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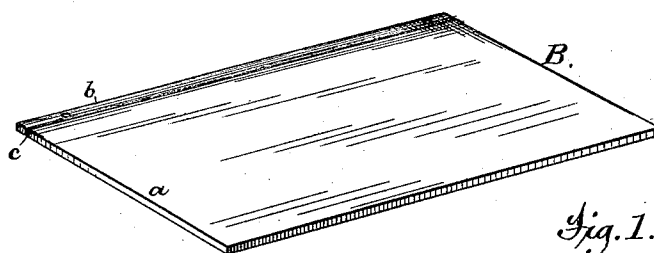


Fig. 1.

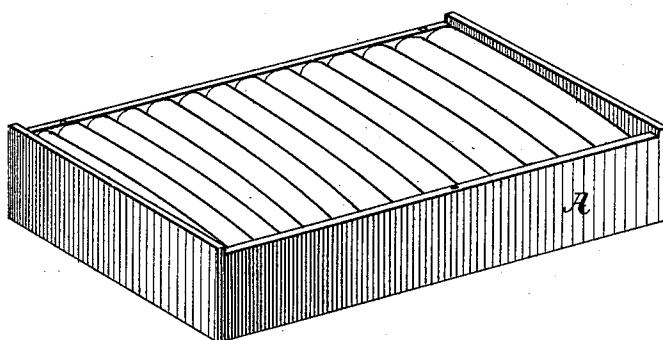
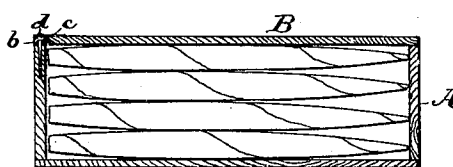


Fig. 2.



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CIGAR-BOX.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN C. C. FLETCHER, a subject of the Queen of England, residing in the city of New York, county of New York, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Boxes, fully described and represented in the following specification and the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the same.

10 The object of this invention is to provide a cigar-box with a cover which can be removed from the body of the box for the purpose of imprinting special designs, trade-marks, or
15 othersimilar matter thereon and over the entire ordinary printing-field of the same, and which, when applied to the body, will not obstruct the ready removal therefrom of cigars by the retailer, who by law is required to sell from the original package.

20 It is customary for wholesalers to imprint upon the lids of cigar-boxes the words "manufactured expressly for" and the name of their customer, with or without other designs or matter, which occupies substantially the entire
25 printing-field—that is, the space unoccupied by the usual binding upon the sides and ends of the upper surface of the cover; and in order to supply the trade, delays occur in that the quantity and purchaser of the goods must be known before the covers of the boxes can
30 be so imprinted, and as in ordinary hinged-cover boxes said covers cannot practically be removed, the boxes must be made and the goods packed after being ordered, and hence
35 shipment of an order must await the performance of this work; and to print the covers of the usual construction of boxes the flexible textile hinge and the binding must be removed
40 either from the cover or body along the hinge-line, thus necessitating rebinding the box and regluing the hinge thereto, and this must be followed by a delay sufficient for the glue to
45 harden, as no other fastening is used on the hinge-line in said usual construction of boxes.

Heretofore the lids of packing-boxes have been divided into two covering-sections hinged to each other, one of which has been secured to a side and to the two end walls; but such construction was not intended as a removable
50 cover, and is not adapted to the purposes in view, because the joint or hinge-line passes directly through and completely across the usual printing-field; and, furthermore, the

fixed section obstructs the removal of cigars from the box, in that if care is not used the
55 ends of the cigars are frequently broken or injured by coming in contact with the projecting edges of said fixed section.

By my invention these objections are overcome, and the covers of the boxes of a lot of
60 cigars sold can be removed, printed, and immediately replaced without delay or injury to the binding or hinge, and this by a construction which does not impede the removal of the cigars by the retailer.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of a box constructed in accordance with my invention, and Fig. 2 is a transverse section thereof.

Like letters refer to like parts in both figures. A represents the body of the box, and B
70 the cover. The former is constructed in the usual manner. The latter—that is, the cover—comprises and consists of the cover proper, B, and an attaching-strip, b, of a width equal
75 to that of the edge of the side or wall of the box, to which it is secured by the nails or screws d, and this strip and the cover are connected to each other by an ordinary flexible
80 hinge, c, of textile material.

It is readily seen that by withdrawing the nails or screws the cover is removed without displacing the hinge or mutilating the usual
85 ornamental bordering of the cover or box, and that the cover with the strip attached can be readily passed through a printing-machine and immediately replaced upon the box.

Having described my invention, its advantages and operation, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

90 A cigar-box provided with a cover hinged to an attaching-strip, the inner edge of which is flush with the inner surface of the wall of the box to which it is removably attached, whereby the printing-field of the cover is un-
95 obstructed, the cover can be removed without injury to the hinge, and complete access is had to the interior of the box, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
100 my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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