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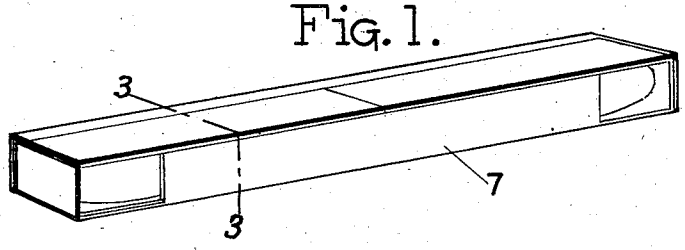


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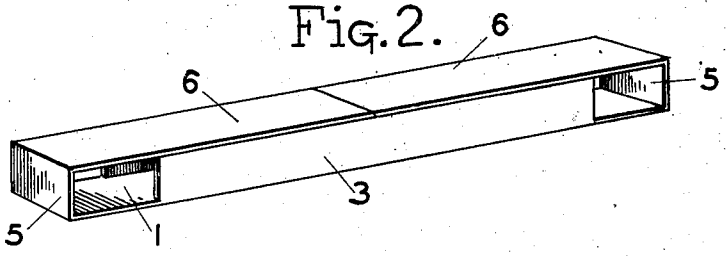


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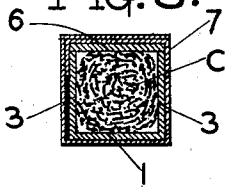


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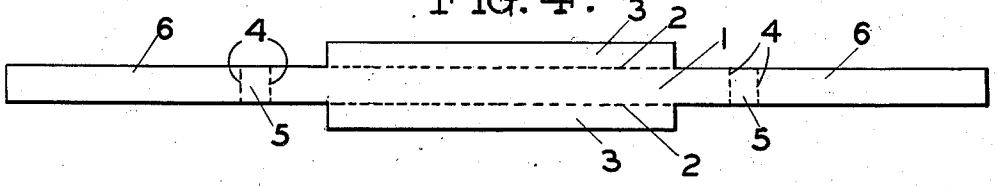
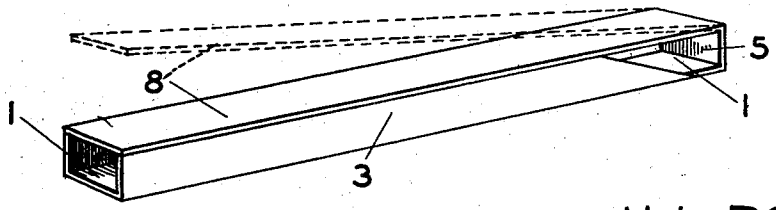


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This invention relates to cigar formers and guards, and more particularly to a simple type of former which may be constructed of cardboard or similar light, cheap material and which serves both to form and to protect the cigar while in transit and in stock.

An object of the invention is to provide a simple cardboard former and guard which can be applied to the cigars as made, which will tend to give the cigars a rectangular shape in cross-section and which will effectively protect the cigar in transit and while in stock.

The invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and combinations of parts hereinafter more particularly described and claimed.

One sheet of drawings accompanies this specification as part thereof in which like reference characters indicate like parts throughout.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the completely packed cigar;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of an embodiment of the invention without a cigar or envelope;

Figure 3 is a transverse cross-section taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a plan view of a blank from which the device of Figure 2 is formed; and,

Figure 5 is a perspective view of a slightly modified form of the invention.

Referring to the drawing, the improved former and guard comprises an elongated strip of cardboard or the like which is scored to provide a bottom body part 1 rectangular in shape and conforming in length and width with the dimensions of the cigar with which the former is to be used. Extending laterally from the long sides of the body part 1 are side flanges 3—3 which are adapted to be folded upwardly on the crease lines 2—2 to constitute side walls. The side wall flanges 3—3 are shorter than the bottom section 1 so as to expose the sides of one or both ends of the cigar. Extending from the short ends of the body portion 1 are aligned end and top sections 5 and 6 separated from each other and from the bottom section by the crease lines 4—4. In use the blank thus described is folded until the side flanges 3—3 are vertical and the cigar positioned over the body section 1, after which the end and top flaps 5 and 6 are folded in the crease

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lines 4—4 to enclose the ends of the cigar with the top flaps 6 overlying its entire length. The cigar thus encased is slipped into a Cellophane envelope 7 which can be sealed, thus holding the flaps in close engagement with the cigar.

In the modification shown in Figure 5 the top flap is formed as a single extension 8 from one end flap 5 and in this embodiment the end flaps 3—3 while of shorter length than the body section 1 extend from adjacent the end wall 5 to the opposite end of the bottom section.

In both embodiments it will be noted that both ends of the cigar are protected against any lateral pressure calculated to bruise or break the same and the entire cigar is protected against any stresses transversely to its major axis.

Various modifications in the precise construction and proportions of the device will readily suggest themselves to those skilled in the art but within the scope of the present invention as claimed.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. Cigar former and guard consisting of a blank of cardboard formed with a relatively long and narrow rectangular bottom section, upturned lateral flaps formed as extensions on the long sides of the bottom section, said lateral flaps of less length than the adjacent portion of said bottom section and of a width to determine the depth of the guard, with aligned end and top flaps formed as extensions of both short sides of the bottom section said top flaps contacting the upper edges of the laterally upturned flaps with their free ends in abutting relation.

2. Cigar former and guard consisting of a blank of cardboard formed with a rectangular bottom section of the length and width of a cigar, lateral upturned flaps formed as extensions of and of less length than the adjacent long sides of the bottom section and of a width to determine the depth of the guard, aligned end and top flaps formed as extensions of both short sides of the bottom section, said top flaps contacting the upper edges of the laterally upturned flaps with their free ends in abutting relation, and an enclosure tube of transparent material holding all of said flaps in folded relationship to an enclosed cigar.

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