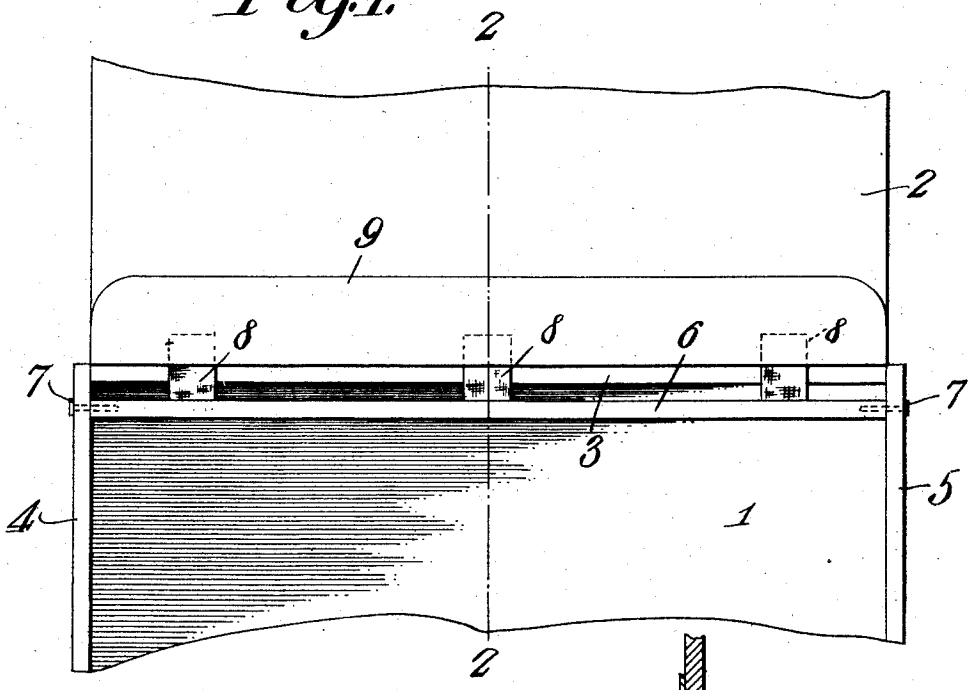
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Fig. 1.



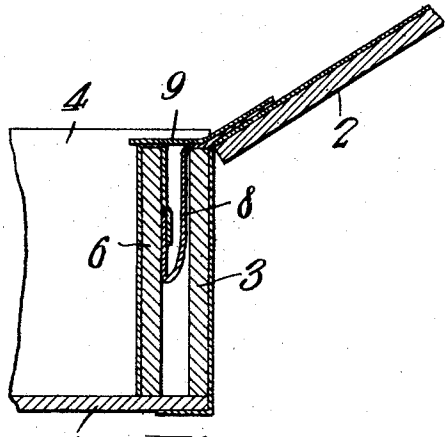


Fig. 2.

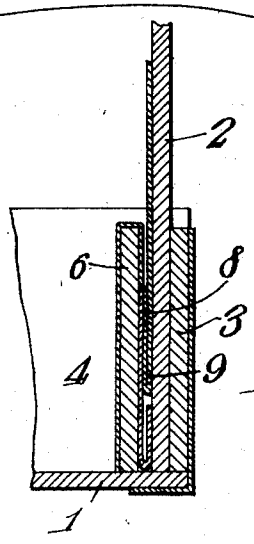


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. FARRELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Johnstown, in the county of Fulton and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Cigar-Box and Lid, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to attachments for boxes, and particularly to those in which cigars and tobacco are packed.

It has for its object to employ a means whereby the cover may be detached from its main hinge and still be retained by an auxiliary or second hinge.

It is well known that the lid or cover of most cigar boxes now in use occupies a space equal to the width of the box when the latter is open for display in a show-case or window, or, in other words, a cigar box open for display purposes occupies approximately twice the space it does when closed. Since the space in most show compartments is more or less limited, it frequently happens that dealers are unable to display the entire variety of cigars and the like carried by them.

The present invention aims to remedy this defect by employing a means which will permit the cover to be detached from the main hinge and still be attached to the box, and while so attached to be securely folded within the box.

With these and other objects in view, as will more fully hereinafter appear, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, it being understood that various changes in the form, proportions, size and minor details of the structure may be made without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a plan view of the invention showing the position of the parts with the lid or cover raised and attached to the main hinge. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, showing the second or auxiliary hinge. Fig. 3, is a similar view showing the position of the parts after the lid or cover has been detached from the main hinge and inserted in the box.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts throughout the several figures of the drawings.

In the present instance a cigar box of the ordinary type is shown having a rectangular base board 1 from the sides of which rise the front, rear and side walls. The cover 2 is of sufficient length and width to completely cover the space formed by the four walls and is hinged to the rear wall 3 in a well known manner.

Interposed between the side walls 4 and 5 on the interior of the box and adjacent the rear wall 3 is a partition or inner wall 6 of a length sufficient to extend the length of the interior of the box, and is terminally secured to the side walls 4 and 5 in any desired manner, such as by nails 7. The compartment formed by the inner wall or partition and the rear wall 3 is of slightly greater width than the thickness of the lid 2 for a purpose to be presently disclosed. The flexible strap hinges 8, preferably formed of textile material, have one end secured to the inner face of the partition 6 in any desired manner, and in the present instance are shown as being secured to the partition by means of a paper covering with which the outer face of the partition is covered, its free end extending over and down into the compartment formed by the partition and rear wall, and overlapping one end of the straps 8, the opposite ends of which are secured in a similar manner to the inner face of the cover 2. These straps form what will be known as a second or auxiliary hinge, and the manner of securing their ends to the box and cover leaves a considerable slack portion in the compartition, so that when the cover is detached from the main hinge, it will be possible on account of the slack of the auxiliary hinge to bring the lower edge of the cover over the opening of the compartment and insert it therein, the slack of the auxiliary hinges being sufficient to permit the cover to extend to the bottom of the compartment.

With this construction it is obvious that the cover can be inserted in the compartment while attached to the box, thereby greatly reducing the area the box and lid would cover with the latter thrown backward on the main hinge.

The present construction also presents a grip by which the box may be lifted from a

window or show-case in order that a customer may select a cigar or other article contained in the box.

An apron 9, preferably formed of a rectangular sheet of paper, and of the approximate length of the box, has one side secured to the lid or cover 2 at its lower end, and directly overlies the strap hinges 8 and serves to further secure the latter to the cover.

The free end of the apron is adapted to lie across the space of the compartment formed by the rear wall and partition, and to project therebeyond. Thus, when the box is originally opened, the apron will cover the opening and should it be desired not to detach the cover from the main hinge, the apron will by covering the space between the wall and the partition, add to the appearance of the box.

In the use of the device, the ordinary muslin main hinge is severed and since the lid will be attached to the box, the revenue law which, among other things, states "the covers of cigar boxes shall be attached in some manner to the box so long as the contents are offered for sale", will not be violated. The cover is then inserted in the compartment and the box and contents ready for display.

If so desired, the inner wall and partition 6 may be provided with perforations, and water soaked sponges be inserted in the compartment. Thus, when the cover is retained on the main hinge, the device will act as a humidor. This will be found advantageous to those who procure cigars by the box, since it will at all times preserve the contents of the box in a moist condition.

What is claimed is:—

1. The combination with a receptacle and cover, of a partition within the receptacle forming a compartment with the rear wall thereof, and a flexible apron carried by the cover adapted to seal the compartment.

2. A receptacle having a cover and partition therein forming a compartment with the rear wall of said receptacle for the reception of said cover, a main hinge and an auxiliary hinge member secured to the cover and partition and adapted to keep the two connected when the cover is in the compartment.

3. A receptacle and cover connected by a main hinge, a partition firmly secured to the sides of the receptacle and forming a compartment for the reception of the cover when detached from the main hinge, flexible auxiliary hinge members secured to the cover and partition and adapted to maintain the connection between the cover and receptacle when the cover is detached from the main hinge and inserted in the compartment.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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