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MOISTENER FOR CIGAR BOXES.

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Fig. 1

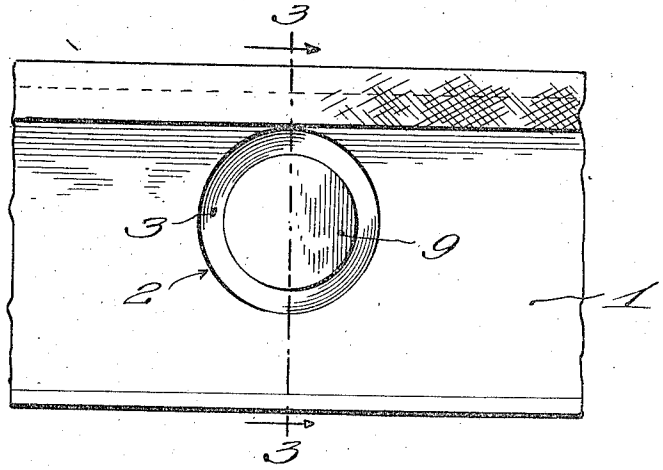


Fig. 2

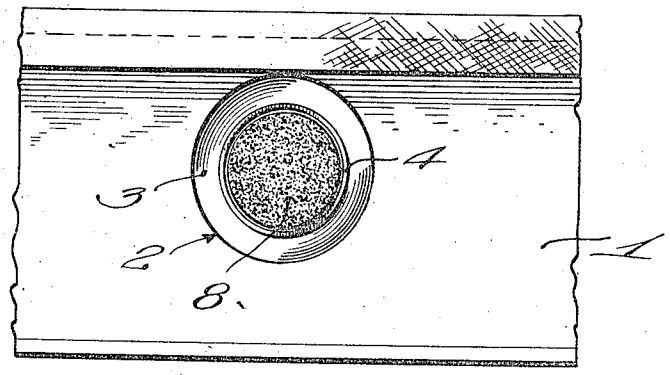


Fig. 3

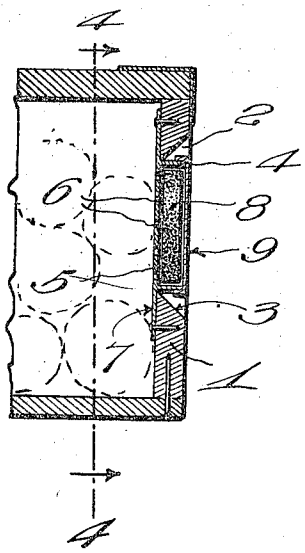
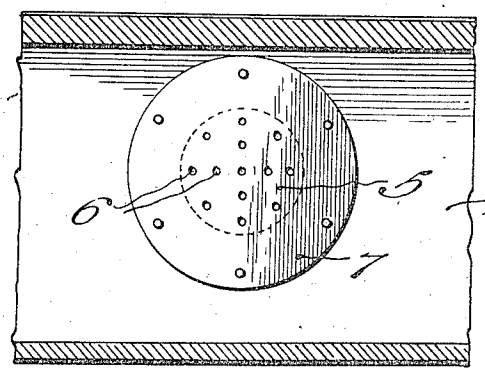


Fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT H. BERKSTRESSER, citizen of the United States, residing at York, in the county of York and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Moisteners for Cigar-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention pertains to cigar boxes and the like such as are equipped with moistening appurtenances; and it consists in the peculiar construction, novel combination and adaptation of parts as hereinafter described and definitely pointed out in my appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings which are hereby made a part hereof—

Figure 1 is an elevation showing a portion of a cigar box equipped with my novel moistener, the latter being shown with its closure cap in position.

Fig. 2 is a similar view with the said closure cap removed.

Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse section, taken in the plane indicated by the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a vertical, longitudinal section on line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Similar numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all of the views of the drawings.

With the exceptions hereinafter pointed out the cigar box may be and preferably is wooden and of the ordinary inexpensive construction.

In furtherance of my invention, one wall 1, preferably the back wall, of the box is provided with a transverse opening 2, and the outer portion of the wall of the opening is flared, as indicated by 3 for an important purpose hereinafter set forth.

Snugly arranged in the inner portion of the opening 2 is the box 4 of the moistener. The said box 4 is preferably of tin, for the sake of cheapness and lightness, and its inner wall 5 is opposed to the interior of the box and is foraminous, as indicated by 6, in order to permit the dissemination of moisture from the interior of the moistener box to the contents of the cigar box. The moistener box 4 is also provided with a flange 7, and this latter is attached by brads or other suitable means to the inner side of the wall 1 of the cigar box so that the moistener constitutes a permanent part thereof.

Removably arranged in the box 4 is a wafer 8, of sponge or other appropriate absorbent material, and removably arranged on the outer portion of said box 4 is a removable, flanged and tight-fitting closure cap 9.

In practice the absorbent wafer 8 is dipped in water, and then placed in the box 4, after which the cap 9 is placed in position as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. With this done, the interior of the cigar box will be adequately supplied with moisture through the foraminations of box 4, with the result that undue drying of the cigars in the box will be precluded.

It is important to the end stated that the absorbent wafer 8 be moistened at frequent intervals, and it is for this reason that both the wafer 8 and the closure cap 9 are made readily removable. For the same reason the outer portion 3 of the wall of aperture 2 is flared since by reason of the flare a person can readily grasp and remove the closure cap 9 and as readily replace the same.

It will be noted from the foregoing that my novel moistener is exceedingly cheap; also, that it may be made a permanent part of a cigar box without appreciably increasing the cost of the same, and from this it follows that it is feasible to discard cigar boxes equipped with my improvement in the same manner as ordinary cigar boxes.

Having described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A box for cigars or the like having a transverse opening in one of its walls, said transverse opening being tapered and increasing in diameter outwardly; a moistener box fitting snugly within the inner reduced end of said opening, said moistener box having its inner side foraminous and its outer side open, the open outer side being arranged within the enlarged outer end of said opening and spaced from the wall thereof to provide a surrounding space, said inner side having a radially extending flange disposed upon the inner side of the wall and adapted to span said opening; means to attach the flange to the wall; a wafer of absorbent material arranged

within the moistener box and adapted to be removed therefrom; and an imperforate flanged cover removably arranged upon the outer open side of the moistener box with its flange disposed within the surrounding space in convenient reach of the fingers.

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

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