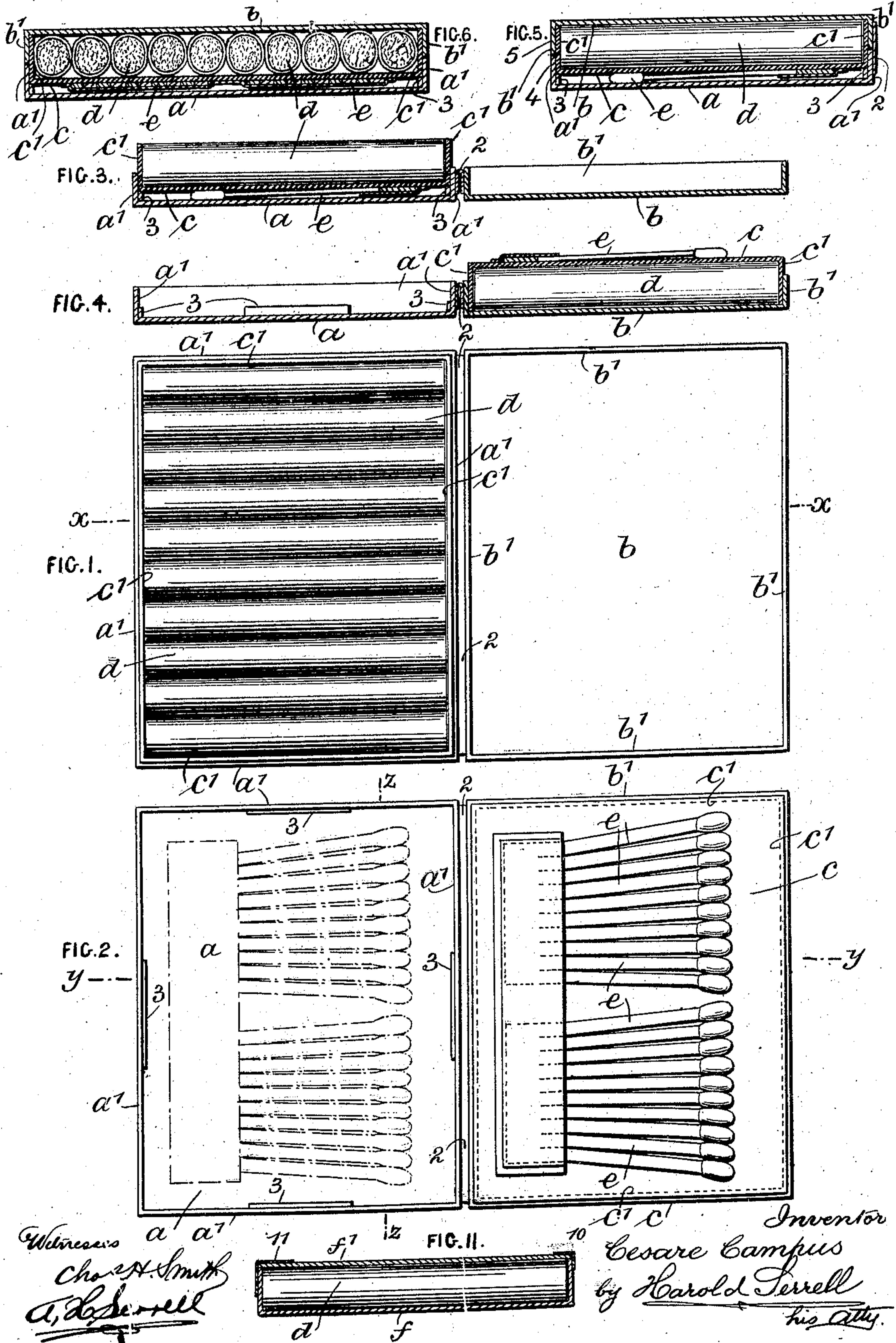


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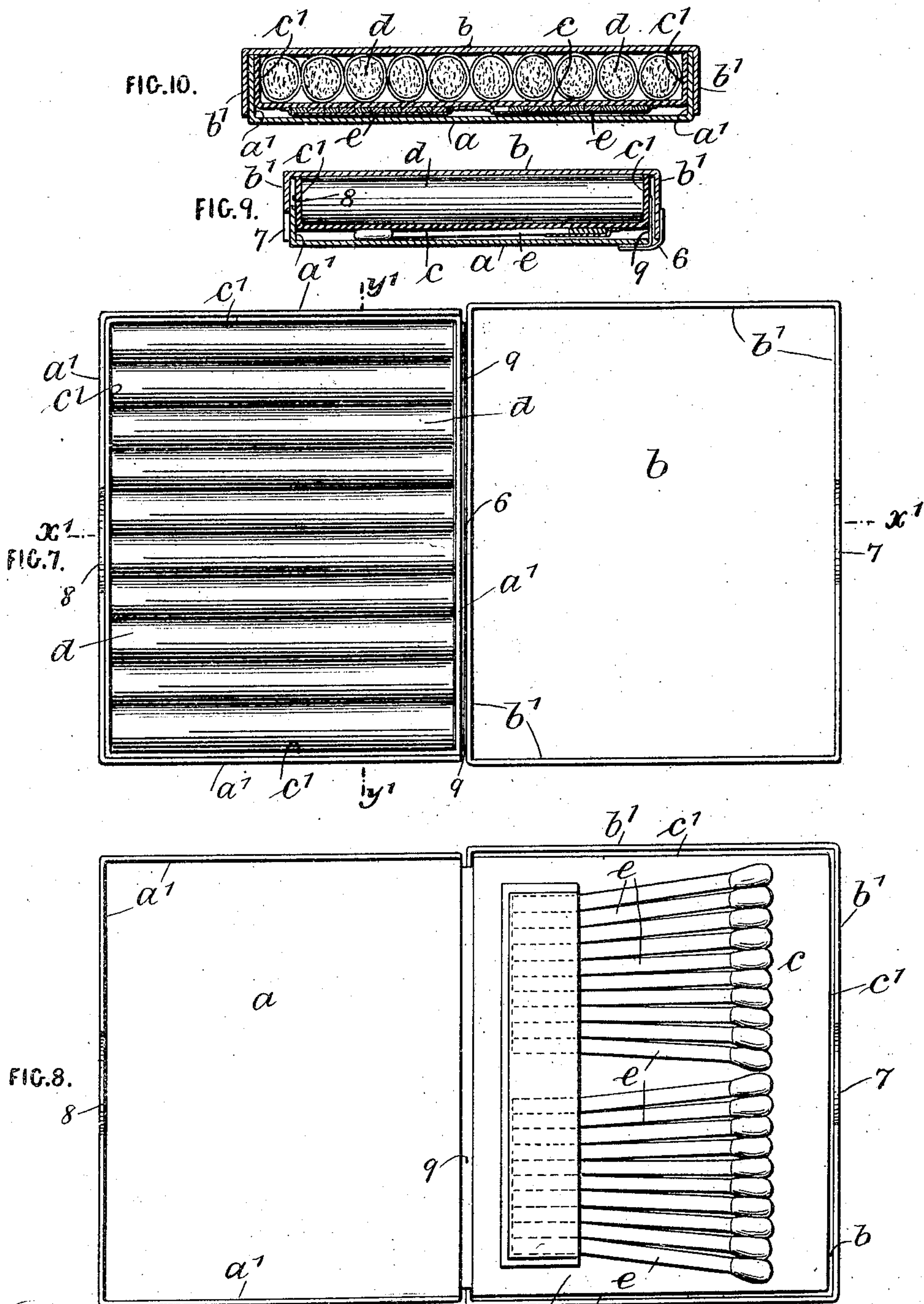


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CESARE CAMPUS, a subject of the King of Italy, residing in the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Boxes for Cigarettes, Cigars, or Tobacco, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new article of manufacture and the same is an improvement upon the device shown and described in Letters Patent of the United States, granted to me August 3, 1909, No. 930,154, with the object of simplifying the box or package for cigarettes, cigars or tobacco and reducing the cost of manufacturing the same.

In the device of my improvement I employ a body and a cover which are hinged together and which inclose an interior member adapted to hold the cigarettes, cigars or tobacco and between which inner member and the bottom of the body portion is received matches which may be separated from their holding device and be employed for lighting the cigarettes, cigars or tobacco, all of which is hereinafter more particularly described.

In the drawing, Figures 1 to 6 inclusive represent the preferred form of my invention and Figs. 7 to 10 inclusive represent the modified form of my invention.

By reference to Figs. 1 to 6 inclusive, Fig. 1 is a plan of the box or package with the cover opened and over-turned. Fig. 2 is a plan with the cover and interior member raised and over-turned. Fig. 3 is a cross section at x, x , of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a cross section at y, y , of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a cross section at the dotted line x, x , of Fig. 1, with the cover closed, and Fig. 6 is a longitudinal cross section at z, z , of Fig. 1, with the cover closed.

With reference to Figs. 7 to 10 inclusive, Fig. 7 is a plan with the cover raised and over-turned. Fig. 8 is a plan with the cover and interior member raised together and over-turned. Fig. 9 is a cross section at the dotted line x^1, x^1 , of Fig. 7, with the cover in the closed position, and Fig. 10 is a longitudinal cross section at the dotted line y^1, y^1 , of Fig. 7, with the cover closed. Fig. 11 is a cross section of a form of the interior member.

In the form of my invention shown in Figs. 1 to 6 inclusive, the body portion is

composed of the bottom a and sides a^1 and the cover is composed of the top b and sides b^1 and these parts are connected by a hinge 2 so that when closed the upper edges of the body and the lower edges of the cover come into opposition; the respective body and cover being of substantially the same dimensions throughout. In this the preferred form of my invention, the interior member is composed of the bottom c and sides c^1 adapted to fit within the body portion of the box or package and preferably to rest down upon stop strips 3 connected to the inner surface of the sides a^1 so as thereby to produce an appreciable space between the under surface of the bottom c of the interior member and the upper surface of the bottom a of the body.

d represents the contents of the interior member which as herein shown, are cigarettes, although the interior member may be equally well adapted to hold cigars or tobacco. The space produced between the bottom of the interior member and the bottom of the body is intended to receive matches. These are shown at e composed as usual of stems and ignition heads. These matches may be secured to the under surface of the interior member or to the upper surface of the bottom of the body, and the securing means may be of any well known or desired character, as the same forms no part whatever of my invention. I prefer, however, and have shown the matches as secured to the under surface of the bottom of the interior member because the same are more accessible when so secured. Figs. 2 and 4 especially show the matches as secured to the bottom of the interior member and in such position as to be perfectly accessible; the securing means being a strip pasted over the ends of the matches and to the outer surface of the bottom of the interior member. This interior member in this preferred form of my invention, fits loosely within the body and cover forming the box or package, and in opening the box or package by separating the cover and body, the interior member may be moved with either of these parts. For instance, if it is desired to simply raise the cover to give access to the cigarettes, cigars or tobacco, the thumb or finger of one hand is pressed against the edge of the body and interior member at 4. This holds the parts frictionally together so that the interior member stays with the body

when the cover is lifted. On the other hand, if it is desired to obtain access to the matches, the box or receptacle when in a closed position is held with the body in one hand and the cover in the other and pressure is applied at 5 to the edge of the cover and consequently the edge of the interior member, and when the cover is raised the interior member raises with the cover; the first of these positions being shown in Figs. 1 and 3 where the cigarettes can be removed, and the second of these positions being shown in Figs. 2 and 4, and in which the matches are uppermost to be broken off one at a time for use.

In Figs. 7 to 10 inclusive, I have employed the same letters of reference as are employed in Figs. 1 to 6 inclusive to denote similar parts. The essential differences which exist in the respective forms of my invention illustrated in Figs. 7 to 10 inclusive, over and above the preferred form in Figs. 1 to 6 inclusive, are as follows:— In the form shown in Figs. 7 to 10 inclusive, the body and the cover are each of substantially equal depth but the cover is larger than the body so that it fits down over the body. The parts are hinged together at 6, and one side, that is, the side along the hinge is removed; therefore there are only three sides to the body as will appear by special reference to Figs. 7 and 9.

The overlapping sides of the body and cover at the side opposite the hinge 6 are notched at 7 and 8. The notch 7 of the cover as will appear from Fig. 9 provides for the thumb or finger of the hand holding the body while the cover is raised, and the notch 8 of the body providing for the thumb or finger of the opposite hand engaging the side of the interior member and raising and overturning the same from the position Fig. 7 where the cigarettes are exposed, to the position Fig. 8 where the matches are exposed. This interior member is connected to the bottom of the body by a hinge 9.

In the form of my invention shown in Figs. 7 to 10 inclusive, the matches as in the preferred form shown in the other figures, may be of any desired character, secured by any preferred means either to the outer surface of the bottom of the interior member or to the inner surface of the bottom of the body, but I have shown and prefer to secure the matches to the outer surface of the bottom of the interior member because as will appear from Fig. 8; when the interior member is over-turned, the matches are more accessible.

The interior member *f* shown in Fig. 11 as a holder for cigarettes, cigars or tobacco, is provided with a thin flat pasteboard cover *f*¹ connected along one side by a hinge 10 to a side of said interior member. The nominally free edge of this cover may be fastened

down after the cigarettes, cigars or tobacco are inserted by an adhesive revenue stamp 11 as is commonly employed for sealing cigarette boxes. This package is adapted to be employed with the box comprising the body and cover shown in Figs. 1 to 6 inclusive, particularly in the hands of the user and after the user has broken the seal of the stamp 11 and torn off the cover *f*¹ at the hinge 10, the said box then completing the package ready for the pocket. In this instance it is preferable to secure the matches in the body and upon the upper surface of the bottom as shown in Fig. 2 by dotted lines.

I do not herein limit myself to the proportions of the respective parts or to the size of the box or package, as the same may be varied to suit the conditions of the contents to be placed therein.

I claim as my invention:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a combined package for cigarettes, cigars or tobacco and for matches, comprising a body portion, a cover hinged thereto and a separable interior member fitting within said package adapted to receive cigarettes, cigars or tobacco and to expose the same upon lifting the cover and to inclose matches between the interior member and the bottom of the body portion and expose the matches upon the lifting of the interior member.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a combined package for cigarettes, cigars or tobacco and for matches, comprising a body portion, a cover hinged thereto and a separable interior member fitting within said package adapted to receive cigarettes, cigars or tobacco and to expose the same upon lifting the cover, and means for securing the matches to the outer surface of the bottom of the interior member so that the matches are exposed for removal after lifting the interior member with the cover.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a combined package for cigarettes, cigars or tobacco and for matches, comprising a shallow flat box body and a shallow flat cover hinged thereto and fitting down flatwise upon the same, a separable interior member fitting within the same and adapted to receive cigarettes, cigars or tobacco and to expose the same upon lifting the cover, the relation of the interior member and the flat box body being such that there is a space between the bottom portions of the same, means for securing matches to a surface of said combined package so that the matches occupy this space and may be exposed for removal upon the lifting of the cover and the interior receptacle.

4. As a new article of manufacture, a combined package for cigarettes, cigars or tobacco and for matches, comprising a shallow flat box body and a shallow flat cover

hinged thereto and fitting down flat-wise upon the same, the said parts being of substantially the same area so that similar sides occupy the same planes, a separable interior member comprising a shallow flat box body fitting within both the aforesaid body and cover and in itself adapted to receive cigarettes, cigars or tobacco, means for preventing the said interior member fitting down in the flat box body to the bottom thereof so as thereby to provide a space for the reception of the matches, and means for securing the matches in said space to a surface of the said combined package.

5. As a new article of manufacture, a combined package for cigarettes, cigars or tobacco and for matches, comprising a shallow flat box body and a shallow flat cover hinged thereto and fitting down flat-wise upon the same, the said parts being of substantially the same area so that similar sides occupy the same planes, a separable interior member comprising a shallow flat box body fitting within both the aforesaid body and cover and in itself adapted to receive cigarettes, cigars or tobacco, means for preventing the said interior member fitting down in the flat box body to the bottom thereof

so as thereby to provide a space for the reception of the matches, and means in part comprising a strip of suitable material extending over the face of the matches and secured to the outer surface of the bottom of the interior member, whereby when the interior member is over-turned with the cover, the matches are exposed for removal.

6. As a new article of manufacture, a combined package for cigarettes, cigars or tobacco and for matches, comprising a body portion, a cover hinged thereto and a separable interior member fitting within said package, the parts being so constructed and arranged that the interior member may by the pressure of the hand be held to the body portion and the cover raised independently, or so that the interior member may be held to the cover and raised with the cover and the body be held independently.

Signed by me this 10th day of September 1909.

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