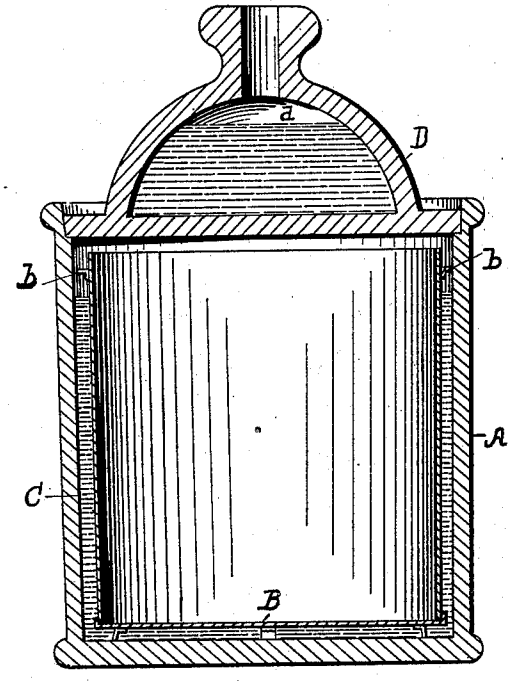
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD MASON, of Detroit, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Vessels for Containing Tobacco and other Substances; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification.

My invention consists in the combination of devices and appliances hereinafter specified, and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

The drawing represents a vertical section of an apparatus embodying my invention.

It is found very desirable in the manufacture, sale, and use of certain kinds of tobacco that it should be prevented from becoming too dry but be kept properly moist.

It is the object of my invention to provide a jar or vessel especially adapted for keeping tobacco and other substances in a suitably moist condition.

In carrying out my invention, A represents the outer jar or vessel. B is the inner jar. Either may be made of any suitable material. One of said jars may be provided with ears *b*, adapted to separate the two, though these may be dispensed with.

C is the space between the two jars, open at the top.

D represents the cover, preferably constructed with the hollow space *d*, open at the top, as shown in the drawing.

The operation of the device is as follows: The tobacco being placed in the inner jar and water admitted to the space C, it is evident that as the water evaporates it will tend to keep the tobacco moist, especially as it will be likely to collect upon the under surface of the cover and drip upon the tobacco, since the inner jar is uncovered. By constructing the cover as described this process is facilitated, for, being made of a porous material, it will permit water to ooze through and drip from the under surface upon the tobacco. In this manner the tobacco may easily be kept properly moist.

As hereinbefore described, the object of this invention is to maintain moisture within the jar. It is therefore important that the outer jar and its cover should be of such material—as, for instance, glazed pottery, as will prevent the oozing of the water through the same, and its consequent evaporation from the exterior surface of the receptacle. The interior of the cover, however, should be of porous material—as, for instance, unglazed pottery—in order to permit a slow dripping of the water through it onto the tobacco.

It will be observed that this device is a moistener and not a cooler, and its object is to prevent instead of facilitate evaporation from its exterior surface. The water, percolating through the porous bottom of the cover, is thoroughly filtered, so as to be delivered in perfectly pure condition onto the tobacco.

I do not broadly claim a moisture-retaining vessel for tobacco, nor a lid for a vessel to receive tobacco, having a chamber containing a sponge which is confined therein by a reticulated screen secured to the under side of the lid; and, further, I do not claim a metal cover for a pail to receive tobacco, having suspended from its under side a water-receptacle, the top wall of which has an aperture for the escape of moisture into the pail; but

What I claim is—

1. A storage-vessel for holding tobacco and maintaining the same in a moist condition, said vessel consisting of an interior open receptacle closed water-tight about its side, the exterior of the water-receptacle formed of glazed earthenware or other impervious substance, and a cover made hollow to contain a charge of water, and having a porous bottom to permit the slow percolation of water through the same onto the tobacco, substantially as described.

2. A vessel for holding tobacco and maintaining the same in a moist condition, consisting of a crock of glazed earthenware provided at its top with a cover made hollow to contain a charge of water, said cover provided with a porous bottom, which will permit the water to slowly percolate through the same onto the tobacco, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in presence of two witnesses.

EDWARD MASON.

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