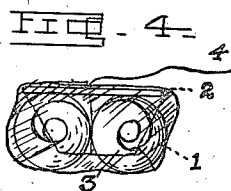
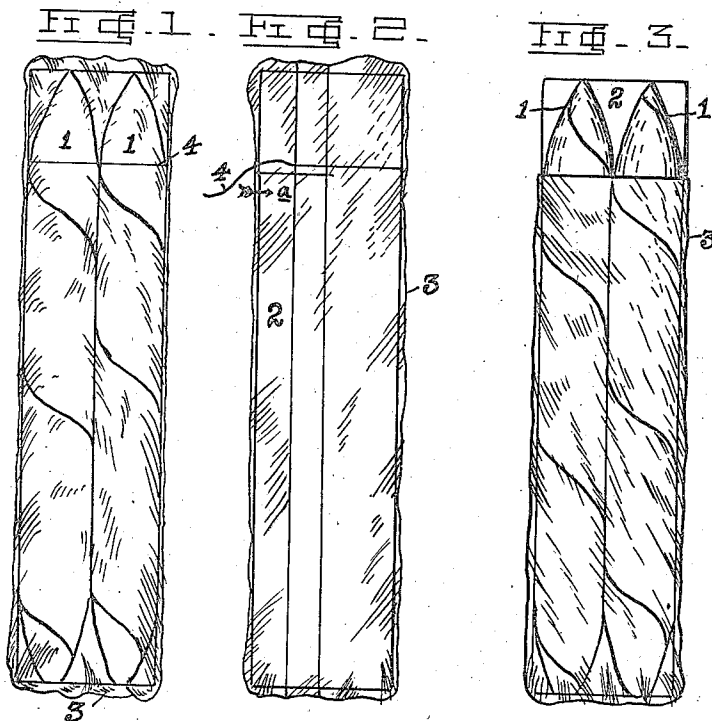


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM D. SHARPE, a citizen of the United States, and residing in the borough of Bellevue, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented or discovered new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Containers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists in a new and improved container for cigars.

Generally speaking, it consists of a sack or inclosure, preferably made of transparent material, such as gelatin paper, which, while exposing the cigar, or cigars, to view, protects them from dust and prevents their drying out. A stiffener, such as a strip of stiff cardboard is placed in the inclosure with the cigars to protect them against breaking or crushing. A thread or string secured to the inner face of the material of the container runs around the same and protrudes so that it may be seized and pulled with the fingers to sever the upper portion of the container which may then be lifted off for access to its contents. Thereafter the container forms a convenient pocket cigar case for carrying the cigars safely until they are consumed. The exposed face of the cardboard stiffener is a convenient location for the display of advertising matter, the trade mark or the name of the manufacturer.

My invention is especially useful in marketing cigars in original packages, wherein they are kept sanitary and moist until used by the consumer. The cigars remain inclosed and are not handled by the dealer or by purchasers in selecting a cigar from the box, but are protected by the container until the latter is opened by the consumer himself.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of one of my loaded containers as the same is handed to the consumer; Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same; Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the same after the top has been severed and removed, exposing the contents, and Fig. 4 is a plan view of the container before the top is severed.

The following is a detailed description of the drawings.

1—1 represent two cigars, and 2 is a strip of cardboard or other stiff material of substantially the same length and width as the cigars 1—1. Surrounding and inclosing said cigars 1—1 and stiffener 2 is a covering or inclosure 3 of gelatin paper or other transparent material whose lateral edges overlap at the rear of the package, as shown in Fig. 2, and whose ends are folded as shown in Fig. 4. The folds and overlapping edges are secured together by suitable paste but the paper 3 is preferably unattached to the stiffener 2. Pasted or otherwise secured circumferentially to the inner surface of the paper 3 is a thread or string 4 having one end protruding between the overlapping edges at the rear of the container. This thread may be attached to the paper before it is folded up about the cigars. The thread 4 is preferably located a little below the head of the cigars.

The cigars are packed by the manufacturer in the container, one or more to the container, as desired, and the consumer seizes the protruding end of the thread 4 and draws it sharply around in the direction of the arrow *a* in Fig. 2, thus cutting the paper 3 along the line of said thread and severing the upper portion of the container, which portion may then be lifted off and the cigars kept in the open ended case thus formed until consumed.

It is evident that my container is a convenient and advantageous method of retailing cigars and tobies in a sanitary and moist state without adding to the cost of marketing to any considerable degree. It also enables the consumer to carry them safely in his pocket without danger of crushing or breaking.

What I desire to claim is—

A container for cigars, consisting of an airproof carton, of transparent material, having its lateral edges overlapping and pasted together and its ends folded and pasted together, a cord pasted circumferentially to the inner face of said carton,

toward one end thereof, one end of said cord protruding exteriorly of said carton, whereby the top portion, only, of the carton may be removed, without destroying the utility of the carton as a holder for cigars, and a cardboard stiffener disposed within said carton.

Signed at Pittsburgh, Pa., this 17th day of July, 1911.

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