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CIGAR CHEST.
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FIG-1.

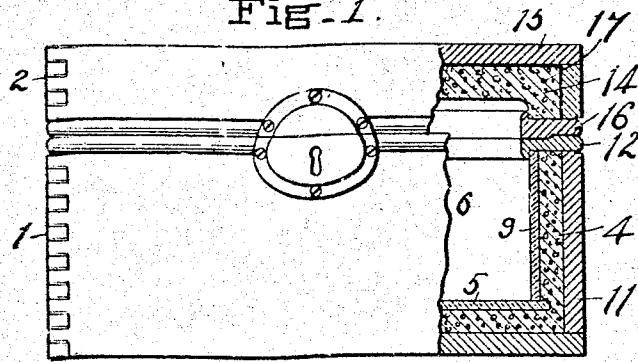


FIG-2.

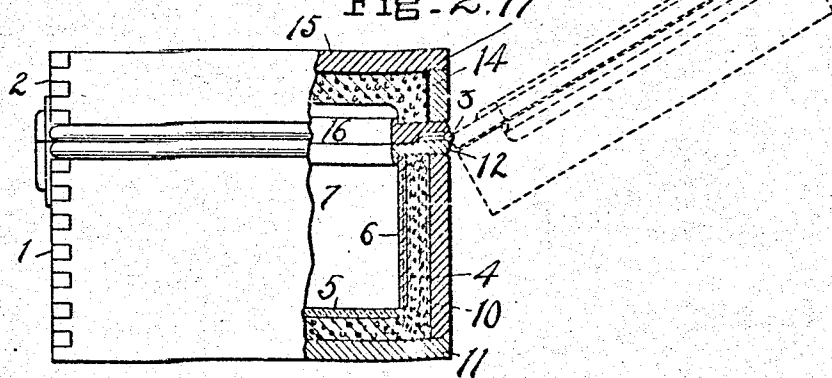
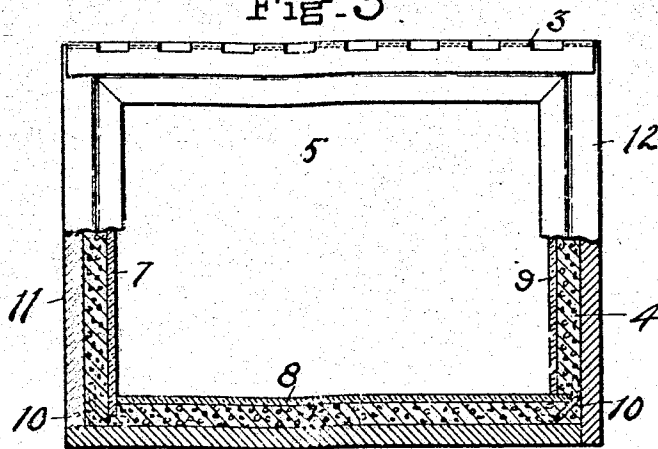


FIG-3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALLSTON SARGENT, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Chests, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates particularly to a chest for keeping cigars in proper condition as to temperature and moisture.

My former application #44,978 filed May 25, 1908 shows and claims broadly the type of construction herein set forth.

It is my present object to improve the details of my former construction and to make it stronger and more durable, efficient and sanitary. I accomplish these objects preferably in the manner hereinafter set forth and illustrated in the accompanying single sheet of drawings.

Figure 1, is a front view and partial section of one form of cigar chest embodying my invention. Fig. 2, is an end view and partial section of the same and showing the cover dotted in open position. Fig. 3, is a plan view of the lower part of the same in process of construction.

I wish it distinctly understood that I do not consider the invention as limited to the particular shape and design herein shown and described.

The chest consists of two parts the lower part or box proper 1, and the upper part or cover 2. These may be hinged if desired as at 3. Preferably each part 1 and 2 has a body of cementitious material such as plaster of paris and an insulating material such as ground cork mixed together and cast in a single seamless piece.

The body 4 of the box part is lined with sheets or plates of glass or porcelain such as 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. The floor 5 projects beyond the walls 6, 7, 8 and 9 and each wall at one end projects beyond the adjacent wall and into the body. This anchors the floor plate and the walls to the body so that there is no danger of their working loose. The wall plates cannot tip over or swing inward. This method of construction is inexpensive and effective. To strengthen the body 4, I prefer to employ a reinforcement such as the wires 10, 10 which may be inserted in the body when it is being cast in the mold. These wires strengthen the corners and enable me to make the body comparatively thin and yet strong enough to stand all ordi-

nary wear. For appearances and durability I inclose the body 4 in a shell 11 of wood or other suitable material. The rim is protected by a strip 12, which also assists in preventing displacement of the side walls 6, 7, 8 and 9.

The body 14 of the cover part is hollowed out and left exposed on the interior. Water can then be readily thrown in the cover when it is open as shown dotted in Fig. 2. The composition being highly absorptive takes up all the water almost instantly. The cover body is incased by a shell 15 and has a rim 16 around the edge similar to the box body. To prevent the moisture in the body 14 from penetrating to the shell 15 I provide a layer of material impervious to moisture between the body and the shell as for instance a coating of paraffin applied directly upon the outer surface of the body or the inner surface of the shell, but preferably the former. This layer of impervious material is indicated by the heavy line 17 in Figs. 1 and 2. This preserves the shell and retains all the moisture in the chest. A similar layer of impervious material may be used between the body 4 and the shell 11 if desired. When the cigar chest is in use the cover gives off moisture at a rate just sufficient to keep the cigars in proper condition and maintain an even cool temperature.

What I claim is:—

1. A cigar chest comprising a box portion, a cover portion fitted to the box portion and consisting of a shell, a hard absorptive lining in the shell of the cover portion and extending over the box portion, a layer of substance impervious to moisture arranged between said absorptive lining and the adjacent face of the shell of the cover portion, and a protecting rim 16 secured around the edge of the shell and lining of the cover portion.

2. A cigar chest comprising a box portion having a cementitious body, glass-like plates lining said box portion and having some of their edges projecting into the body for anchorage and a cover portion having a body of hard absorptive material and an external coating therefor.

3. A cigar chest comprising a box portion having a cementitious body, a glass-like lining therefor, reinforcement embedded in the corners of said body and a closure for said box portion having an absorptive body.

4. A cigar chest body comprised of a ce-

mentitious material and glass-like plates forming a lining therefor and having some of their edges overlapping the edges of the adjacent plates and projecting into said composition.

5 5. A cigar chest body comprised of a cementitious material and glass-like plates forming a lining therefor and having some of their edges overlapping the edges of the adjacent plates and projecting into said composition and reinforcing devices embedded in the material adjacent the corners.

10 6. A cigar chest comprising a box portion open at the top, a cover portion hinged to one edge thereof and arranged to be raised and turned backwardly, an impervious lining for the box portion, a hard absorptive lining for the cover portion and a rim 16 surrounding and holding in place the edges of the cover lining.

20 7. A cigar chest comprising a box portion open at the top, a cover portion hinged thereto and arranged to be raised and turned backwardly, a glass-like lining for the box

portion spaced apart therefrom, insulating material arranged between the box and its lining, a rim 12 covering the edges of the insulating material and lining and holding the latter in place and an absorptive lining for the cover portion.

30 8. A cigar chest comprising a box portion open at the top, a cover portion hinged thereto at one edge and arranged to be raised and turned backwardly and a hard absorptive lining in said cover portion hollowed out to form a recess for receiving water when the cover portion is turned backwardly.

9. A cigar chest comprising a box portion, separate sheets of transparent glass forming a lining therein, a white insulating substance arranged between said lining and said box portion and a cover portion for said box portion having an absorptive lining.

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