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CIGARETTE BOX.

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Fig. 1.

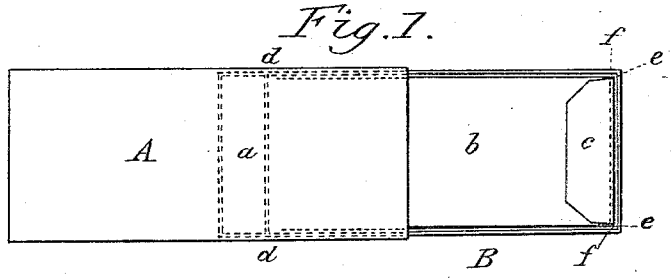
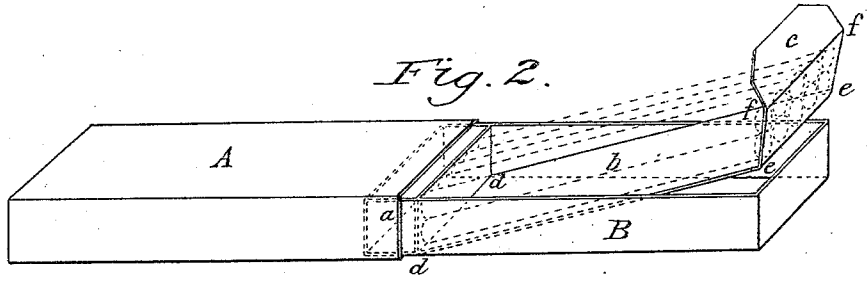


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MANUEL MENDIZABAL, a subject of the King of Spain, residing in the city of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Paper Boxes; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the box, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the box with the bottom raised.

My said invention relates to that class of paper boxes used for cigarettes; and its object is to afford a freer and more convenient means of opening and closing the box when cigarettes are taken therefrom for use. Heretofore boxes of this kind have been constructed with a rigid frame and provided merely with a hanging flap at one end, which in use becomes loose and insecure.

In my invention these objections are avoided, to attain which I construct a box as shown in the accompanying drawings, in which A represents the outer case, and B represents the inner or sliding frame. The inner or sliding frame may be constructed with or without a fixed bottom throughout, and is provided at one end with a receptacle for matches, *a*, having a fixed bottom, while a movable bottom, *b*, is hung at *d*, being allowed to move freely upward and downward in other respects, and having at the opposite end a flexible flap, *c*, folding at *e* and *f*, so that when the inner or sliding frame is drawn out of the outer case the movable bottom may be pushed up at the free end and the flap *c* drawn down so as to afford easy access to the contents of the box.

I claim—

A cigarette-box made of paper or other suitable material, provided with an outer and inner casing, the latter having a receptacle for matches, with a fixed bottom, and a separate compartment for cigarettes having a movable bottom hung at or near one end, and allowed to move freely upward and downward in other respects, the other end being free and provided with a folding flap, substantially as described, and for the purposes set forth.

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