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Fig. 1.

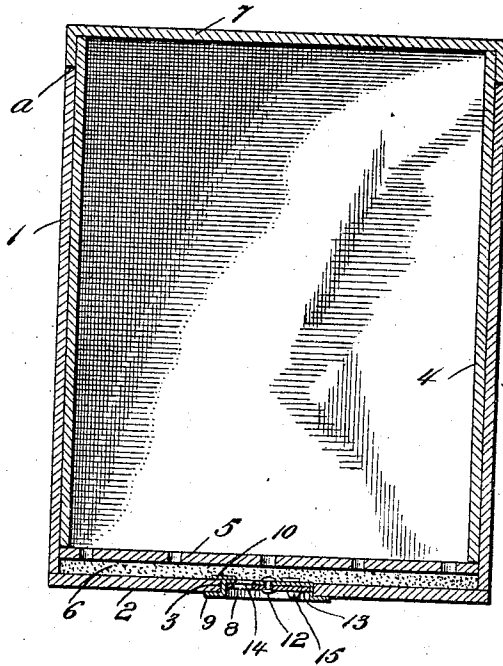


Fig. 2.

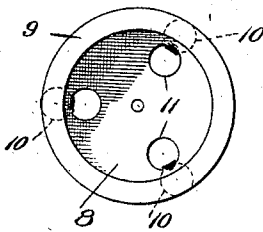
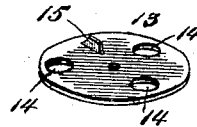


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM TISCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at La Crosse, in the county of La Crosse and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Moistening Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to cigar boxes.

One object is to provide a strong, durable, light and inexpensive receptacle of the character stated therein provision is made to protect the cigars against air, and, in one embodiment of the invention, to hold the cigars in upright or vertical position.

Another object of the invention resides in the provision of means whereby the cigars may be kept moist or prevented from drying and becoming crisp and brittle.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a cigar box embodying such characteristics that it may properly and effectively moisten the cigars contained therein; and having means associated therewith whereby the cigars may be subjected to moisture incident to a moistening receptacle arranged within a show case at a point remote from the box.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts, all as will be more fully described hereinafter, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and finally pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a central, vertical section of one form of cigar box embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a detailed view of the cup of the valve mechanism, and Fig. 3 is a detailed view of the valve disk.

As premised in the foregoing one of the essential features of the present invention resides in the provision of means whereby the moisture from a pad or other moistening source in a show case may enter the moistening compartment of the box and give off the required degree of moisture to preserve the cigars, in direct contradistinction to boxes containing a compartment located within the box as the only source of means for maintaining the desired moistening effect upon the cigars. To this end, and referring more particularly to the accompanying drawings, the reference character 1 indicates the outer shell of a rectangular shaped box of any suitable material provided with a bottom 2 having a circular opening 3 for a purpose pres-

ently explained. An inner shell 4 is fitted within the outer shell 1 with its lower edges terminating short of the lower edges of the outer shell and engaging the upper face of a perforated bottom 5, between which latter and the bottom 3 is a moistening compartment for the reception of absorbent material 6 designed to be moistened to provide for a proper moistening of the cigars contained within the receptacle. While this form of box has been described as being rectangular in cross section, and is shown in the accompanying drawings as of elongated form in vertical direction, it is to be understood that the box may be of any particular form desired.

Obviously the cover 7 may be secured to the box in any suitable manner, instead of as shown, wherein the inner shell 4 extends above the top of the outer shell 1 to provide a shoulder *a* for the support of the cover 7.

In the aforesaid opening 3 of the bottom 2 I arrange a valve designed to be closed when the cigars depend solely upon means within the box for their moisture and adapted to be opened either for purposes of ventilation or to permit of the passage of moisture there-through to the cigars from a moistening source located remotely therefrom. This valve mechanism consists of a cup 8 provided with an annular, peripheral flange 9, the cup being designed to fit tightly within the aforesaid opening 3 of the bottom 2 with its annular flange 9 adjacent the lower face of the bottom 2, as shown.

To hold the valve against accidental displacement within the opening 3, the fingers 10, formed as a result of striking up the metal of the bottom of the cup to provide the openings 11 therein, are adapted to be bent or fitted over upon the upper face of the bottom 2, thereby preventing displacement of the valve.

Pivotally mounted within the cup 8 upon a suitable pivot 12 is a disk 13 provided with a series of perforations 14, preferably the same in number as the number of perforations 11 in the cup. This valve disk 13 may be provided with a finger piece 15 to permit of its easy operation to throw the perforations thereof into and out of registration with the perforations of the cup, thereby, permitting moisture to pass upwardly through the absorbent material 6 and into the box or to prevent air or moisture entering the box, as may be desired.

From the foregoing it will be understood

that where cigar dealers have show cases with
moisteners they will find it simply necessary
to open the valve and allow the moisture of
the show case to be transferred to the pad or
5 moistening material of the box which latter
in turn, being close to the perforated bottom
5 transfers the moisture to the cigars without
moistening the absorbent material within the
box. In the event of the cigar dealers using
10 my improved box and not having moisteners
within their show cases, the absorbent mate-
rial 6 may be moistened to preserve the
cigars.

Having thus described my invention, what
15 I claim and desire to secure by Letters Pat-
ent is:—

A tobacco box having a removable top, a
perforate partition dividing the box into a
tobacco compartment and a moisture com-

partment, the bottom of the box having an 20
external recess provided with openings com-
municating with the moisture compartment,
an inverted cup seated in the recess and hav-
ing portions struck up to provide openings
registering with the openings in the back of 25
the recess, said struck up portions being bent
through the openings in the back of the re-
cess forming fastenings for the cup, and a ro-
tary closure for the openings pivoted within
the cup and having openings for alinement 30
with the openings of the cup.

In testimony whereof I have signed my
name to this specification in the presence of
two subscribing witnesses.

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