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## CIGAR BOX.

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Fig. 1.

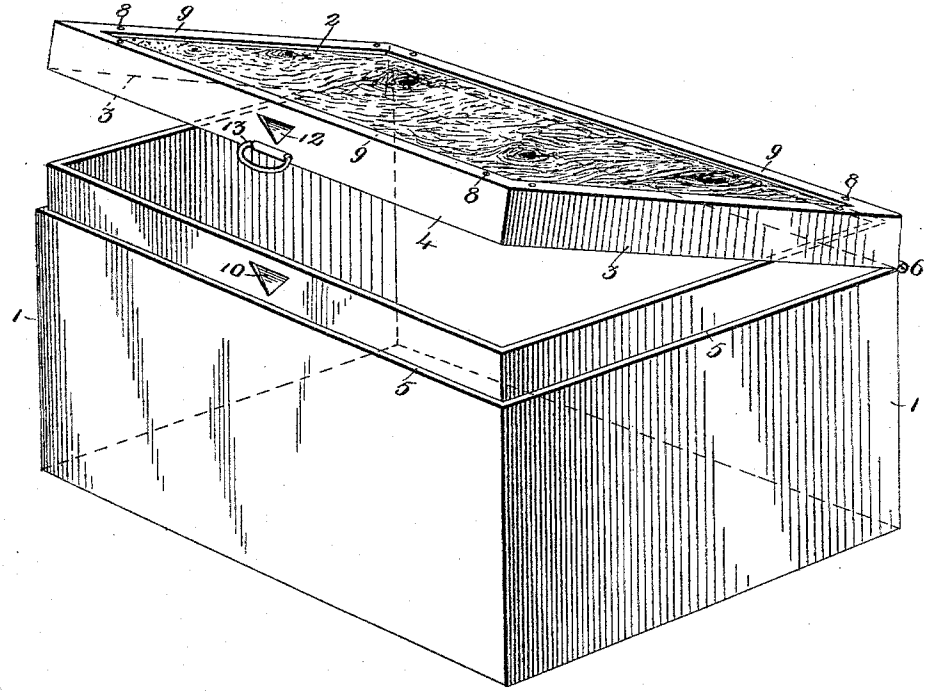



Fig. 2.

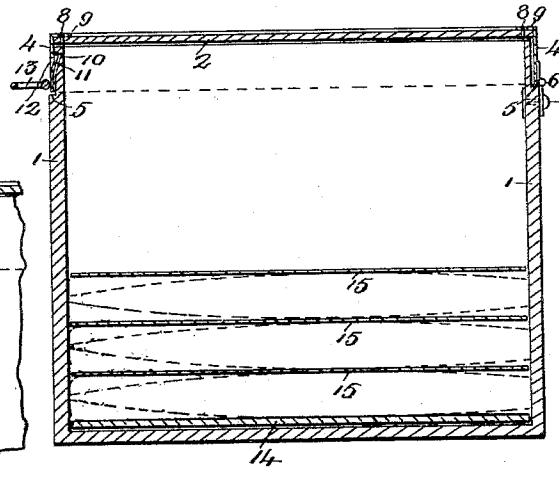



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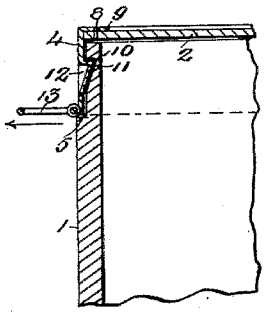
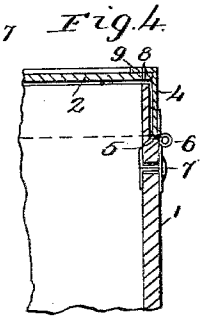



Fig. 4.




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## CIGAR-BOX.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. STICKNEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Boxes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof.

My invention has relation to improvements in cigar-boxes; and it consists in the novel construction of box to be more fully set forth in the specification and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the box open. Fig. 2 is a middle vertical transverse section of the box closed. Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional detail of the locking device, and Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional detail of the hinged side of the cover.

The object of the present invention is to construct a cigar-box which, while it serves the purpose of a display-box for the cigars, at the same time is adapted to insure the preservation of the flavor which the cigars possess when originally placed in the box.

The present box is essentially a glass or transparent one, provided with a cedar cover hinged thereto, the glass bottom being covered with an inner lining of cedar, it being understood that cedar has the capacity for preserving the flavor of and imparting flavor to the weed for an indefinite period, although it is within the spirit of my invention to substitute for the cedar any equivalent material (preferably opaque) which is sufficiently porous to avoid a total exclusion of air from the interior of the box, and yet, at the same time, of sufficient density to prevent a too sudden escape of the moisture which is originally confined within the box when the cigars are packed therein. To insure an absolute imparting of flavor to the cigars for a given time, I interpose between each layer of cigars a sheet of cedar veneer, this arrangement increasing the efficiency of the box in the manner indicated above.

In detail the invention may be described as follows:

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents the body portion of a rectangular glass box, either square or oblong in shape, designed to receive the cigars. Hinged along one of the vertical rigid walls of the box is a lid or cover having a cedar top 2 and depending metallic ends 3 and sides 4, the edges of the said metallic ends and sides being adapted when the lid is closed to rest along the ledges (or continuous ledge) 5, formed along the outer surface of the walls of the box at a suitable distance from the upper edge thereof. I have here shown metallic hinges 6, securing the cover to the glass wall; but it is within the spirit of my invention to substitute for such metallic hinges flexible strips of cloth or fabric serving the purpose of hinges. In the present instance one leaf of each hinge 6 is secured by a fastener 7, passed through alining openings of the leaf and vertical wall of the box, the other leaf being secured to the rear side 4 of the cover, the metallic portion constituting the depending ends and sides of the cover being secured to the wooden portion by driving at suitable points brads or nails 8 through the wooden cover and through the flange or rim 9, overlapping the edges of the same, it being understood that what constitutes the metallic ends 3 and sides 4 and flange 9 is preferably a single piece of stamped metal.

Formed along the front wall of the box (or the wall opposite the hinge-line) and located medially along the wall and at a point intermediate the ledge 5 and the upper edge of the wall is a triangular depression 10, with the base of which is adapted to engage and firmly lock the base of a corresponding inner lug 11, formed or pressed from the adjacent metallic side 4 of the cover, the lug thus pressed leaving a corresponding depression 12 along the outer surface of said yielding side 4. Carried by the same side 4 along the lower edge thereof and directly below the depression 12 is a metallic ring 13, by which the cover can be seized and operated. The side 4, carrying the locking-lug, being yielding, the parts will hug the adjacent portions of the wall of the glass box, to open which the operator simply draws upon the ring 13, as indicated by the arrow in Fig. 3, drawing the side out of engagement with the wall, and when the parts are released the cover may be swung open.

It is of course within the spirit of my invention to reverse the construction just set

forth, forming a lug on the box and a depression in the metallic side of the cover.

The bottom of the glass box is provided with a cedar lining 14, and in the packing of the cigars I may interpose between each layer a sheet of cedar veneer 15, thereby insuring the retention of and the imparting of flavor to the weed for an indefinite period, as already above referred to.

So far as the cedar cover is concerned it is apparent, of course, that the hinge might be altogether dispensed with and that the cover might be secured to the box in any other suitable manner.

The glass of which the body portion is composed is preferably transparent or translucent, but not necessarily so, and it is within the spirit of my invention to substitute any equivalent material for the glass, either transparent or opaque.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a cigar-box, a glass body portion, a ledge carried by the vertical walls of the same adjacent to the upper edge of the box, a wooden lid or cover, depending metallic ends and sides carried by and forming a part of the lid, one of said sides being hinged to one of the vertical walls of the box, a lug formed along the inner surface of the opposite depending side of the cover, a corresponding depression formed along the adjacent vertical wall of the box at a point intermediate the upper edge of the wall and the ledge carried by it, said depression being adapted to receive the inwardly-formed lug carried by the metallic side of the cover, and a suitable ring carried by the side, substantially as set forth.

2. A cigar-box comprising a suitable glass body portion, a ledge carried by the vertical walls thereof adjacent to the upper edge of the box, a cedar or equivalent lid for the body portion, depending metallic ends and sides for the lid formed of a single piece of metal, an inner flange or rim forming a part of said metallic piece and overlapping the edges of the lid and adapted to be secured thereto by fastening devices such as nails, one of the depending sides being hinged to one of the vertical walls of the box, an inwardly-pressed triangular lug formed along the depending side opposite the hinge-line, a corresponding triangular depression formed along the adjacent vertical wall of the box between the ledge and the upper edge of the wall, the base of the depression being adapted to engage with the base of the lug, upon the closing of the lid, and a suitable ring carried by the side adjacent to the lug for grasping the cover, substantially as set forth.

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

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