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Fig. 1.

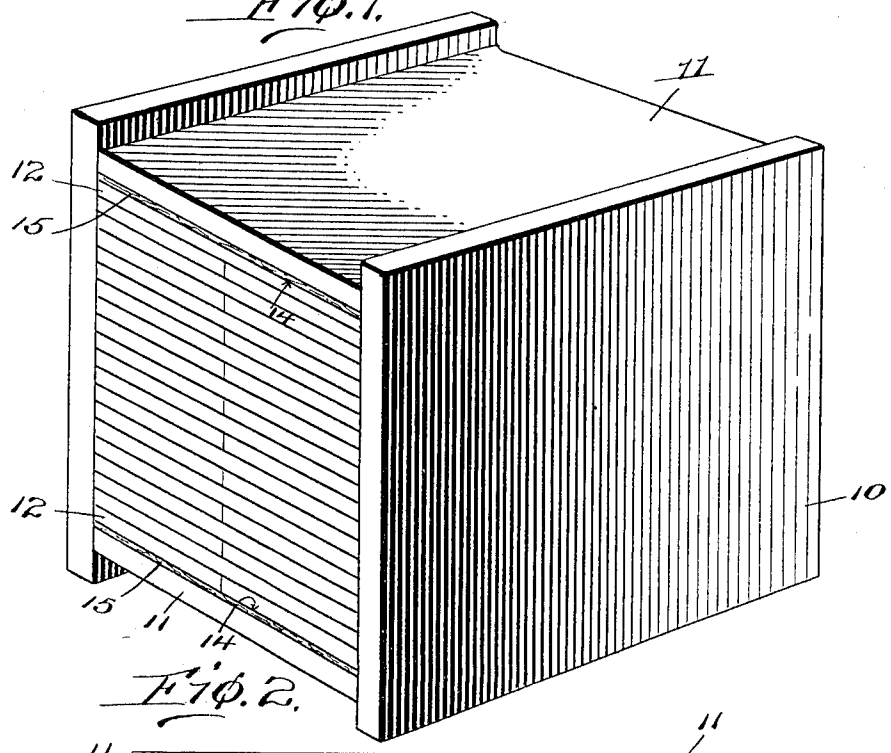
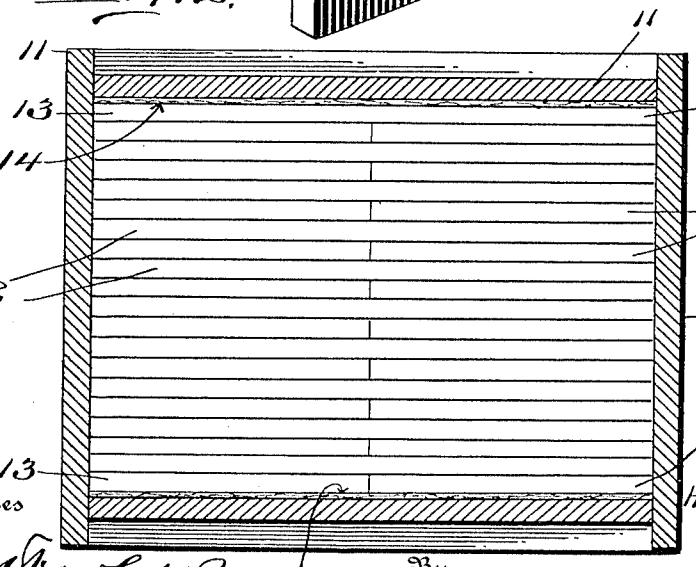


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY TURNER, a citizen of the Dominion of Canada, residing at Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Methods of Packing Plug-Tobacco; and I do hereby 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 packing plug tobacco, and has for its object to provide a means for keeping the end plugs of a caddy of tobacco perfectly moist and rough, without materially changing the construction and size of the caddy.

Heretofore in the packing of tobacco, the plugs adjacent to the ends have become hard, dry and very smooth, by virtue of their close proximity to the wooden ends. This has proven very objectionable owing to the difficulty experienced by the merchant in disposing of these end plugs. It is thought very advantageous to the manufacturers to retain the end plugs in the same condition as the inner plugs, and thereby overcome a loss to the merchant, at the same time not increasing the expense involved. It is for this purpose that the present invention was conceived, and to overcome the now existent difficulties.

With the above and other objects in view this invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts, all as hereinafter more fully described, claimed and illustrated in the annexed drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a tobacco caddy with side removed illustrating the present improved method of packing, and Fig. 2 is a central sectional view thereof.

In carrying out the present invention an ordinary or standard caddy is used, having the plug tobacco packed therein in the usual manner with the exception that there is a small space left at each end of the caddy. These spaces are of sufficient size to receive a packing, layer, or pad of tobacco which is interposed between the ends and the plugs of tobacco. This layer packing, or pad is composed of scrap tobacco, or tobacco taken from the various plugs within the caddy. Inasmuch as the pads or packing are of small comparative thickness it requires only an infinitesimal reduction in the size and weight of each respective plug. Therefore the weight of the tobacco packed in accordance with the present invention will be substantially the same as contained in the caddies at the present time. These pads of packings protect the end plugs of the caddy from drying and becoming hard, and at the same time eliminate the smoothness, which is existent in the end plugs at the present time, by preventing the same from coming into contact with the ends of the box. Thus it will clearly be seen that each and every plug in the caddy will have substantially the same texture, moisture and softness.

Reference now being had more particularly to the drawing 10 indicates a caddy of the standard and usual construction, provided with the ends 11. The intermediate plugs 12 and the end plugs 13 are packed in the caddy 10 in the usual manner with the exception of a minute space 14 which is provided adjacent to each end 11. These spaces 14 are occupied by the packings 15 which are interposed between the ends 11 and the end plugs 13 and prevent the latter from becoming dry, hard or lose their moisture. Each packing 15 is constructed of tobacco which may be scraps, or taken from the plugs packed in the caddy preferably the latter. By constructing the packings or pads of tobacco taken from the plugs contained in the caddy the size and weight of each plug is reduced an infinitesimal amount, and at the same time makes all of the same salable qualities. Thus the weight of the amount of tobacco in each caddy is substantially the same as at the present time, the manufacturer loses nothing; the profit of the merchant is increased per caddy; and the consumer receives a plug in better condition than heretofore and the size thereof is approximately the same.

Having thus fully described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by U. S. Letters Patent is:—

In the process of packing plug tobacco, placing a layer of scraps of tobacco in the bottom of a caddy, then packing the plugs

in the caddy superposed on said layer of scraps of tobacco, and then placing another layer of scraps of tobacco upon the uppermost plug before securing the top in the caddy, said layers of scraps of tobacco operating to keep the end plugs of tobacco moist, preventing the end plugs from becoming flavored by the caddy, and also causing the outer sides of the end plugs to be roughened.

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

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