To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES A. MARSHALL, citizen of the United States, residing at Mingo Junction, in the county of Jefferson and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Moistening Means, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to special receptacles and packages of the type known as adapted for pocket and personal use, and adapted for containing smoking tobacco or the like.

In all prior constructions or devices of the above kind, of which I am aware, the tobacco is kept moist and fresh by means of a wax or paraffined paper wrapper which encloses the tobacco and is placed within a flat can. With these prior devices, the wax or paraffin wrapper is frequently opened, thereby allowing the moisture to evaporate so that before the tobacco is entirely used, it becomes very dry, losing its freshness and desired smoking qualities.

The present invention embraces the provision of a mixture or compound which is placed in the bottom of the tobacco can for keeping the tobacco moist and fresh until entirely used. This compound can be placed in any conventional form of pocket humidor or tobacco can without changing the size of the same or reducing the quantity of tobacco placed therein. Also the compound or mixture does not harm or injure the smoking or chewing qualities of the tobacco, nor rust the can, or destroy the wax or paraffin paper wrapper which encloses the tobacco. Furthermore, the compound or mixture instead of giving off moisture when the can is opened, retains the moisture indefinitely because the air does not get to the same, due to the fact that it is protected by the wax or paraffin wrapper enclosing the tobacco and placed above it.

The invention consists in the novel compound or mixture and in the improved tobacco package hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings and claimed.

In the drawings wherein like reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1 is a view partly in side elevation and partly in vertical section of a tobacco package constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 shows the moisture receiving compound and the absorbent sheet disposed thereon.

Referring more in detail to the drawing, 5 indicates an ordinary relatively flat can in which the tobacco 6 is placed, said tobacco being enclosed within a wrapper 7 of wax or paraffin paper, and the can being provided with a cover 8, which is preferably of the hinged type, for permitting access to the tobacco when the top of the wrapper is open.

In accordance with the present invention, a thin layer 9 of moisture retaining material is disposed upon the bottom of the can 5, and a moisture absorbing sheet 10 is disposed upon the layer 9 beneath the bottom of the wrapper 7 as shown in Figure 1.

The compound or mixture 9 insures enough moisture to keep the tobacco fresh and moist until entirely used, and is composed of ammonium acetate 1 part by weight, and ordinary dry sand, 3 parts by weight, mixed or ground thoroughly together. This compound may be cheaply prepared and the moisture absorbing sheet 10 may consist of a piece of ordinary blotting paper.

In practice the ammonium acetate and dry sand are mixed together in the proportions stated, providing a comparatively dry mixture to be spread into a layer on the bottom of the can. In cases where the waxed paper packet is used, the moisture laden air finds its way into the packet through the services existing between the usual folds on the bottom of the packet. Here, I might state that in all instances, the packet is not necessarily used, but the unwrapped tobacco is placed in the can directly on top of the blotting material. As before stated, the chemical action and moisture produced thereby does not in any way affect the smoking qualities of the tobacco by producing an alkaline reaction or the like. On the other hand, the smoking qualities of the tobacco will be decidedly enhanced by the presence of the additional moisture.

It will be found that when tobacco is put up in accordance with the above, comparatively little expense will be added to that involved in preparing the package without my improvements, and the “biting of the tongue” which is prevalent in some tobac-
cos is entirely eliminated, so that an enjoyable cool smoke is insured.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. Tobacco moistening means embodying a mixture of ammonium acetate and common dry sand, and a sheet of moisture absorbent material placed upon said mixture.

2. Tobacco moistening means embodying a mixture of ammonium acetate and common dry sand.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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