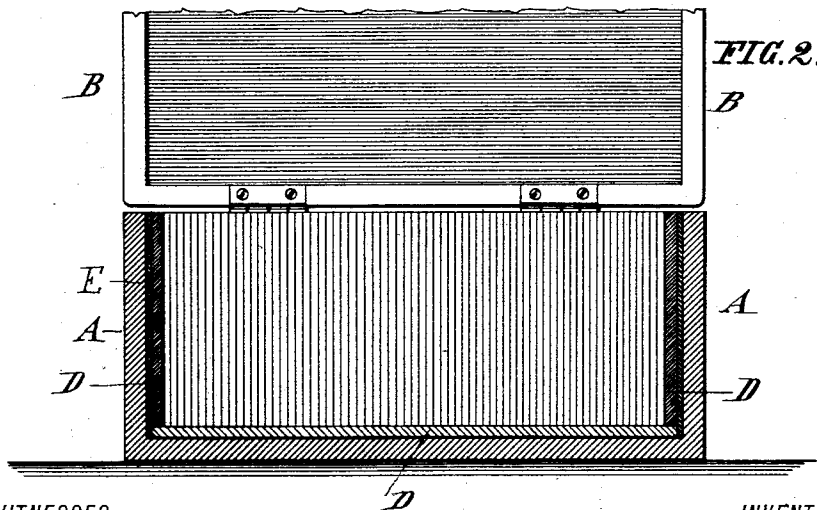
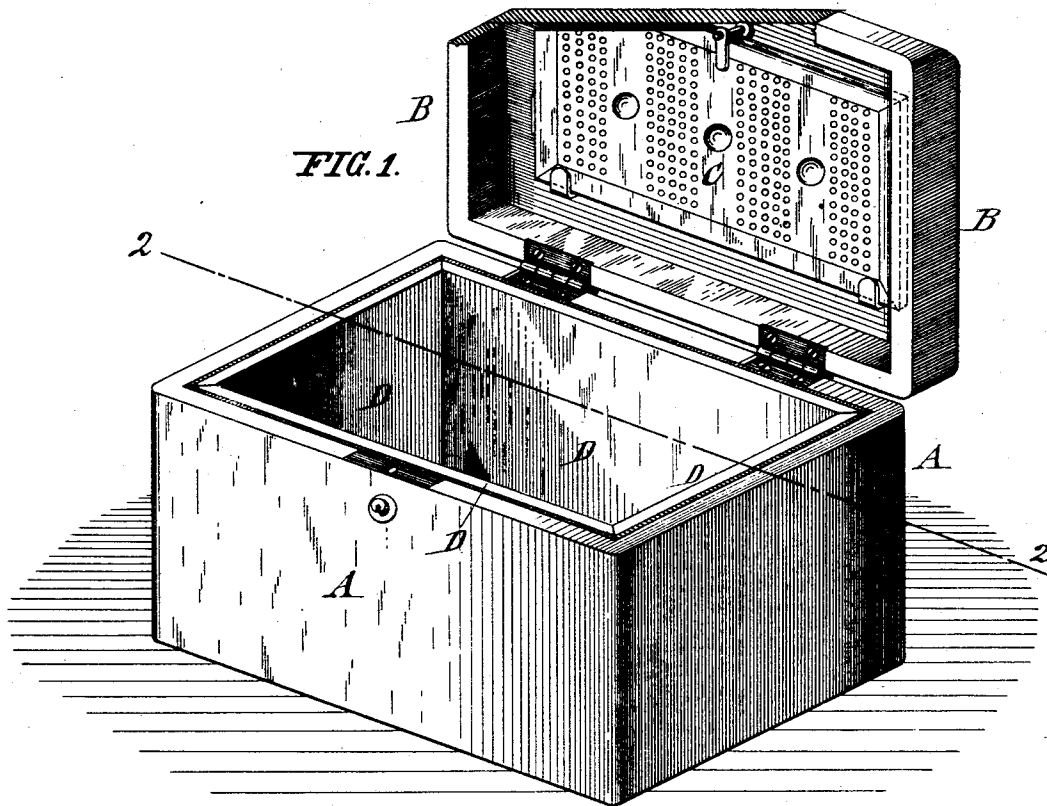


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES N. SWIFT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to an improved cigar-case of that class in which moisture is supplied to the cigars by an absorbent-pad, said cigar-case retaining the moisture in a superior manner, without injury to the case itself; and the invention consists of a cigar-case, in which the cigars to be kept in moistened condition are placed into the body of the case, said body being provided with an interior lining of separately detachable wooden strips having matching beveled edges and a layer of waterproof material that is interposed between the lining and the side-walls of the body of the case, as will be fully described hereinafter and finally pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved cigar-case, and Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of the same on line 2 2, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

In the drawings, A represents the body and B the lid of a cigar-case, in which cigars are kept in moist condition, so as to render them better adapted for smoking purposes. At the under side of the lid B is supported in any suitable manner an absorbent-pad C, preferably of the construction for which Letters Patent were granted to me on December 11, 1883, No. 290,140. This absorbent-pad is dipped into water from time to time so as to absorb a certain quantity of water which is gradually evaporated so as to supply the moisture to the cigars that are stored in the case. The body A of the case is protected against the deteriorating influence of the moisture on its glued joints by a lining D, which is formed of detachable strips of suitable wood, said lining extending over the bottom and the sides of the case, as shown clearly in Fig. 2. To protect the body A of the case still more, a layer E of sheet-metal or other material impermeable to moisture is interposed between the side-walls of the body A and the side-walls of the lining D, as shown in Fig. 2. By thus arranging the cigar-case

with an interior lining of wood and an intermediate protecting layer between the lining and the body of the case, the latter is protected so as to be more durable and not liable to get loose in the joints. The detachable wooden lining D serves also for retaining the moisture evaporated and for gradually giving the same off again as the moisture is taken up by the cigars and for preventing the moisture attacking and causing the metallic layer R to rust. The interior lining D is not glued together at the corners, but the strips forming the same are simply fitted together so as to form snug joints in the case. This enables the replacing of any warped or cracked parts of the lining. The intermediate layer E of sheet metal or other waterproof material prevents the moisture from passing to the joints of the case, so that the latter remains thereby in good and lasting condition, as the main objection to the cigar-cases of this class, namely the gradual loosening of the glued joints by the moisture supplied by the absorbent material in the case and the consequent deterioration of the case, is obviated.

I am aware that it is not broadly new to construct boxes and like receptacles of two or more layers of suitable materials, one of which forms an interior lining, and I do not therefore lay a broad claim thereto, but

Having thus described my invention, what I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A cigar-case for containing a moisture-absorber, and composed of a jointed body, a lining in said body, said lining being formed of separately detachable wooden strips covering the bottom and sides of the body, and a metallic layer, constituting a water-proof medium, interposed between the lining and the inner sides of the body, and whereby the joints of the body are protected from the moisture in the box, the said wooden strips absorbing some of the moisture and preventing the same from attacking and rusting the metallic layer, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

CHAS. N. SWIFT.

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