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Fig. 1.

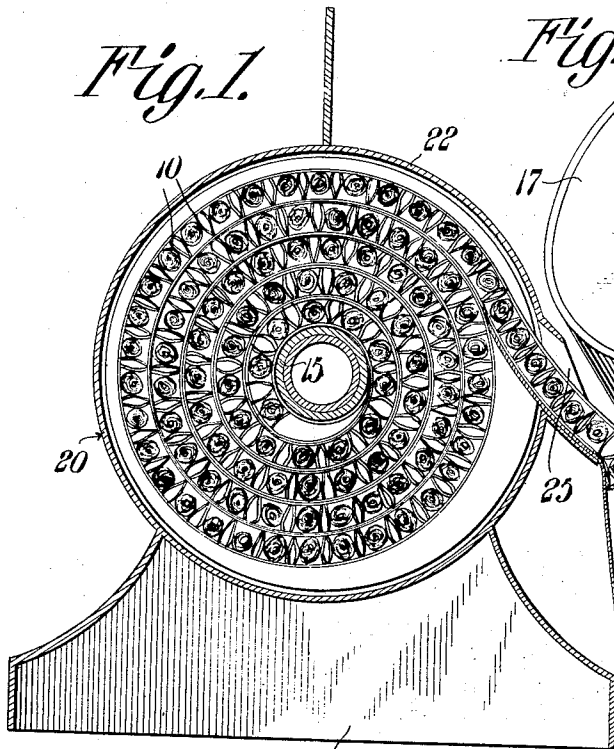


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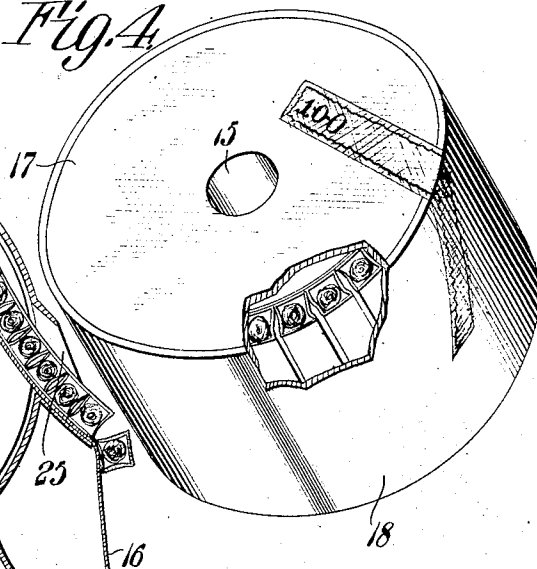


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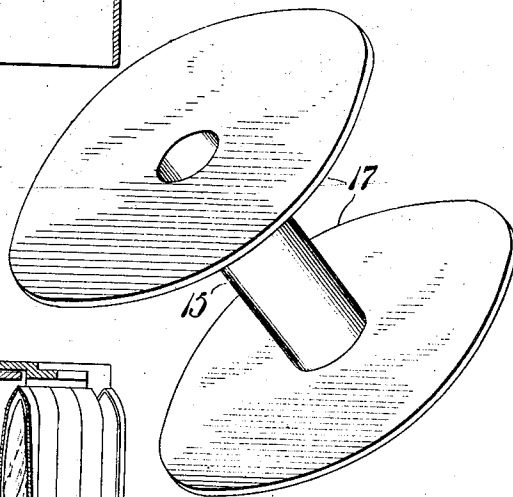
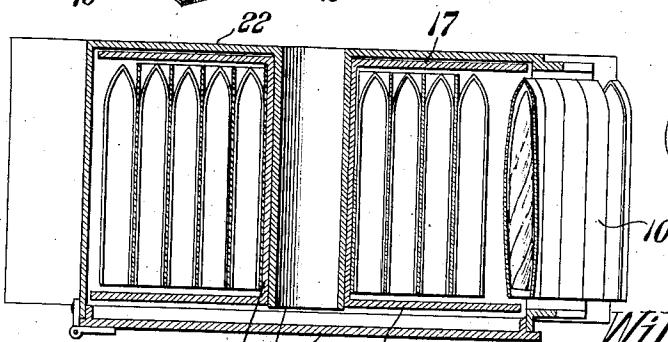
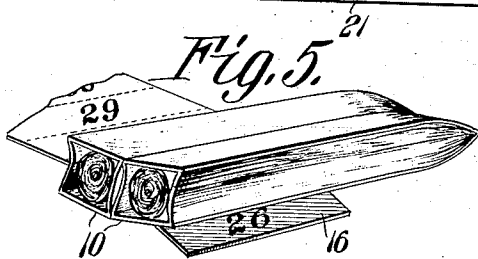


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM L. HENRY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dallas, in the county of Dallas and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Cigar-Case, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to cigar cases, boxes or packages, and has for its principal object to provide a device in which cigars may be packed in such manner as to be protected from exposure to the air, and in which the cigars may be kept moist and in good condition, while all dust and dirt is excluded.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character in which the breakage or damaging of cigars which occurs from the careless handling and testing of loose cigars by a customer is prevented.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a cigar package of much cheaper construction than the ordinary cigar box, and which will meet all of the requirements of the internal revenue laws.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a cigar package of such nature that the quantity of cigars remaining in the package after any number of sales may be instantly determined without counting the separate cigars or opening the case.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a cigar package of approximately cylindrical form in which the cigars are packed in separate pouches, the pouches being connected together in a continuous strip and wound in spiral form on a suitable reel, core, or the like, which is readily revolvable in order to permit the withdrawal and detaching of one or more of the pouches, so that the cigars may be delivered to the customer, incased, and breakage from careless handling is avoided.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a cigar package to be used in connection with a case or cabinet, the package being of approximately cylindrical form and having a hollow core that is mounted on a post or spindle within the cabinet, the core and cigar package revolving in order that the cigar carrying strips of pouches may be withdrawn through a discharge opening in the side of the casing.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a device of this class which may be used in connection with any of the commer-

cial forms of coin controlled mechanisms by suitable modification in the arrangement of the delivery mechanism, the package being such that there will be no danger of breakage of the cigars during the delivery operation, while the customer may be informed of the number of cigars remaining in the package in order to avoid the deposit of an unnecessary amount of money.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a cigar package that is arranged to be revolvably mounted on a suitable support within a case or cabinet, the latter being of such construction as to permit its use as a humidor so that the cigars may be kept fresh and moist.

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 perspective view illustrating a cigar package or containing casing constructed in accordance with the invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view on the line 3-3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the cigar package when closed and prepared for the market. Fig. 5 is a detail view of a portion of the pouch-carrying strip, some of the pouches being shown therein, with cigars in position therein.

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

In carrying out the invention, the cigars are placed within pouches 10, said pouches being formed of paper, or other suitable material, having bellows like side portions, the pouches being preferably of the ordinary type now on the market and made in the form of continuous strips, the pouches being partly divided from each other by perforations, so that one or more pouches may be readily detached. The pouches used are preferably provided with sealing flaps 11 in

order that the cigars may be fully protected, although this flap will not in all cases be necessary.

The cigars are arranged in pouches of twenty-five, fifty, or hundreds length, in order to comply with the present revenue laws, and after all of the pouches have been filled, the pouch strip, as it may be termed, is wound upon a core 15 that is tubular in form and is made of metal, paper, wood or other material. The pouch strip is wound in spiral form around this core, together with a separate indicating strip 16 bearing numerals from one to twenty-five; one to fifty, or one to one hundred, in accordance with the number of cigars in the package, and there is one number opposite each of the pouches, so that the number of cigars in the package after any number of sales will be readily invoiced. This particular feature of the invention, however, may be modified by simply stamping the pouch strips themselves with numerals in consecutive order.

Secured to the opposite ends of the core 15 are disks 17 that are formed of material of sufficient rigidity and strength to protect the cigars from injury, and after the pouch strip has been placed in position, a cylindrical case or cover 18 is placed over the strip and secured to the end disks, so that when complete, the package is cylindrical in form. The internal revenue stamps, factory stamps, trade marks, labels, or the like may be attached to the end disks, a portion of the revenue stamp or stamps being preferably bent over the cylindrical cover piece 18, so that the latter cannot be detached without mutilating the stamp in compliance with the provisions of the internal revenue laws.

The complete package is now ready for sale, and it may be mounted in any manner, as by placing the tube 15 over a suitable supporting pin or spindle arranged vertically or horizontally, and removing the cylindrical casing 18, after which the cigars may be withdrawn by unwinding the pouch strip. As a matter of convenience, however, and in order to more fully protect the cigars, the package is designed for use in connection with a casing 20. This case, which may be formed of wood, metal, paper or other material, is provided with a base 21 in which a moist sponge or the like may be placed, and above the base is a cylindrical case 22, closed at one end and provided at the opposite end with a door or cover 23 which may be moved to open position, as indicated in Fig. 1 in order to permit the placing of the package. The fixed head of the casing is provided with a projecting spindle 24 designed for the reception of the tube 15, so that the cigar packages may be readily placed in position the empty carriers readily removed.

At one side of the cylindrical casing 22 is a discharge, opening 25 through which the end

of the pouch strip projects, and the strip may be grasped and drawn out over a cutting edge 25 for the purpose of detaching, one, two or any desired number of pouches. Accidental tearing of the pouch strip is prevented by the indicating strip 16 which also forms a means for unwinding and pulling the pouch strip forward and preferably the indicating strip is cut at the same time the pouch strip is severed, although, of course, this is not in all cases necessary.

The owner may readily invoice the stock by raising the end of the pouch strip and thus ascertaining the number at the end of the indicating strip.

With a device constructed in accordance with the invention, the cigars are fully protected from dust, dirt and atmospheric influences, and at the same time there is a considerable saving by the avoidance of breakage of cigars due to the careless handling and testing of cigars by the average customer.

I claim:—

1. A cylindrical cigar package comprising a pair of spaced disks, a hollow core open at both ends to which both disks are secured, a cigar containing pouch strip wound upon the core, and a continuous unbroken cylindrical casing extending over the disk and inclosing the pouch strip, the ends of the casing being approximately flush with the outer faces of the disks.

2. A cigar package comprising a pair of disks, each having a central opening, a hollow core connecting the disks in alignment with the openings, a cigar containing pouch strip wound upon the core, and an open ended cylindrical casing fitting over the peripheries of the disks and wholly inclosing and protecting said pouch strip.

3. A cigar package comprising a hollow core, a pair of end disks secured to the core, a cigar containing pouch strip wound around the core, and an open ended cylindrical casing extending over the peripheries of the disks and inclosing wholly and protecting the pouch strip, the ends of said casing being flush with the outer faces of the disks.

4. A cigar package comprising a core, a cigar containing pouch strip wound thereon, and a separate numeral bearing indicating strip wound with the pouch strip, the numerals being disposed opposite the pouches.

5. A cigar package comprising a hollow cylindrical core open at its ends, end disks non-detachably connected to and surrounding the ends of the core, and an imperforate concentric cylindrical closure constituting the peripheral portion of the package and removably mounted upon the edges of the disks.

6. A cigar package comprising a hollow cylindrical core open at its ends, end disks non-detachably connected to and surrounding the ends of the core, an imperforate con-

centric cylindrical closure constituting the peripheral portion of the package and removably mounted upon the edges of the disks, and a cigar containing pouch strip wound
5 upon the core, said core, closure and cigars co-acting to hold the cigars against accidental displacement relative to the core.

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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