoring  $d$  has therein the cut 65 or slot  $d'$  and this end has a second scoring  $d^2$  at a distance from the first equal to the width of the contents of the half case or box so that the part  $d^2$  will form the top of one half of said box or case and the lap piece  $d^4$  will turn 70 over the contents as shown in Fig. 5. At the other end of the box or case are scorings  $e$  and  $e^2$  the piece  $e'$  being the width of the full contents so that such piece  $e'$  on being turned on the scorings or marks will form the top of 75 the box and the lap piece  $e^3$  will form a fastening by being inserted in cut or slot  $d'$  with the sides of each half box or case meeting at their edges completing the whole. The crimped bands have scorings or marks so that 80 there will be turns  $f'$  to fasten to the sides of the half box and a turnover  $f^3$  to take over the crimps  $f$  forming rests for the cigarettes and a turn-in  $f^4$  for again fastening to the side of the half box the band being further 85 fastened to the opposite side at  $f^2$  just before the turnover. The cigarettes say with a number of spills or mouthpieces are placed in the box or case before the final fastening of the retaining bands. 90

It will be easily seen that the folding or hinged flaps (forming first the end or top of one half case or box and then an overlapping end or top of the whole case or box) might be used in a similarly constructed box or case 95 which, instead of being made of one piece or blank, has two halves hinged together in the center. It will be further understood that



the crimped retaining bands might be used in similarly constructed boxes or cases made with one instead of with two receptacles or "halves" and whether or not the box or case is made of one piece or blank or has two hinged parts or its cover hinged or otherwise fixed on it.

Having now particularly described and explained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is—

1. A pocket-box or case for cigarettes and similar shaped articles, consisting of two flexibly connected half boxes or cases each containing a crimped band to receive the cigarettes or other articles, and each having at its outer end a folding flap, one flap having in juxtaposition to its base an incision or slot to receive the extremity of the other folding flap, substantially as described.

2. A pocket-box or case, consisting of two flexibly connected or jointed half boxes or cases each provided with a band having a plurality of crimps to receive the cigarettes or other articles, and a plain end portion for folding over the cigarettes or other articles lying in the crimped portion, and adapted to be secured at its extremity to the half box or case to hold or retain the cigarettes or other

articles in the crimps of the band, substantially as described.

3. A pocket-box or case for cigarettes and similar shaped articles, consisting of two flexibly connected or jointed half boxes or cases each provided with an attached band having a plurality of crimps to receive the cigarettes or similarly shaped articles, and a plain end portion constituting a continuation of the crimped portion for folding over the cigarettes or other articles lying in the crimped portion, substantially as and for the purposes described.

4. A pocket-box or case for cigarettes and similar shaped articles, consisting of two flexibly connected half boxes or cases each containing a band having a plurality of crimps, and a plain end portion forming a continuation of the crimped portion and each also having at its outer end a folding flap to cover the outer end of the contents thereof, one flap having in juxtaposition to its base means for engaging the other flap, substantially as described.

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