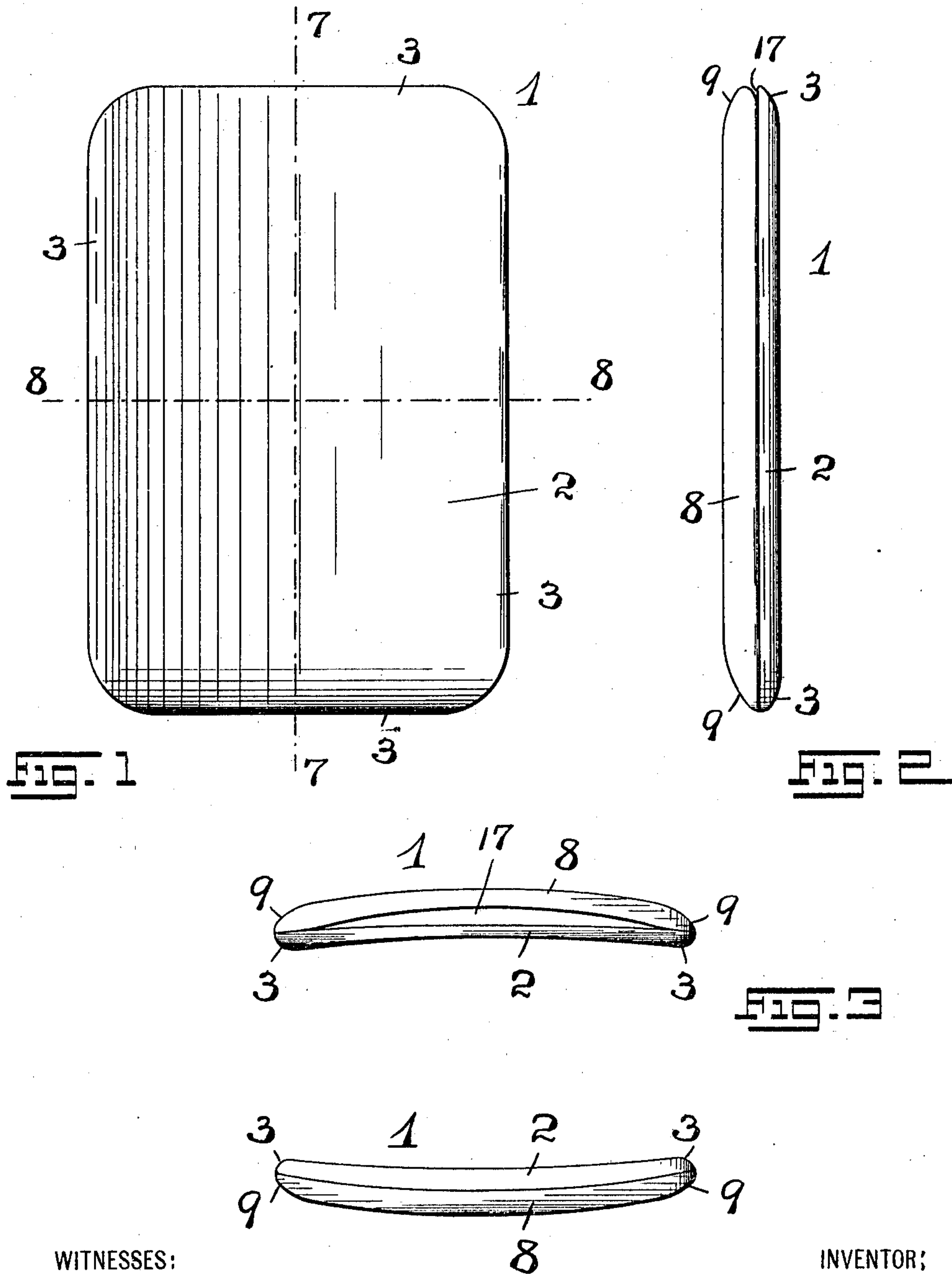


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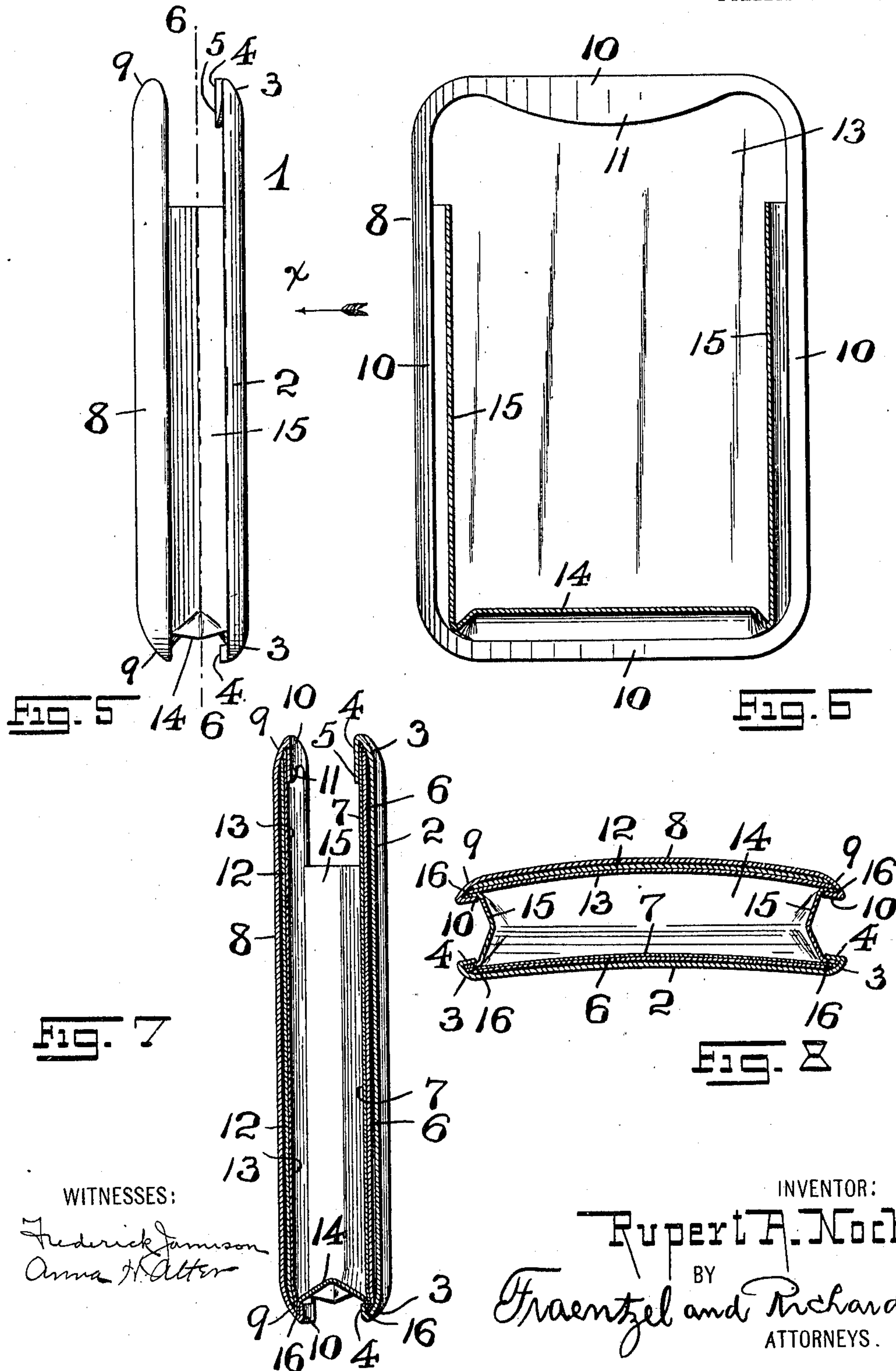
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUPERT A. NOCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cases for Cigars, Cigarettes, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The present invention has reference to improvements in cigar or cigarette cases which provide all the advantages of an all metal case, yet shall be lighter and smaller, and less bulky and incommodious to carry in the pocket.

The invention relates, more particularly, to a novel construction of pocket or other case for cigars or cigarettes, which will accommodate itself to the varying thicknesses, lengths and shapes of cigars or cigarettes, without any danger of crushing the cigars, or the like, when arranged within the case.

The principal object of the present invention, therefore, is to produce a pocket or other case for the purposes above enumerated which shall be neat in appearance and shall be of simple, strong and durable construction, at the same time, providing a case which will adapt itself to the varying sizes and thicknesses of cigars, and is so constructed that its sides will not fracture the delicate wrappers of the cigars contained in the case; and, also, that no damage to the wrappers shall result from inserting and withdrawing the cigars from the case.

The present invention, therefore, consists in a novel cigar, cigarette, or other similar case, embodying the principles hereinabove mentioned, and of a character to be more fully described in the following specification.

This invention consists, furthermore, in the novel arrangements and combinations of the various parts, as well as in the details of the construction of the same, all of which will be hereinafter more fully described in the accompanying specification, and then finally embodied in the clauses of the claims,

which are appended to and which form an essential part of this specification.

The invention is fully illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a face view of the case for cigars or cigarettes, embodying the principles of the present invention. Fig. 2 is a side edge view of the same, illustrating more particularly the case closed to its minimum thickness. Fig. 3 is a top edge view of the same, and Fig. 4 is a bottom edge view, both of said views illustrating the case closed to its minimum thickness. Fig. 5 is a side edge view of the cigar or cigarette case, illustrating the case opened to its maximum thickness. Fig. 6 is a vertical section taken on line 6—6 in said Fig. 5, and looking in the direction of the arrow *a*. Fig. 7 is a transverse section taken on line 7—7 in Fig. 1; and Fig. 8 is a horizontal cross section taken on line 8—8 in said Fig. 1.

Similar characters of reference are employed in all of the said above described views, to indicate corresponding parts.

Referring now to the said drawings, the reference character 1 indicates the complete case which consists, essentially, of a plate or shell 2 of metal or other suitable material, preferably convex in shape, having inwardly curved portions 3 and a facing or bezel 4 extending inwardly from the edges of the said curved portions 3 around the entire periphery of the said plate or shell. The said facing or bezel 4 widens along the upper edge of the plate and provides a broad facing-portion 5 against which the cigars may rest without danger of damaging the delicate wrappers thereof.

Adapted to rest against the inner surface of the plate or shell 2, is a card-board or other suitable backing 6, faced with a facing 7 of leather or other suitable material, which is secured thereto by means of cement or in any other convenient manner. This backing and its facing is held in its operative relation with the plate or shell 2 by being inserted and secured beneath the bezel or facing 4, being thereby securely held against displacement. Another shell or plate 8 also of metal, or other suitable material, and preferably concave in shape, is also provided, said plate or shell 8 being adapted to conform in a general way with plate or shell 2 when said plates or shells are placed

together. This plate 8 is also provided with inwardly curved portions 9, and a facing or bezel 10, extending inwardly from the edges of the said curved portion 9, around the entire periphery of the plate 8. The facing or bezel 10 widens along the upper edge of the said plate and thus provides a broad facing-portion 11, against which the cigars may rest when inserted in the case. Adapted to rest against the inner surface of the plate or shell 8 is another card-board or other suitable backing 12, faced with a facing 13 of leather or any other suitable material, the said facing being secured thereto by means of cement, or in any other suitable manner. This backing and its facing is held securely against displacement from its operative relation with the plate 8, by being inserted beneath the facing or bezel 10.

The plates or shells 2 and 8 are joined together by means of a collapsible or foldable element, such as a gusset of leather, or any other flexible material, the element in the present case comprising a bottom-gusset 14 which extends across the bottom edges of the said plates, and the side-gussets 15 extending up from the bottom edges of the plates to about three-fourths of the length of the side edges of said plates. The edges 16 of these gussets 14 and 15 are cemented or otherwise secured to the respective backings 6 and 12, and their respective facings 7 and 13; and, furthermore, extend beneath the facings or bezels 4 and 10 of the said plates, to more securely hold the same. The upper edges of the two plates or shells 2 and 8 recede slightly from the point of contact, to form an opening 17. This opening is preferable, but not an absolute necessity, to prevent any undue pressure, and thereby preventing the case from fracturing the wrappers of the cigars, when the ends of the cigars protrude; for, it will be clearly evident that many cigars are so long that they will necessarily protrude from the upper end of the case.

It will be understood, that the plates or shells 2 and 8 may be made with any surface configuration or design that may be desired;

and, also, that the shape of the case may be changed without departing from the scope of the present invention.

From the above description it will be understood, that the invention provides a novel cigar case which is simple and durable in construction and adjustable to the many sizes and styles of cigars on the market. Furthermore, when the case is empty it collapses to the thickness of the two metal plates, and in this condition is insignificant in thickness, and unobtrusive in the pocket.

I claim:—

1. As an article of manufacture, a case for cigars and the like, comprising a pair of metallic plates, one of said plates having an outer convex face, and the other plate having an outer concave face, said plates being formed with inwardly extending bezels adapted to rest upon each other when the case is closed, and said plates being formed in a portion of their edges with receding parts forming an opening when the said plates are closed, and means for separably connecting said plates, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. As an article of manufacture, a case for cigars and the like, comprising a pair of metallic plates, one of said plates having an outer convex face, and the other plate having an outer concave face, said plates being formed with inwardly extending bezels adapted to rest upon each other when the case is closed, and said plates being formed in a portion of their edges with receding parts forming an opening when the said plates are closed, and a flexible gusset arranged between and connected with the marginal edge-portions on three sides of each plate, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony, that I claim the invention set forth above I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of November, 1906.

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