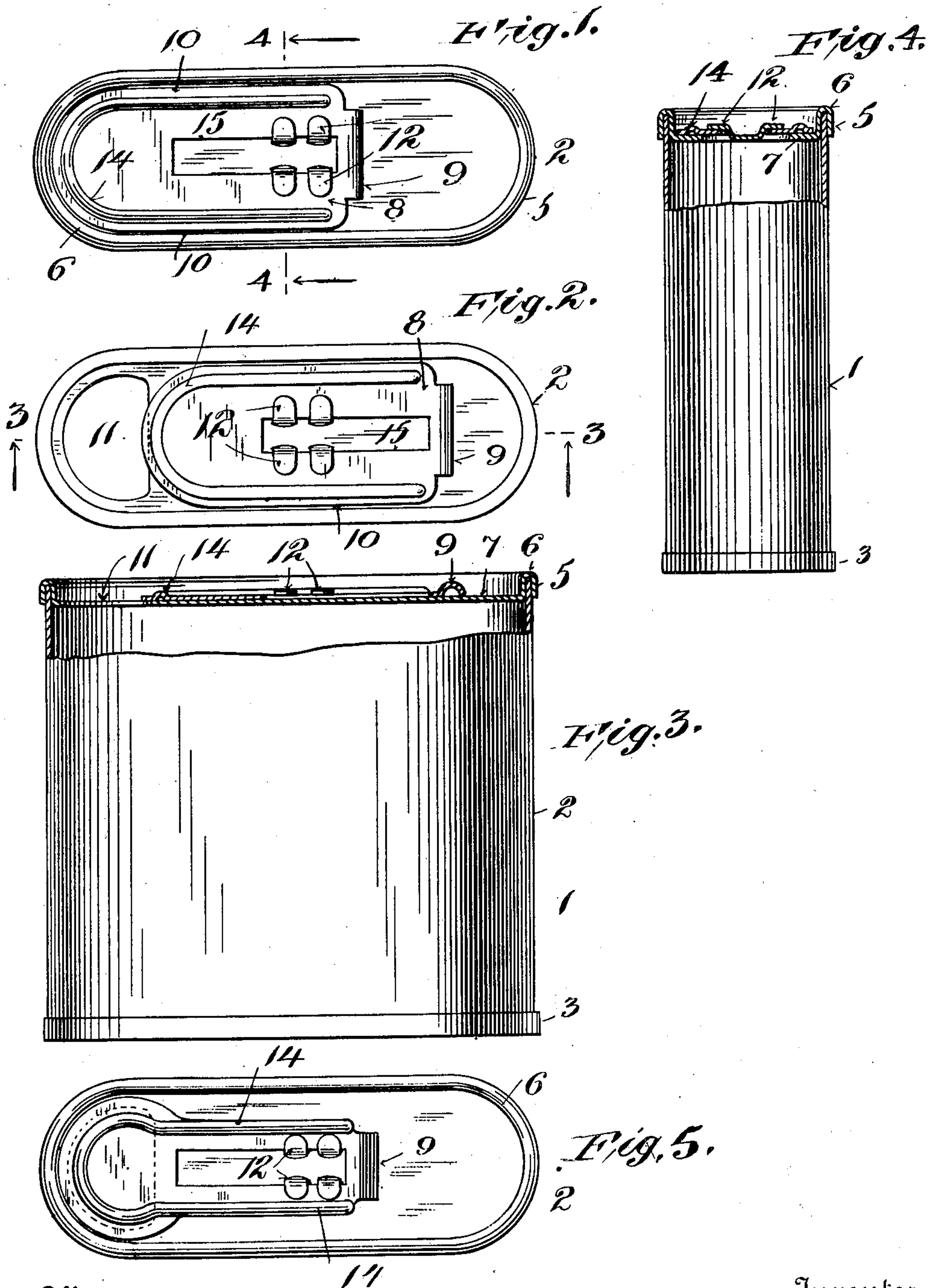


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. SURBRUG, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city and county of New York, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Packages, of which the following is a specification.

My object is to provide a proper receptacle for tobacco when it is cut fine and which will be convenient for the consumer in filling pipes, making cigarettes, and for like purposes.

It is my object to produce a package which will do away with the inconveniences of the small bags and similar packages now in use by providing a package from which any quantity may be poured while holding the package in one hand.

The details of my invention will be hereinafter set forth.

Referring to the drawings forming a part of this application, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved package with the cover closed. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same open. Fig. 3 is an elevation partly broken away and showing the cover open. Fig. 4 is an end elevation, partly in section, showing the way the cover is held in place. Fig. 5 is a plan view of a slightly-modified form of the cover.

My invention consists of a package such as is ordinarily sold to the ultimate consumer of tobacco cut fine and is conveniently made of tin, although other material may be used.

In the drawings, 1 represents the body of the package, and this is preferably provided with curved ends 2, so as to neatly set in the pocket of the user. Any suitable separate or integral bottom is provided and may be made in any desired way. A cover 7 is secured to the top of the receptacle in any desired way, my method being to overturn the edge of the cover, as shown at 6, pressing the edge 5 on the top piece and then soldering the cover to said edge, thus forming an upper flange around the top of the receptacle by reason of the top 7 being slightly depressed. For the receptacle thus formed I provide a sliding cover adapted to be moved backward and forward over an aperture in the top, thereby controlling the contents of the package, and it is my object to produce a convenient cover which may be controlled while holding the package in one hand and which will be so arranged as not to interfere with the clothing when removing the receptacle

from the pocket. For this purpose I provide a sliding cover 8, which rests on the top 7 of the package and is provided with a raised end 9, which may be engaged by the finger for sliding the cover.

In Figs. 1 to 4 the cover is made sufficiently wide to engage with and be guided by the top flange of the package along the edges 10. At one end of the top I provide an aperture 11; which is preferably semicircular, as shown, and over which the cover is adapted to pass. For securing the cover to the top I punch up from the top lugs 12, which after the cover is placed on them, the elongated aperture 13 allowing for this, are turned over in reverse directions, so as to engage with and form guides for the cover.

In Fig. 5 the cover is made narrower along the edge 13, so that it may not depend on the top flange for its guidance, as in this case it is guided by the several lugs 12. A suitable corrugation 14 may be made in the cover to add stiffness to the latter, if desired. In this manner I have provided a receptacle which is particularly adapted for containing fine tobacco, such as is used for pipes and for making cigarettes, which will keep the tobacco fresh, and which will be handy for pouring out any desired quantity while holding the receptacle in one hand and pressing the cover with the finger.

While I have designated the part 7 as the "top," it is clear that any part of the receptacle could be made to correspond to the same, whether it be the top, side, or bottom and still be within the meaning of the expression.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A tobacco-package comprising a closed oblong receptacle having a depressed top surrounded by a flange formed by the walls of the receptacle, said top being provided with an aperture near one end thereof, integral lugs punched up from said top, a cover slidably mounted on said top and fitting between the side flanges projecting above said top, said cover having a central slot through which said lugs project, said lugs being bent down so as to hold said cover in close sliding relation to said top.

2. A tobacco-package comprising a closed oblong receptacle having a depressed top surrounded by a flange formed by the walls of the receptacle, said top being provided with

an aperture near one end thereof, integral
lugs punched up from said top, a cover hav-
ing a stiffening-rib extending around the
same near the edge, said cover being slidably
5 mounted on said top and fitting between the
side flanges projecting above said top, said
cover having a central slot through which
said lugs project, said lugs being bent down

so as to hold said cover in close sliding rela-
tion to said top.

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