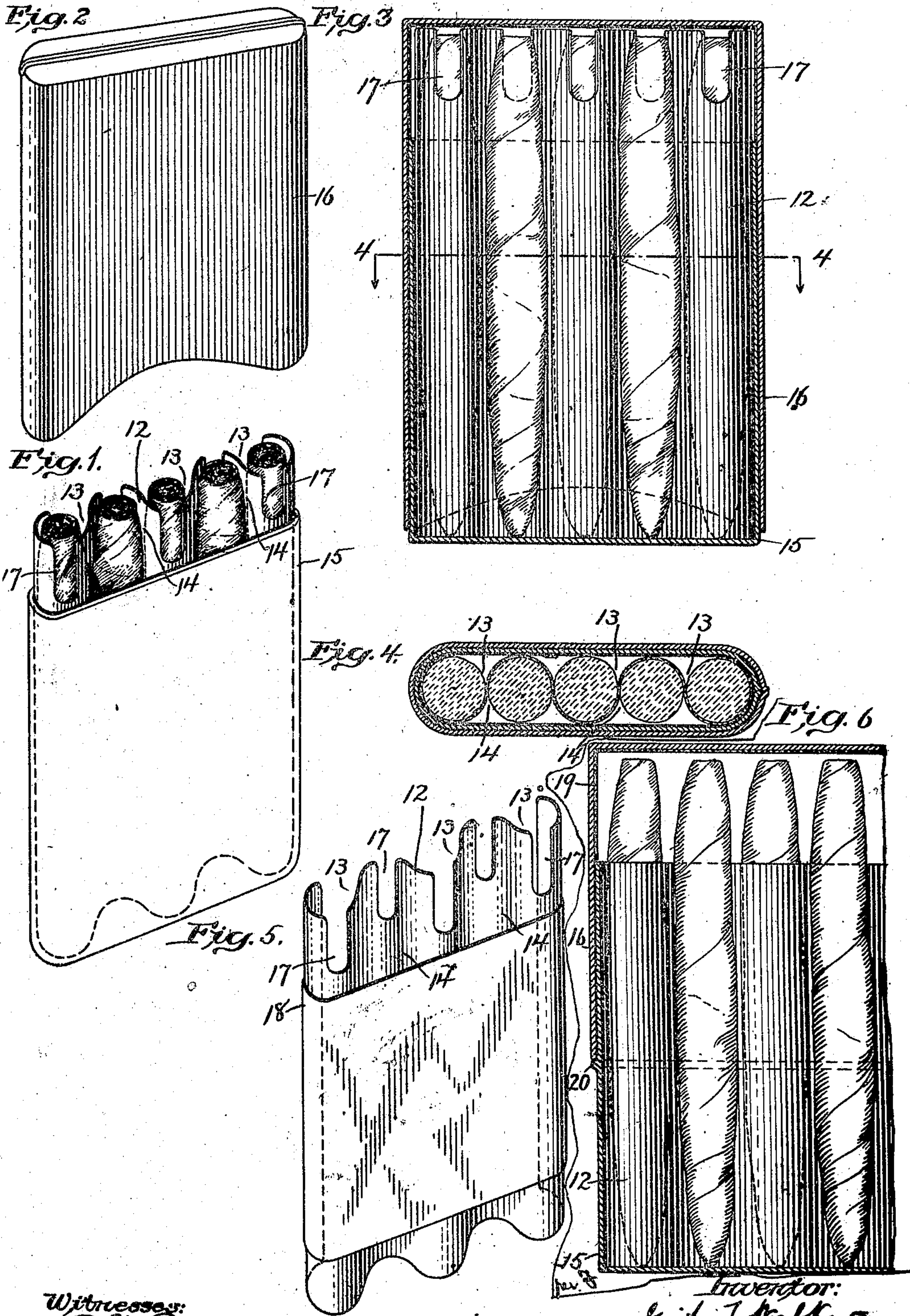


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. T. WALKER, of Swampscott, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a simple and inexpensive cigar holder adapted to be used to protect cigars when carried in a garment pocket and to be used either with or without an ordinary flexible cigar case.

The invention consists in the device substantially as hereinafter described and claimed.

Of the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification,—Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the inner or body section of a cigar case provided with a corrugated strip embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of the outer or cover section of the case shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 represents a longitudinal section of the case shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the case being closed. Fig. 4 represents a section on line 4—4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 represents a perspective view of the corrugated strip (shown in Figs. 1 and 3) removed from the case.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all the figures.

In the drawings 12 represents a plate of stiff sheet material, preferably sheet metal. The said plate is longitudinally corrugated to form two series of compartments 13 and 14, each compartment being closed at one side and open at the opposite side. The open sides of the compartments 13 alternate with the closed sides of the compartments 14 as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. Each compartment is of a depth equal to or exceeding the thickness of a cigar adapted to be placed in the compartment. In other words, a cigar placed in either of the compartments will bear one side against the closed side of the compartment, while its opposite side will be within a line drawn across the open side of the compartments from the backs of the adjacent compartments as indicated in Fig. 4. Provision is thus made for the protection of the cigars against crushing pressure, particularly when the corrugated plate is inserted in the inner member 15 of a telescopic cigar holder, having an outer member 16.

It will be seen that when the cigar holder is closed, the open sides of the compartments are bridged over by the side portions of the members 15 and 16, and that the portions of said members extending across the open sides of the compartments are prevented from being bent inwardly sufficiently to cause crushing pressure on the cigars, by the backs or closed sides of the adjacent compartments.

The length of the corrugated plate may be greater than the member 15 of the case, so that one end of the corrugated plate will project from the case as shown in Fig. 1. This projecting portion of the corrugated plate, is preferably provided with notches or recesses 17, which are formed in the backs of the compartments and permit the outer end of the cigar to be grasped between a thumb and finger, and thus easily withdrawn from the compartment, the notches or recesses 17 exposing portions of the inner side of the cigar, or that side which bears on the closed side of the compartment. If desired, a thin band 18 of suitable flexible material may be applied to the corrugated plate to prevent the compartments from opening or spreading, said band surrounding the plate and preventing any change in the form of the compartments due to the springing of the material of the plate.

I claim:—

A cigar protector, comprising a corrugated strip of stiff material adapted to be removably inserted in a pocket of flexible material, the side edge portions of the strip being rounded to hold the sides of the pocket in curved distended condition, the corrugations of the strip being of a size to provide compartments to receive cigars, said strip being notched at the end of each compartment to expose the end of the contained cigar to permit it to be grasped for withdrawal, the projecting portions which alternate with said slots or recesses serving to protect the ends of the cigars.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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