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CIGAR MOISTENER.
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Fig. 1.

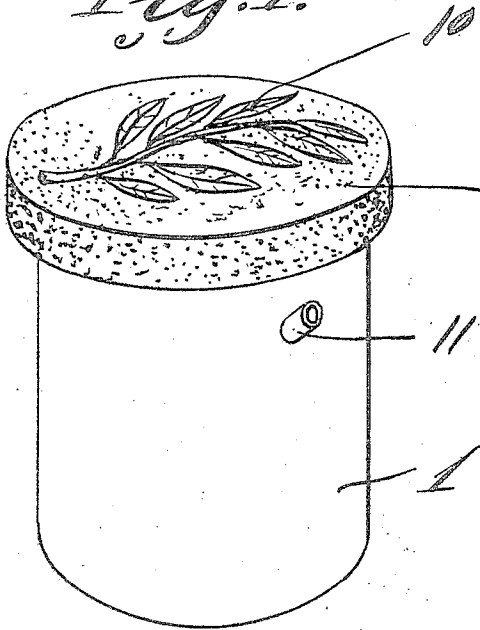


Fig. 2.

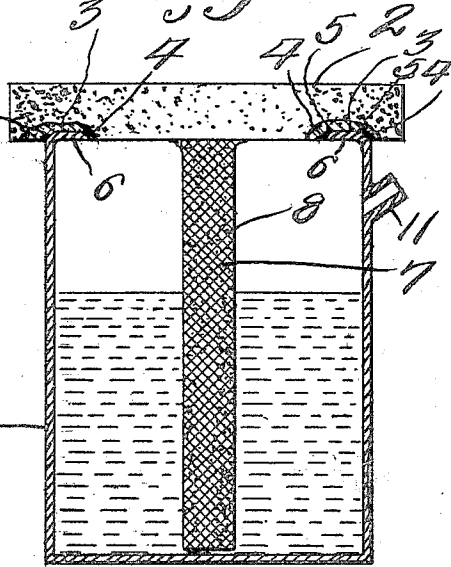
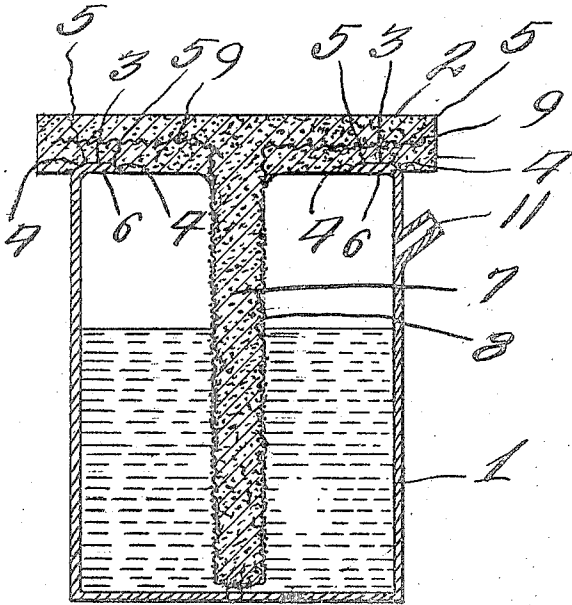
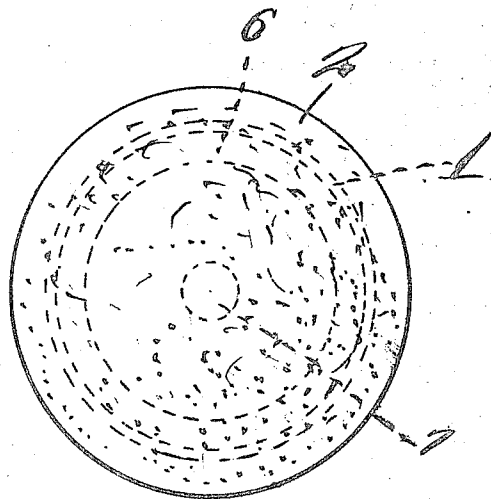


Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DOUGAL T. MCKINNON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tilden, in the county of Madison and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and useful Cigar-Moistener; 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 an improved cigar moistener for show cases and the like, to keep the cigars, tobacco and the like moist and in a good condition.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a moistener consisting of improved and practical features of construction, one of the features of construction consisting of a receptacle for the water or the like, in combination with a closure therefor constructed of plaster Paris, which cover is provided with a downwardly extending stem or wick having a wire mesh work cover or shield constituting a protector. By virtue of the stem or wick the moisture feeds upwardly therethrough by capillary attraction, and the moisture from the cover of the receptacle passes off into the atmosphere of the show case for keeping the cigars and the like moist.

The top or cover of the receptacle may be provided with any suitable ornamentation or configuration, for instance, something on the order of that shown in Figure 1, and in constructing the top or cover, sufficient suitable coloring matter may be mixed with the plaster Paris, to give it a permanent and lasting color, and one not easily soiled.

In practical fields the details of construction may necessitate alterations, falling within the scope of what is claimed.

The invention comprises further features and combination of parts, as hereinafter set forth, shown in the drawings and claimed.

In the drawings: Fig. 1 is a view in perspective of the moisture constructed in accordance with the invention. Fig. 2 is a view partly in section and partly in elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the moistener.

Referring to the drawings 1 designates a receptacle, which may be any suitable shape or configuration, for instance cylin-

dricai, as shown in the drawings, and 2 denotes a closure or top for the receptacle, the under surface of which is provided with an annular recess 3 having beveled walls 4 and curved corners 5, to receive a correspondingly shaped annular flange 6 extending inwardly from the upper portion of the receptacle, in order to hold the top or closure concentric with the receptacle. The top or closure may be constructed of any suitable material, such as plaster Paris, clay or the like, and may be made in any suitable shape or configuration. The top or closure when being constructed may have sufficient suitable coloring matter mixed therewith, in order to produce a permanent and lasting color. Protruding downwardly from the under surface of the closure or top, and concentric therewith and the receptacle is a cylindrical elongated stem or wick 7, which is provided with a wire mesh work protecting shield 8. This cylindrical mesh work shield of the wick at its upper end may be provided with a disk flange 9, also of wire mesh work, which, when the top or closure is molded, is embedded within the top or closure, in order to strengthen or reinforce the same. The top or closure may be provided with any suitable ornamentation, as shown at 10. To obviate the necessity of removing the top or closure for filling the receptacle, the cylindrical wall of the receptacle is provided with an extension tube 11, through which the water may be passed into the receptacle. The moistener when to be employed is placed in the interior of a cigar show case, the same having been previously filled with water, which, through capillary attraction feeds through the wick or stem to the top or closure, where the moisture is thrown off into the atmosphere of the show case, to be consumed by the cigars or tobacco or the like.

The invention having been set forth, what is claimed as new and useful is:—

1. A cigar or tobacco moistener comprising a receptacle, a top or closure therefor constructed of porous material and having a contracted extension wick protruding into the receptacle and constructed of corresponding material, and a protector for the wick, said protector having at its upper portion a disk flange embedded in the top or closure for strengthening the same.

2. A cigar or tobacco moistener comprising a receptacle, a top or closure therefor

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into the receptacle and constructed of corre-
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5 wick, said protector having at its upper por-
tion a disk flange embedded in the top or
closure for strengthening the same, and
means for holding the top or closure con-
centric in the receptacle.
10 3. A cigar or tobacco moistener compris-
ing a water container having a laterally ex-
tending filling tube, the upper portion of
the container having an inwardly extend-
ing annular flange provided with beveled
15 parts, a top or closure constructed of porous
material having an annular recess in its
under face corresponding in shape with and

receiving the flange of the container to hold
the top or closure concentric with the con-
tainer, said top or closure having a con- 20
tracted extension wick constructed of mate-
rial corresponding to the material of the
top or closure, said wick having a wire mesh
work protector fitting the same, said protector
having an annular disk flange at its upper 25
portion embedded in the top or closure for
strengthening the same.

In testimony whereof I have signed my
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