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CIGAR BOX.

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Fig 1

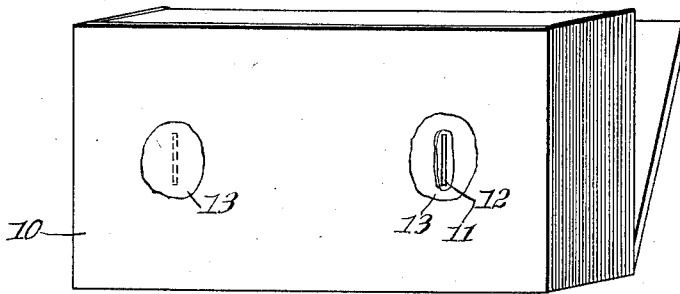


Fig 2

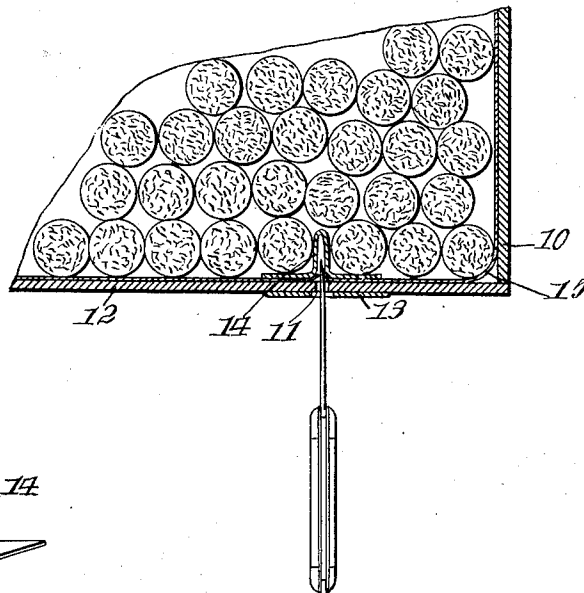
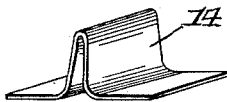


Fig 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES M. CONCANNON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Richmond, in the county of Contra Costa and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

An object of the invention is to provide a cigar box adapted to contain cigars held together by a band and in which the securing band can be severed without disturbing the position of the cigars in the box.

To accomplish the desired result, use is made of a box having slits provided in the under side thereof, the said slits extending in a direction transverse to the usual band provided to secure the cigars in a compact manner, a guard inserted between the cigars adjacent the said slits and beneath the said band and seals for normal disposal over the said slits so that when it is desired to sever the bands uniting the cigars, a knife is projected through the said slits thus tearing the said seals, and the band can then be severed, the said guard acting as a packing to prevent injury to the cigars.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings constituting a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the under side of my cigar box. Fig. 2 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view through the box, a knife being extended through one of the slits therein to disclose the manner of severing the band. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the guard.

In packing cigars in boxes a procedure oftentimes followed is to wrap a band or ribbon around a quantity of cigars to unit the same and the cigars are then positioned in the box, the point of connection of the ends of the band being usually at the bottom so that the band will present a neat appearance when the lid of the box is opened. Thus when it is desired to remove a cigar from the box it is first necessary to cut the band and in doing this the cigars are very often seriously damaged.

To guard against any damage to the cigars when the band is cut I have provided a cigar box which in connection with guards positioned to prevent injury to the cigars,

enable the user to sever the band without in any manner destroying any of the cigars.

Referring more particularly to the Figures I provide a box 10 of the usual construction and having a plurality of spaced slits 11 in the under side 12 thereof, the said slits extending transversely to the under side of the box. Normally positioned over the said slits to cover the same are frangible seals 13, preferably made of a waxed or paraffined material. A guard 14 is positioned between a plurality of cigars in the box 10, one of the guards being disposed oppositely to the slits 11, with the usual band 15 for uniting the cigars, being extended between the under side of the box and the mentioned guard, the said band being adapted to pass over the inner end of the slit 11.

The guard 14 is so constructed that when the same is placed within the box and the cigars are packed around the guard, the arrangement of the cigars in the box will retain the guard in rigid position. The guard 14 is preferably made of an integral piece of material 14^a bent to form a loop 14^b, to provide a slot 14^c, the ends of the said piece of material being bent to form flanges 14^d which repose upon the bottom of the box, the cigars adjacent the guard being arranged to repose upon the flanges 14^d as shown in Fig. 2, a knife when inserted in the slit 11 being adapted to be received in the slot 14^c.

When it is desired to sever the band so that the cigars can be independently and easily removed from the top of the box in the usual manner, a knife blade is provided to break the seals 13 and the knife blade is then extended through one of the slits 11 to cut the band or ribbon 15, the guard 14 being provided to protect the cigars at this point from being injured by the end of the knife blade.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that an efficient device is provided whereby the band uniting the cigars can be easily and quickly severed so that individual cigars can be removed from the box and without in any manner injuring the wrappers of the cigars.

Having thus fully described the invention, what I claim as new, is:—

1. In combination with a cigar box adapted to contain cigars united by a band;

a guard mounted in the said box adjacent to an opening therein, the said band being positioned between the said guard and the said opening.

5 2. In combination with a cigar box adapted to contain cigars united by a band, a guard mounted in the said box adjacent to an opening therein, the said band being positioned between the said guard and the
10 said opening and means engaging with the under side of the box to close the opening therein.

3. In combination with a cigar box adapted to contain cigars united by a band,
15 a guard mounted in the said box adjacent to an opening therein, the said band being positioned between the said guard and the said opening and a frangible seal secured to the under side of the box to close the
20 said opening.

4. In combination with a cigar box provided with a slit normally closed by a frangible seal, the said box being adapted to contain cigars united by a band, a guard mounted in the said box adjacent the said
25 opening, with the said band arranged to pass between the said opening and the said guard.

5. In a box provided with an opening and adapted to contain articles united by a
30 severable band, protecting means mounted adjacent the said opening and between the said articles and the said band.

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

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