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CIGAR MOISTENER.

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Fig. 1.

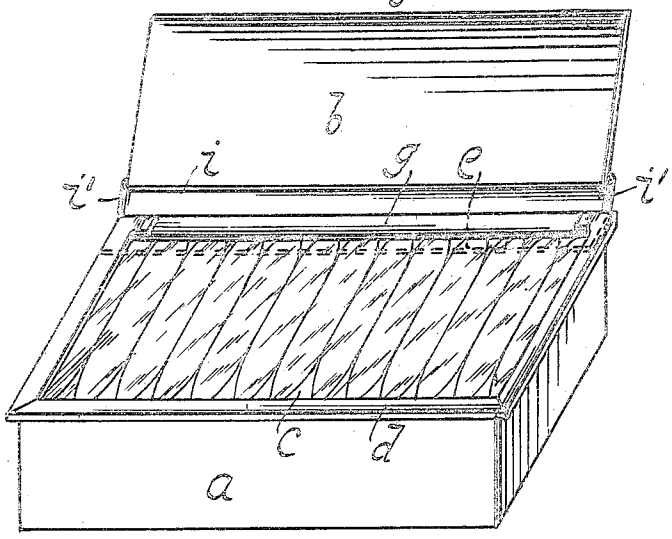


Fig. 2.

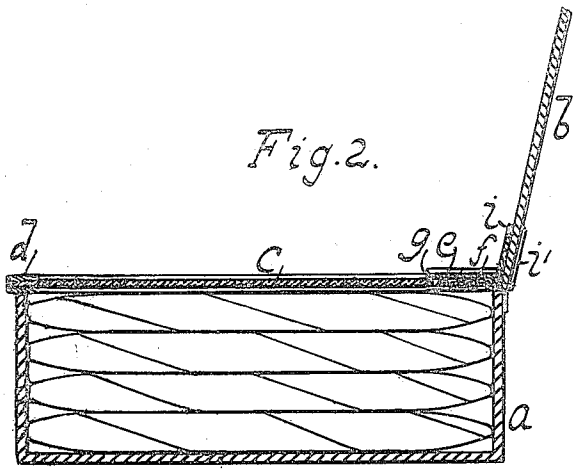


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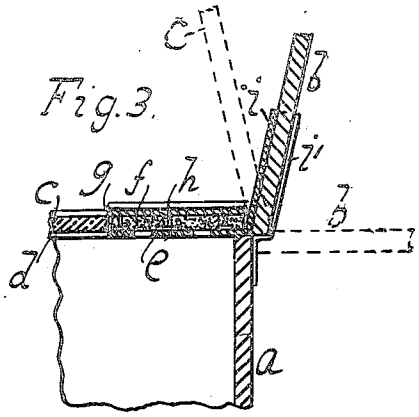
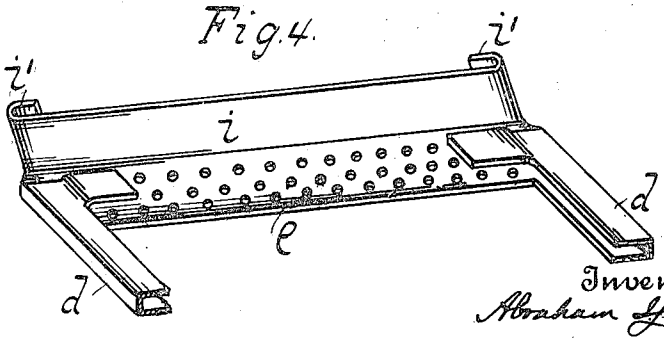


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM I. LEWIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, county of Essex, State of New Jersey, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Moisteners, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a cigar moistener which is essentially adapted for attachment to an original box of cigars and placed on a dealer's show case or shelf for exhibition and use for a customer.

The main object of the invention is to provide an ordinary box of cigars after the same has been opened with a device for keeping the cigars fresh and moist.

The device comprehends means such as a transparent cover arranged to rest on to the box whereby the contents thereof can be seen. The moistening devices are carried by the transparent cover and communicate with the interior of the box.

The invention is more fully described in the following specification and claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a device embodying this invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same. Fig. 3 is a section like Fig. 2 on a larger scale. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the frame and clasp showing the glass and absorbent pad removed.

In this drawing the letter *a* designates a cigar box which is adapted to hold the ordinary number of cigars and is provided with the customary lid *b* hinged to the box.

The moistening devices for the cigars consists of a transparent cover *c* such as glass, celluloid or other material. This cover normally rests on the top of the box when the lid *b* is in the position shown in Fig. 1.

The transparent cover is mounted in a metal frame *d* extending along the front and sides of the box. The rear portion of this frame is provided with a perforated shelf *e* having arranged thereon a moistening device *f* consisting of a pad of absorbent material. A cover *g* is positioned over the absorbent pad so as to prevent evaporation of the moisture in the pad. The shelf *e* as shown in the drawing is flat but it will be understood that it could be curved in order to give a larger receptacle for the pad. The cover *g* can be provided with devices *h* as indicated in Fig. 3 for securing the pad to the cover so that when the cover is removed the pad will remain secured to the cover and disintegration of the pad is avoided. The frame *d* carries a clasp *i* for engagement with the lid *b* of the box. The clasp forms a continuation of the shelf *e* and it is attached to the cover by sliding the clasp down the lid while the hook end *i'* engages the edges of the lid.

It will be seen that the transparent pane firmly rests on top of the box in order to effectively prevent the air from entering the box. The absorbent pad is arranged in a line with the inner edge of the transparent pane as indicated in Fig. 3 and it is held in place by the engagement of the end portions of the cover *g* with projecting portions of the frame *d*. The frame *d* in connection with the clasp holds the lid *b* of the box in a fixed position as shown in Fig. 2, but when it is desired to get at the contents of the box the lid is swung downwardly as indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 3 and the frame *d* will be raised to give access to the interior of the box. In order to construct the article as cheap as possible the clasp and the frame *d* may be stamped out of one sheet of metal and shaped to the form shown.

The moistening pad when in position distributes its moisture through the medium of the perforations in the shelf directly into the box thus keeping the cigars fresh and fragrant until sold.

The moistening pad may be arranged in any position in relation to the frame *d* for example it could be mounted between the clasp *i* and the lid *b* of the box. The pad *f* can also be of any shape for instance circular and mounted on the shelf or support in the same way.

I claim:

1. An attachment for cigar boxes comprising a frame adapted to seat on a cigar box and provided with means for holding a transparent cover over said box, and with means for carrying a moistener pad to condition the contents of the box.

2. In a cigar moistener adapted for use with a box of cigars, a frame adapted to seat on a cigar box, a transparent member in the frame adapted to cover a portion of said box, and a moistening device carried by said frame and adapted to cover the remaining portion of said box, said moistening device being adapted to communicate with the cigars.

3. In a cigar moistener adapted for use with a box of cigars, comprising a frame, a clasp secured to the frame for attachment to the lid of the box, a transparent cover carried by said frame, and means attached to said frame for supporting a moistener to condition the contents of said box.

4. In a cigar moistener for use with a box of cigars, comprising a frame adapted to carry a transparent member to cover a portion of said box, a clasp secured to said frame for attachment to the lid of the box, a perforated shelf carried by the frame adjacent the clasp adapted to cover the remaining portion of the box, and a moistening device arranged on the shelf.

5. In a cigar moistener adapted for use with a box of cigars, a frame, a transparent cover mounted therein, a perforated shelf carried by said frame, a moistening pad arranged on said shelf, a cover carried by said frame and positioned over said moistening pad, and a clasp carried by the frame for engagement with the lid of the box.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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