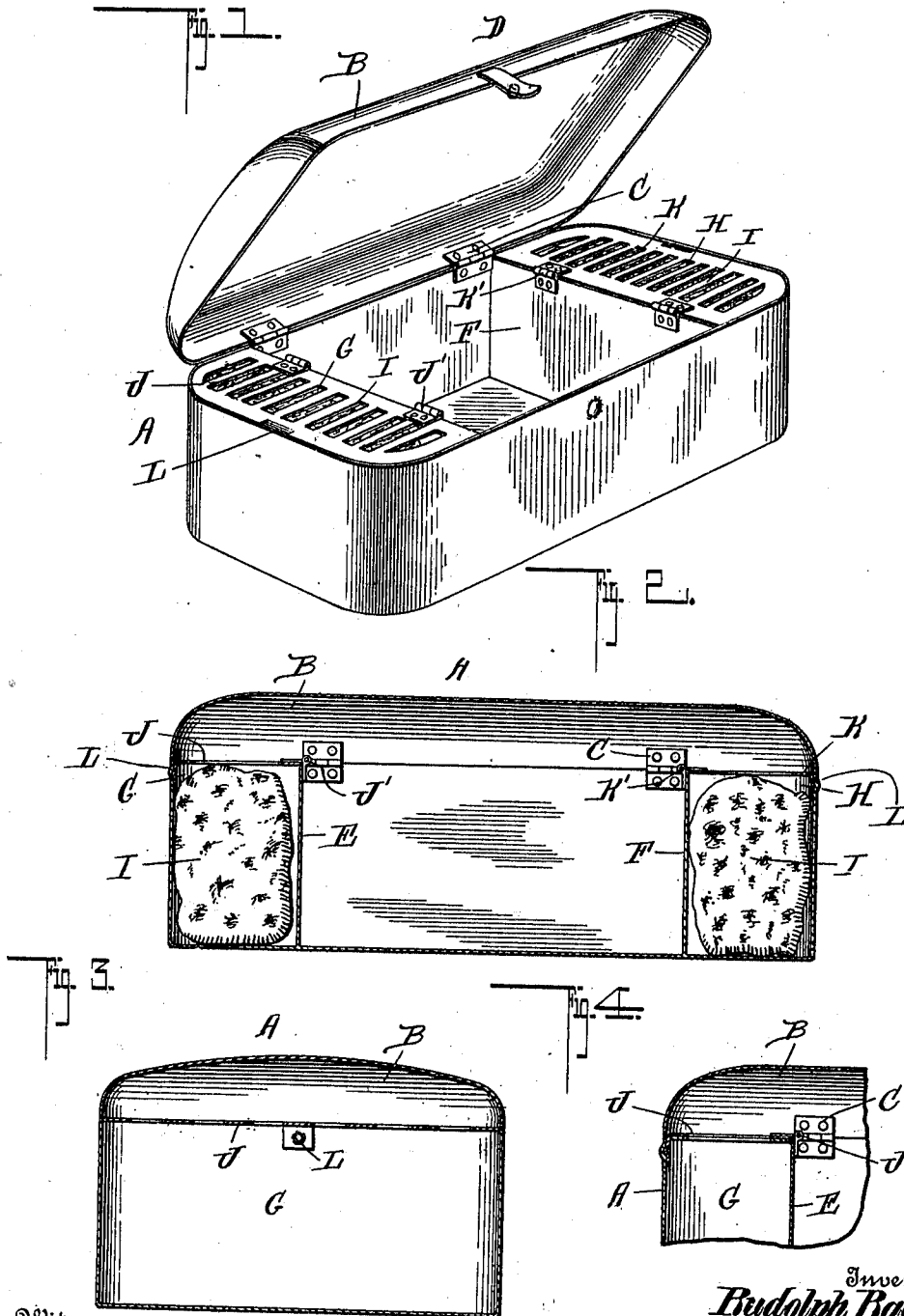


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUDOLPH RAABE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tyrone, in the county of Blair and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tobacco-Moisteners, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to tobacco moisteners, and more particularly to a tobacco box and moistener, the object being to provide a tobacco box or case which is adapted to be carried in the pocket with moisteners for keeping the tobacco moist, it of course being understood that the box can be made of any size and use for holding tobacco in stores, so that when the same is sold it will be in a moist condition.

Another object of my invention is to provide a tobacco box with sponge receiving compartments, one of which is arranged at each end of the box and provided with grate covers so that the sponges used for moistening purposes will be held therein in such a manner that the moisture can readily escape from the sponges in order to keep the tobacco arranged between the compartments in a moist condition.

A still further object of my invention is to provide the walls of the compartments for holding the sponges with annular flanges for preventing the water from dripping out of the compartments into the tobacco compartments, when the box is turned up on its end.

With these objects in view the invention consists in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described and pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a tobacco box constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section through the box. Fig. 3 is a transverse section through one of the sponge holding compartments, and Fig. 4 is a detail vertical section through a modified form of the sponge holding compartment.

In carrying out my improved invention I employ an oblong box A having rounded corners and preferably formed of aluminum or other suitable material. The box is closed by concavo-convex cover B which is hinged

as clearly shown at C, and is adapted to be fastened by a suitable fastening member D. 55

Extending across the box adjacent each end are partitions E and F forming compartments G and H, in which are adapted to be arranged sponges I forming moisteners so that the tobacco within the central portion of the box will be moistened in order to prevent the same from drying out and becoming hard. The compartments G and H are provided with grate covers J and K which are hinged to the partitions E and F, at J', K' and are adapted to be fastened to the end walls of the box, by suitable fastening members L, so that after the moistened sponges have been placed in position within the compartments, they will be held therein by the grate covers, so as to prevent the same from accidentally being knocked out into the central tobacco holding compartment. 60 65 70

By constructing the box with an arched cover, so as to form a space between the grate covers of the moistening compartments, the moisture from the sponges can readily pass up through the grate covers, and be absorbed by the tobacco so as to maintain the same in its proper condition. 75 80

In the modification shown in Fig. 4 I show the walls of the moistening compartment provided with annular flanges on which the grate covers are adapted to rest, and it will be seen that by providing the compartment with flanges, all danger of any water dripping out of the sponges arranged therein into the tobacco holding compartment is prevented, whereby a tobacco box constructed in the form of a case having moistening compartments constructed in this way, can be readily carried in the pocket, without any danger of the tobacco becoming ruined by water from the moistening compartments. It will also be seen that a tobacco case constructed in accordance with my invention will enable a tobacco user to carry tobacco in his pocket in a clean and moistened condition, which will be appreciated greatly by tobacco users, as it often happens that the tobacco becomes so dry and hard that it has to be thrown away. 85 90 95 100

From the foregoing description it will be seen that I have provided a tobacco box and moistener which may be constructed in the form of a case, and carried in the pocket, or 105

on a larger scale to hold chewing tobacco
by merchants, and tobacco dealers which
will enable the user of one of these boxes to
maintain the tobacco in a moist condition,
5 so as to please the consumer.

What I claim is:

A tobacco box or case having compart-
ments formed at each end provided with
annular flanged walls, a cover for closing

said box or case, and grate covers mounted 10
upon the flanges of said compartments for
holding the moistening material within said
compartments.

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