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Fig. 1

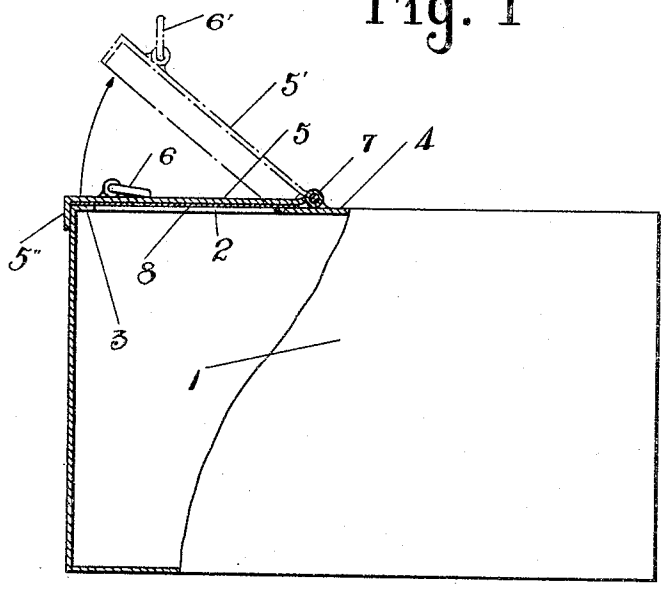
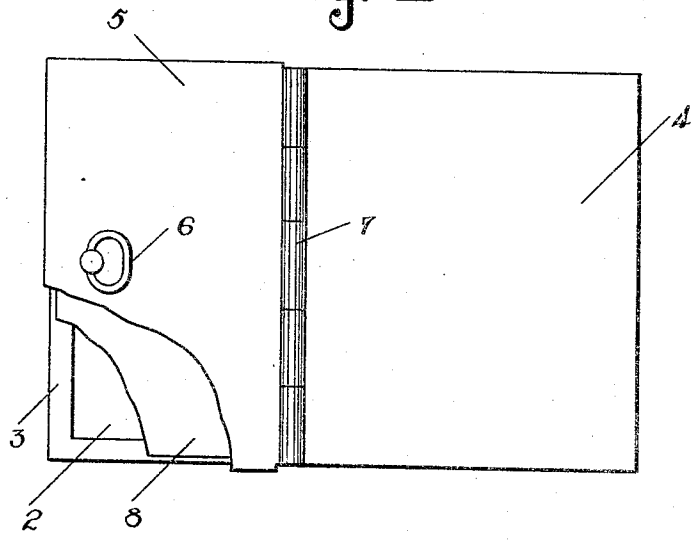


Fig. 2



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This invention relates to improvements in or relating to a tea container and has for its object to obtain a tea container which is perfectly moisture proof while the lid of which can be quickly opened or shut.

In the accompanying drawing, Fig. 1 is an elevation of the tea container constructed according to the present invention, and Fig. 2 a plan view of the same, with a part broken off.

In the drawing, 1 is a rectangular box, of which the bottom, side walls, and the cover are externally soldered together. One side part of the cover is cut off with a marginal edge 3 left, to form an opening 2. A lid 5 having a projecting edge 5'' and a hand ring 6, is fitted to the cover, near its centre, by means of a hinge 7, so that the lid may be opened and shut swinging around the pivot of the hinge 7 by means of the hand ring 6. When opened, the lid and the ring come to a position as shown in a chain line 5'. 8 is a moisture proof tin-sheet, placed under the lid and pasted to the marginal edge 3. By the term "pasted" it is to be understood that the same includes soldering when the parts of the box are formed of metal.

The tea container according to the invention has various advantages as follows:

(1) Because of the opening 2 being of small size, even after the tin-sheet has once been broken, the content of the box may well be protected from the attack of the outside moisture;

(2) The lid, being hinged on one side of the opening, can be very quickly opened and shut, and therefore the moisture may not be allowed by a sufficient time to invade through the opening;

(3) For storing or transportation, the tea is not needed to be wrapped by the tin-foil as in the heretoknown tea-chest, and therefore a great deal of tin-foil can be saved;

(4) The new tea-container, being of rectangular form, is convenient for package and especially for export.

I claim.

A tea-container comprising a closed rectangular box-like metallic body, the top of which is partly cut away near one side thereof so as to provide a relatively small opening and to leave an inturned flange along three adjacent side walls of the body, a metallic lid hinged to the top of the body and near the center thereof and also provided with a depending flange along its free ends and side edges for engagement with the adjacent outer sides of the body, a hand ring fitted to said hinged lid, and a thin sheet of metal soldered to the upper surface of the top about the opening and on the internal flange for permanently sealing the contents of the body.

In testimony whereof he affixes his signature.

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