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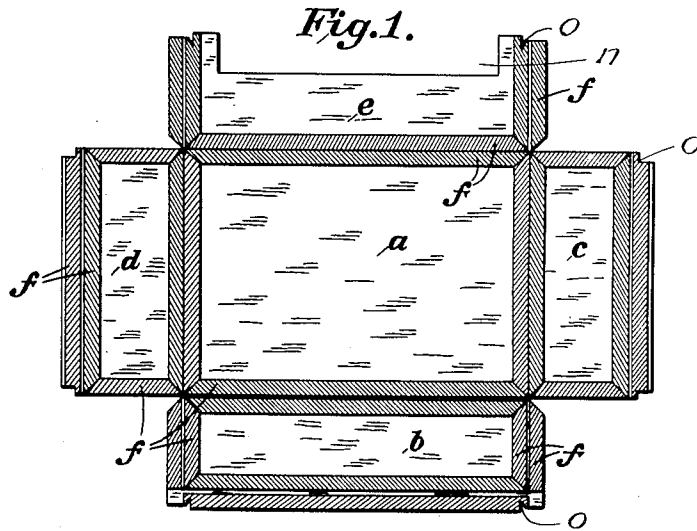
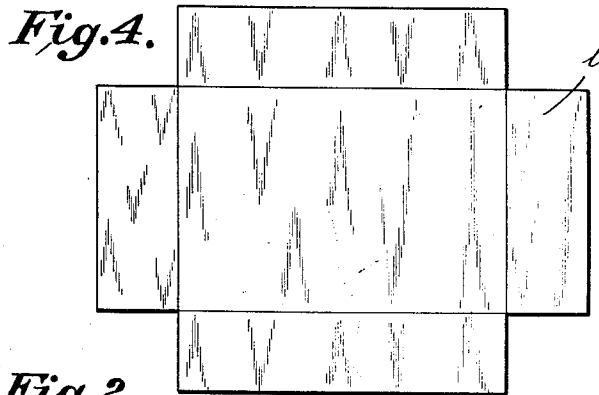


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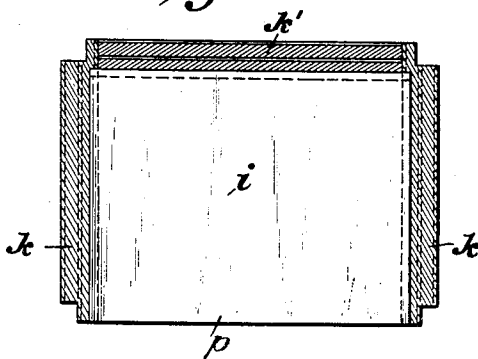


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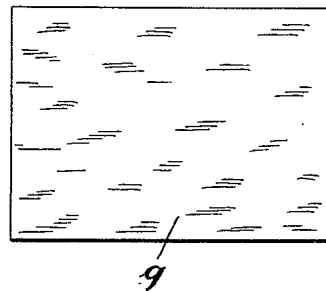
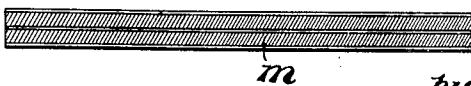


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My invention is designed to provide an economical method of producing a cigar box by rendering unnecessary the production of the box out of the expensive cedar wood generally used, by providing a covering of paper for the outside of the box simulating the cedar of which cigar boxes are usually made.

In carrying out my invention I preferably provide one sheet for the bottom, ends and sides, the sheet being cut at the corners to permit folding, and I ornament the sheet with strips along each edge as well as around the top with edgings so that the body of the box is covered with a single sheet of paper, the top of the edging folding over the upper exposed top edges of the box on the front and ends. This covering for the box may be applied in any suitable manner.

The lid of the box is covered in the same manner, but I may use two sheets, one for the outer face of the lid, made up of a body material in simulation of the cedar wood, and the other for the underface decorated with the customary trade label made up with an integral edging which may fold over to cover the exposed ends of the lid at the front and ends.

I provide a lining for the box in one piece cut at the corners and fitted snugly to the interior of the box.

In the drawings I have shown in Figure 1 a blank illustrating the covering for the outer part of the body of the box.

In Figures 2 and 3 I show the covers for the lid, inner and outer, and

In Figure 4 I show the blank for the inner lining.

In Figure 5 I show the blank for covering the hinge of the lid thereby joining the top cover with the covering for the outer part.

In Figure 6 I show a box and a lid with my improvements embodied therein.

In Figure 7 I show a sectional view taken on line 7—7 of Figure 6.

In the drawings the part marked *a* covers the bottom of the box, the part marked *b* the front, *c* and *d* the ends, and *e* the back. The edgings are shown at *f*. The back flap *e* has a cut-away portion indicated at *n*, which is adapted to straddle the hinge *m'* ordinarily

used between the back of the box and the box top. Each of the four flaps *b*, *c*, *d*, and *e* is notched as at *o*, at its corners so that each flap may be folded up over the top of its respective wall and down the inside thereof clearing the wall on each side. The blank for the lid of the box is shown at *g*, and the blank for the inner face of the lid shown at *i* with the edgings at *k* and *k'*. In use, the edging strip *k'* is adapted to be folded up over the front edge of the cover onto the lid top, the strips *k* being likewise folded over the end edges of the lid and onto the top. The lower label extension *p* may be secured to the rear wall of the box proper and is ordinarily turned forwardly from the rear edge of the lid over the upper edge of the rear wall of the box, then downwardly and secured to the inner face of the rear wall as shown in Figure 7. The blank for the inner lining of the box is shown at *l*. The blank for covering the hinge is shown at *m*.

I am aware that it has been proposed to make cigar boxes of paper covered with a lining of paper and a partial inner lining, but it is not possible practically to make a cigar box of pasteboard, due to the fact that the cigars are damp when they are put into the box, and the pasteboard acts as a blotter absorbing the moisture and rendering the cigars unfit for use, and to the further fact that in filling the box they require pressure which a paper box cannot withstand.

I have aimed to utilize a wooden box with all its advantages, and yet to utilize a covering which so resembles the expensive cedar as to be a satisfactory substitute and enable the box to be made of cheaper wood. By providing the covering paper with panels in imitation of the cedar wood, surrounded by ornamental edgings all in one piece, I am enabled to provide a very economical covering and yet an attractive one, very readily applied by known means. The inner lining is just as quickly applied and covers the entire inner walls of the box, except the lid which is within as well as without covered by sheets as shown in the drawings, comprising body portions in imitation of the cedar wood and having margins of edging strips.

The covering sheets being died or cut out, the edging design registers in the proper position on the box permitting the covering sheets to be applied to the box by persons without any previous experience whereas at present trained skilled operatives are required to attach the edging strips and other covering panels. The wooden box being entirely covered with paper is thereby reinforced and strengthened. The paper covering the entire box both externally and internally closes the pores of the wood thereby sealing the box and retarding the escape of moisture from the cigars and keeps them in a better condition for use.

This application is a division of my co-pending application No. 725,189.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. In combination with a flat lid for a cigar box, a combined label and edging blank having a main portion covering one face of the lid and provided with edging tongues on three sides extending around three edges of the lid and onto the other face of the lid, the remaining edge of the lid being exposed for the attachment of a hinging strip.

2. In combination with a cigar box and a lid, a combined label and edging blank having a main portion covering one face of the lid and provided with tongues on three sides extending around three edges of the lid and onto the other face of the lid, and a label extension for attachment to the rear wall of the box and a separate hinge element for box and lid.

3. The combination with a box body and a lid hinged thereto, of a combined labeling and edging blank having a main portion secured to one face of the lid, edging portions extending from the main portion around the edges of the three sides of the lid and onto the other side of the lid, and a label extension extending from the main portion downwardly and secured to the rear wall of the box body, and a separate hinge element for box and lid.

4. As a new article of manufacture, a covering for the lid of a cigar box, comprising a unitary piece of paper adapted to cover one face of the lid, flaps on three sides thereof adapted to extend around three edges of the lid and onto the other face thereof, and a fourth flap adapted to be secured to the rear wall of the box carrying the lid.

5. In combination with a cigar box lid, a combined label and edging blank having a main portion covering the inner face of the lid and provided with tongues on three sides, extending around three edges of the lid and onto the top surface thereof, the hinging edge of the box or lid being exposed for the attachment of a hinging piece.

6. In combination with a cigar box lid, a combined label and edging blank having a

main portion covering the inner face of the lid and provided with tongues on three sides, extending around three edges of the lid and onto the top surface thereof, the hinging edge of the box or lid being exposed for the attachment of a hinging piece, and a label extension on the bottom portion of the blank for attachment to the inner face of the rear wall of a box.

7. The combination with a box body and a lid hinged thereto, of a combined labeling and edging blank having a main portion secured to the inner face of the lid, edging portions extending from said main portion around the edges of three sides of the lid and onto the rear side of the lid, and a label extension extending from the main portion downwardly and secured to the inner face of the rear wall of the box body.

8. In combination with a flat lid for a cigar box, a combined label and edging blank having a main portion covering one face of the lid and provided with edging tongues on three sides extending around three edges of the lid and onto the other face of the lid, the remaining edge of the lid being exposed for the attachment of a hinging strip, a second blank covering said other face of the lid in lapping relation to said tongues, one of said blanks being provided with a label extension projecting beyond said exposed edge of the lid, for attachment to the inner face of the rear wall of the box body.

9. In combination with a cigar box body and a flat lid therefor, a combined label and edging blank having a main portion covering one face of the lid and provided with three edging tongues on three sides extending around three edges of the lid and onto the other face of the lid, the remaining edge of the lid being exposed, a hinging strip secured to the rear wall of the box body and directly to the exposed edge of the lid, and a separate blank covering said hinging strip and extending onto the outer face of the lid and edging the rear edge thereof.

10. In combination with a flat lid for a cigar box, a combined label and edging blank having a main portion covering one face of the lid and provided with edging tongues on three sides extending around three edges of the lid and onto the other face of the lid, the tongues of the blank contrasting in color with the main portion of the blank to provide integral ornamental edging for said three edges of the lid, the remaining edge of the lid being exposed for attachment of a hinging strip.

11. In combination with a cigar box body and a lid therefor, a combined label and edging blank having a main portion covering one face of the lid and provided with three edging tongues on three sides extending around three edges of the lid and onto the other face of the lid, the tongues of the

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