To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS A. STANDEVEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the county of Baltimore, and the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Compartment-Boxes for Smokers; 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.

This invention relates to combination boxes for smokers and has for its object to provide a receptacle of this character which will be simple in construction, pleasing in appearance, and less costly to manufacture than those hitherto proposed.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel details of construction and combinations of parts more fully hereinafter disclosed and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification in which like numerals designate like parts in all the views:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a box made in accordance with this invention;
Fig. 2 is a fragmentary plan view of the box illustrated in Fig. 1, the lid being shown in an open position;
Fig. 3 is a cross sectional view taken on the line 3–3 of Fig. 2, looking in the direction of the arrows;
Fig. 4 is a fragmentary detail perspective view of the tobacco feeding opening and its closure, as seen from the interior of the box; and
Fig. 5 is a diagrammatic elevational view partly in section showing the device in use when filling a pipe.

Indicates the body or main portion of the receptacle having the walls 2, 3, 4 and 5, forming a compartment adapted to contain tobacco. The wall 3 is provided with a roughened portion 6 to furnish a strikesurface for matches, while the wall 4 is provided with an opening 7 for the discharge of the tobacco as will presently appear. The said opening 7 is controlled by the slidable closure 8 fitted on the inner side of the wall 4 and adapted to be actuated by the button 9, see Figs. 1 and 4 of the drawing.

The wall 4 is cut away as at 10 to accommodate the spring catch or other fastening means 11, which is adapted to be actuated by the thumb piece 12.

Hinged to the body 1, as at 13, is the tray 14 to which in turn is hinged as at 15 the top or lid 16. The tray 14 is provided with a partition 17 dividing it into two compartments 18 and 19 adapted to receive respectively matches such as 20, and cigarette papers such as 21. The said tray 14 is also provided with a lug 22 adapted to be engaged by the catch 11 of the body portion 1, and the said tray is further provided with a similar catch 23 adapted to engage a lug 24, on the lid 16, whereby the several parts may be securely locked together when closed.

In order that the cigarette papers such as 21 may be securely held within their compartment 19, there is provided in said compartment a tongue 25 pivoted as at 26 to a bracket 27 secured to one wall of the tray 14, the said tongue being controlled by a coil spring 28 as shown. If the papers are in loose condition they may be inserted beneath the said spring controlled tongue 26 which will then securely hold them in place while at the same time permitting them to be readily removed as necessary. If the papers be in book form, the rear cover only of the book is slipped under the tongue thus permitting the front cover to be raised and the papers extracted as desired.

The sliding closure 8, as best shown in Fig. 4, may be beveled or sharpened as at 30, and thereby adapted for use as a cigar cutter, as will be readily understood. This said closure 8 is also adapted to regulate the size of the opening through which the tobacco is poured, and to thereby adapt the device for use with both fine and coarse tobaccos. That is to say, when coarse cut tobacco is employed the opening would necessarily have to be larger than when fine cut is used.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a compartment receptacle which will be of use to any smoker, whether he prefer the pipe, cigar or cigarette. For the pipe user the invention provides a combined match and tobacco receptacle which latter is provided with means for facilitating the filling of the pipe expeditiously with either fine or coarse tobacco, and with the least possible waste. For the cigarette smoker all of the materials necessary for the rolling of his own cigarettes are brought together in a single comparatively small receptacle, so that is...
is no longer necessary for him to search in one pocket for tobacco, in another for papers and in still another for a match. By the manipulation of the sharpened slide 8 the user of a good cigar may cleanly cut the tip therefrom whereupon a match may be readily found in the compartment 18 and ignited on the roughened surface 6.

It is obvious that those skilled in the art may vary the details of construction as well as the arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention, and therefore, I do not wish to be limited to the above disclosures except as may be required by the claims.

What I claim is—

1. In an article of the class described the combination of a body portion comprising a compartment and provided in one of its walls with an elongated opening; a slide member provided with a beveled edge coacting with said opening to regulate the size thereof; a tray pivotally connected to said body portion and provided with a partition forming a plurality of compartments therein; means comprising a spring controlled tongue in one of said tray compartments for holding cigarette papers in a readily removable manner; a lid pivotally secured to said tray; and means for securing said lid, tray and body portion together, substantially as described.

2. In an article of the class described the combination of a body portion comprising a compartment and provided in one of its walls with an elongated opening and on another of its walls with a roughened surface; a slide member provided with a beveled edge coacting with said opening to regulate the size thereof and to sever the tips from cigars; a tray pivotally connected to said body portion and provided with a partition forming a plurality of compartments therein; means comprising a spring controlled tongue in one of said tray compartments for holding cigarette papers in a readily removable manner; a lug carried by said tray adapted to coact with the catch carried by said body portion; a second catch carried by said tray; a lid pivotally secured to said tray; and means for securing said lid, tray and body portion together, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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