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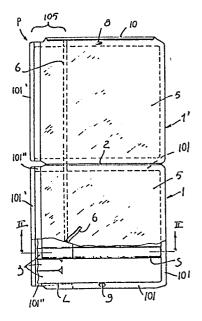
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Package for cigarettes, cigars and similar articles, and method of manufacturing same.

The cigarettes (S) are introduced into shells (1) of plastics material, made by a thermoforming process from a continuous sheet. The shells are so shaped as to be provided with seats (13), whereby the cigarettes will remain positioned properly within said shells, both while being packaged and while being used. The cigarettes are deposited into said shells, and thereafter a continuous sheet (S) of aluminium material is heat-sealed on the peripheral edges of the shells. A pull tape (6) is positioned longitudinally under said covering sheet. By a blanking operation, the closed shells containing the cigarettes are then severed from the continuous sheets from which they have been made. The edge (101') of the shell adjacent to one row of cigarette ends is lower that the other edges (101) and may be even co-planar with the bottom of said shell. The edges that are adjacent to said lower edge merge therewith through inclined portions (101"). By removing the portion of covering sheet (5) at said lower edge (101'), the cigarettes can be easily withdrawn unharmed from said shell.





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