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Fig. 1.

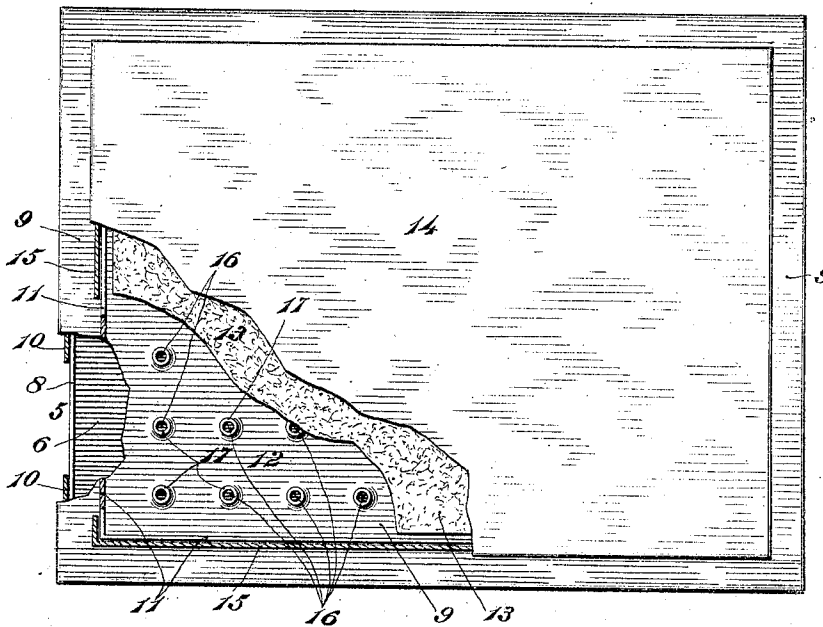
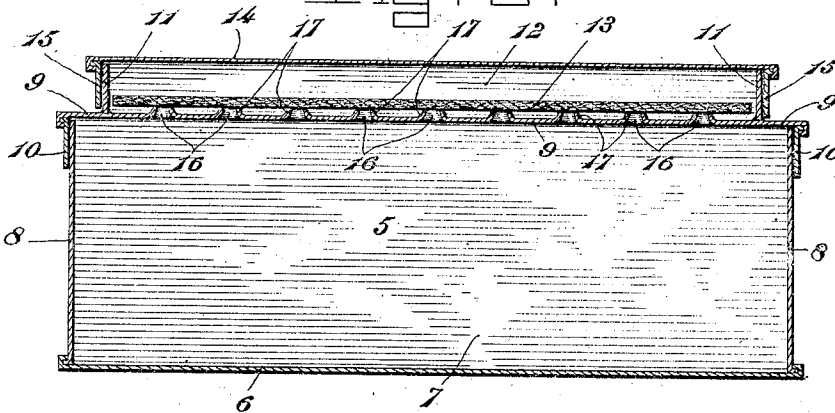


Fig. 2.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK W. HENSCHEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Moistening Devices, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to a moistening device, and more particularly to the class of tobacco moistening cases.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character in which cigar-wrappers or fillers may be stored, whereby the same can be kept moist and in a fine condition for an indefinite period of time, thus assuring a fresh tasteful flavor and aroma to the tobacco when being smoked.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a moistening device of this character in which tobacco may be maintained fresh and moist, without possibility of wetting the same which would cause the molding thereof and impair the condition thereof, and thus destroy the aroma and natural taste when the tobacco is being smoked.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a case of this character in which tobacco may be kept without possibility of the same becoming worthless by the drying out thereof or the wetting of the same, thus assuring the requisite moist condition to the tobacco when used by a consumer.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a case of this character which is simple in construction, thoroughly reliable and efficient in operation, and inexpensive in manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereunto appended.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a top plan view of a case constructed in accordance with the invention, the same being partly broken away. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view therethrough.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, the case comprises a box-like body 5, preferably constructed from tin, although the

same may be constructed from any other suitable material, having the usual bottom 6, side and end walls 7 and 8, respectively, the said box-like body being closed by means of a removable lid or cover 9, the same being formed with a depending marginal flange 10 fitting about the side and end walls of the box-like body, the cover being formed preferably of tin, although the same may be constructed from other suitable material. Into this box-like body 5 are adapted to be introduced cigar wrappers or fillers, cigars or tobacco wrapped or contained in the ordinary boxes therefor.

Rising from the top of the lid or cover 9 is a rim 11 forming the wall of a moistening compartment 12, in which is removably fitted a moistening pad 13 preferably constructed from felt, although it may be constructed from any other suitable material and is saturated with water for moistening purposes. Telescoping upon the rim 11 is a closure cap or cover 14, the same being provided with a marginal depending flange 15 which slidably fits onto the rim 11, thereby closing the moistening compartment 12 and rendering the same fluid tight.

In the lid or cover 9 within the boundary of the rim 11 is formed a plurality of orifices or openings 16 which are punched through the said lid or cover 9 from the under side thereof in such a manner that the metal punched through stands up forming circular flanges 17 around the said orifices or openings 16. By these flanges 17, any water standing in the compartment 12 is prevented from running out through the orifices or openings 16 into the box-like body onto the cigar-wrappers, fillers, tobacco or cigars contained therein. The moistening pad 13 may be saturated with water at predetermined intervals, so that moisture will be drawn off therefrom and directed into the box-like body for keeping the tobacco moist when confined therein. When it is desired to remove the wrappers, fillers, tobacco or cigars from the box-like body 5, it is only necessary to remove the lid or cover 9 therefrom, whereby access will be had thereto. It is evident that tobacco deposited within the body 5 may be kept moist for an indefinite period of time provided that the pad 13 is kept saturated with water, it being impossible for any drippings from the pad 13 gaining an entrance to the body 5 by reason of the formation of the flanges 17 about the

orifices 16 in the top of the lid or cover of the said box-like body.

It will be obvious that the box-like body 5 may be dispensed with and the cover 9 with its rim 11, pad 13 and closure cap 14 fitted on said rim, may be positioned within a tobacco or cigar packing box upon the bottom thereof for moistening purposes.

What is claimed is:

10 1. A device of the class described, comprising a box-like body, a lid closing the said body and having a plurality of openings therein, flanges struck up from the lid and circumscribing the said openings, a rim 15 rising from the lid spaced from its marginal edge, a closure tightly fitted upon said rim, and a moistening pad confined within the rim.

20 2. The combination with a box-like body having a lid, a rim formed about the lid and rising therefrom, a closure cap fitted upon

the rim and forming a fluid tight closure therefor, the said lid being provided with orifices establishing communication between the space within the rim and the space within the box, and a moistened pad held within the rim. 25

3. The combination with a perforated base, of a rim rising therefrom to form a compartment, circular flanges struck up 30 from the base and circumscribing the perforations, a moistening pad removably held in the compartment, and a detachable lid engaging the rim to form a fluid tight joint therebetween. 35

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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