

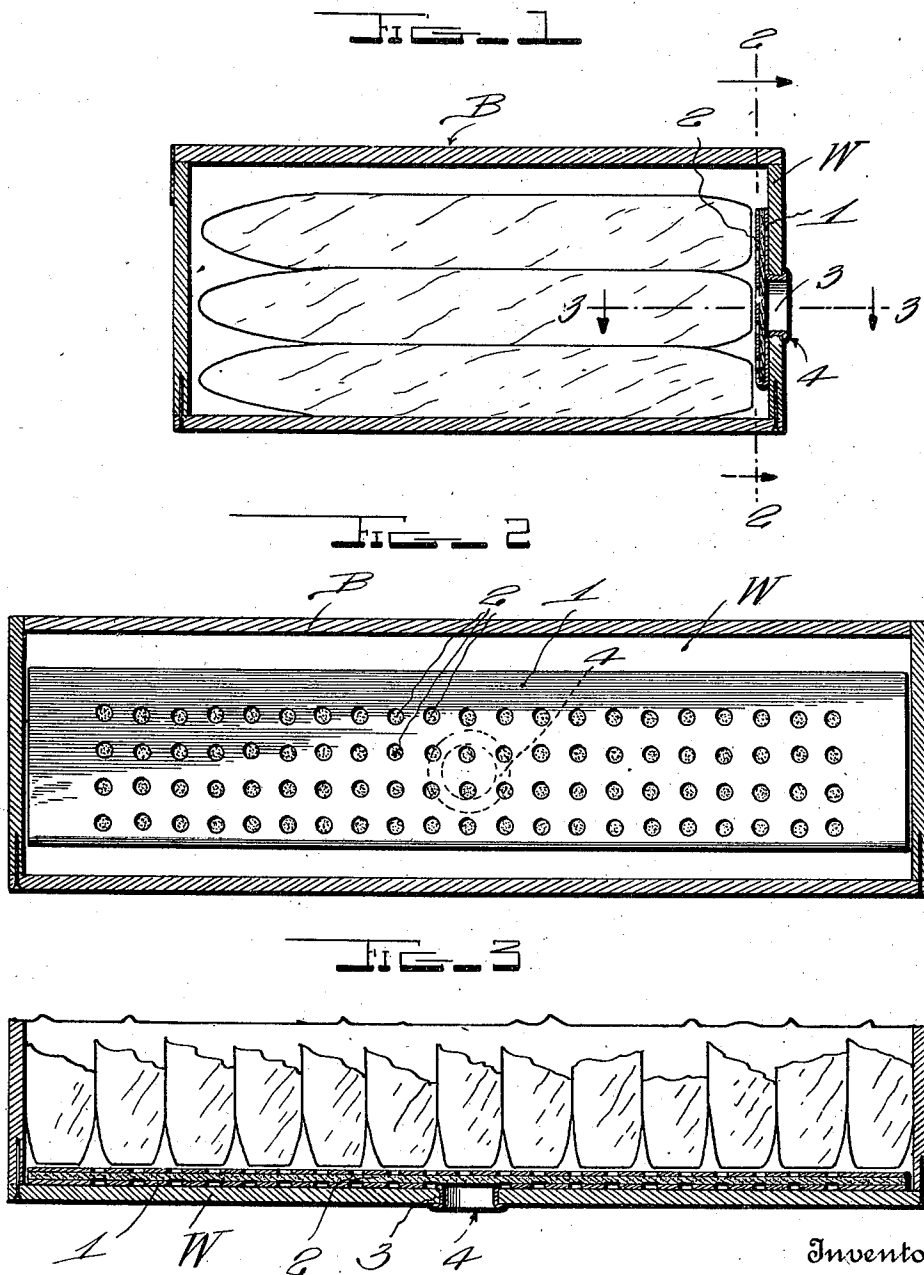
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RODNEY B. OSTERHOUDT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kingston, in the county of Ulster and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar Moisteners; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to an improved cigar moistener adapted for disposition in conventional types of cigar boxes.

The principal object of the invention is to generally improve upon devices of this class by providing one of extreme simplicity and durability which is adapted for disposition against the inner face of one of the sides of the box between the ends of the cigars and this side.

Another object of the invention is to provide a cigar moistener adapted for disposition in a cigar box at the point mentioned, the same being equipped with an air intake neck or tube to extend through an opening in said side of the box and this neck being formed at its outer end with a retaining flange engaging the outer face of said side, whereby atmospheric air is permitted to enter the box to uniformly moisten all of the cigars. This neck not only serves to permit the entrance of air for equally distributing the moisture laden air, but it permits the absorbent pad to be moistened from time to time to insure that the cigars will be kept in a moistened state.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same:

Figure 1 is a transverse vertical section through a cigar box equipped with a moistener constructed in accordance with this invention.

Figures 2 and 3 are sectional views taken substantially on the planes of the lines 2—2 and 3—3 respectively of Fig. 1.

The cigar box B is of a conventional type and the front wall W thereof in order to enable the improved moistener to be arranged therein is formed with a centrally disposed opening.

Broadly speaking, the moistener comprises a pocket adapted to receive and hold a piece of absorbent material, this pocket being formed with an outwardly extending air intake neck to extend through the opening in the cigar box to permit free entrance of atmospheric air and to permit the absorbent material to be moistened whenever necessary or desired.

In its specific and preferred form, the moistener comprises an apertured plate 1 bent between its ends to form a substantially channel-shaped pocket adapted to contain a piece of absorbent material in the form of a blotter 2. Of course, any other suitable form of absorbent pad may be employed. When arranged inside of the box, the moistener is positioned against the inner face of the wall W between said face and the adjacent ends of the cigars and the open side is arranged upward to enable the blotter to be removed or replaced. The outer side wall of the pocket is formed between its ends with a centrally disposed integral neck 3, which extends through the aforesaid hole in the cigar box side. At its outer end, this neck is formed with a retaining bead or flange 4 which engages the outer face of this side of the box and serves to hold the moistener in place. As before pointed out, this neck permits air to pass therethrough and become laden with moisture so that it can be uniformly distributed throughout the internal area of the box for properly moistening all of the cigars. It also serves to permit water to be introduced for the purpose of keeping the blotter continually damp.

It is intended that the moistener become a permanent part of the box and be installed at the factory so that after the cigars are packed, the blotter can be moistened to keep the cigars in good condition until they reach the retailer. The blotter can then be again moistened to at all times keep the cigars moist while in a show case. Also, it will be seen that such a moistener is not only advantageous to the manufacturer and retailer, but it will be found extremely desirable for individuals who purchase cigars by the box and do not use them in a short time as would be the case if cigars were placed on sale in the retailer's place of business. Particular emphasis is to be laid on the fact that the invention is a permanent part of the box and is such that it enables the absorbent pad to be replenished with moisture without re-

quiring opening of the box. These and other advantages and features of the invention have doubtless been made clear from the foregoing description. Therefore, a more
5 lengthy and detailed description is thought unnecessary.

Since probably the best results may be obtained with the construction and arrangement herein shown and described, this is
10 taken as the preferred embodiment of the invention. However, I wish it to be understood that minor changes coming within the scope of the invention as claimed may be resorted to if desired.

15 I claim:

A cigar moistener comprising an aper-

tured plate bent between its ends to form a channel-shaped pocket for reception of a piece of absorbent material, the outer wall of said pocket being designed to bear against
20 the inner face of one side of a cigar box, said one side of the pocket being formed intermediate its ends with an integral outwardly extending air intake neck which is in turn
25 formed at its end with a retaining bead or flange, said neck being designed to extend through an opening in said one side of the box.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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