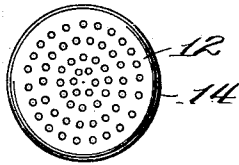


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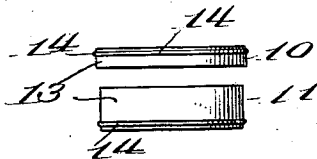
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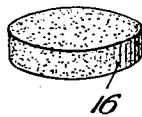
*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES B. DE LANO, a citizen of the United States, residing at South Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Moisteners, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates to tobacco moisteners of that class adapted, for instance, for insertion within a box of cigars when one or more have been withdrawn, for the purpose of freshening or flavoring the remaining cigars and particularly designed for use in connection with some boxes or pouches of tobacco which are usually carried in the pocket.

My present invention, while of unquestionable practical value, forms an excellent advertising novelty, and to this end must be of the very cheapest construction, while possessing sufficient stability.

It consists, therefore, in a two part casing of very thin sheet metal, the parts being readily disengaged and of such formation as to enable them to long retain their shape, assisted by an interchangeable pad, normally held between the parts, which is such that it assists the parts to retain their shape, the pad being adapted to absorb and retain a plain moistening liquid or a moistening and flavoring liquid at the option of the user.

In the drawing—Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved moistener. Fig. 2 is an elevation with one part disengaged from the other, and, Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a porous clay pad.

Referring to these figures, the separable parts 10 and 11 of my moistener each comprise a circular perforated plate 12 having an integral lateral circular flange 13 at its edge, which is imperforate, the flange of one of the parts being of slightly greater diameter than that of the other part so that the former may telescopingly receive the latter. The flanges 13 of the parts 10 and 11 have circular ribs 14 stamped outwardly thereof adjacent the periphery of plates, 12 to support the parts in shape.

For the purpose of holding moisture, I employ a porous clay pad 16 shown in Fig. 3 for the reason that such a pad not only operates efficiently to hold moisture, but, when between the box-parts 10 and 11 assists in maintaining the shape of said parts.

I claim:

A tobacco moistener comprising a portable box adapted for insertion within cigar boxes, tobacco pouches and the like, comprising separable telescopingly-engageable parts, each part of which comprises a perforated plate having a lateral imperforate edge flange provided with a strengthening rib stamped thereabout adjacent the plate, and a stiff porous moisture-holding body within the box and fitting closely between the said plates whereby to assist in maintaining the box in shape.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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