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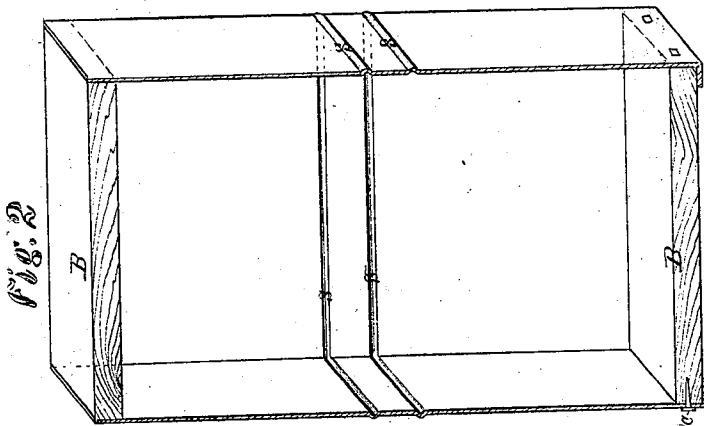


Fig. 2

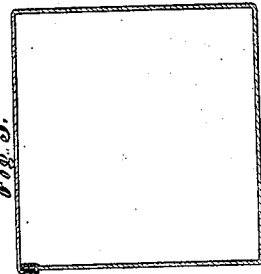


Fig. 3.

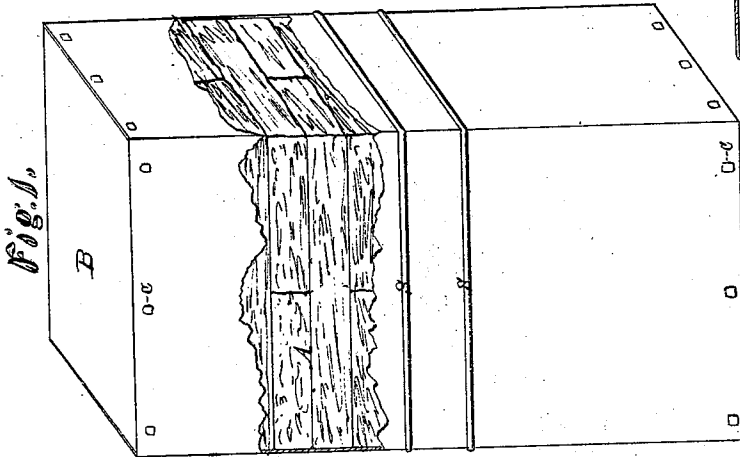


Fig. 1.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CASE FOR CURING AND TRANSPORTING TOBACCO.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. TUCKETT, of Hamilton, in the county of Wentworth, and Province of Ontario, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Packages for Tobacco; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1, of the drawings, is of an external view of my device, broken off to show the tobacco in place;

Figure 2 is a vertical section; and

Figure 3 is a cross-section of the same.

My invention relates to means for curing and packing tobacco manufactured in plugs; and

It consists in the construction of a quadrangular box of tin or zinc with wooden or metallic ends, as the case may require, and so forming the square sides of such box as to provide safe means of attachment for a revenue stamp. The box thus formed is designed for use as a package for plug tobacco.

Heretofore plug tobacco, of the class called cavendish, has been usually packed away in boxes constructed wholly of wood, each piece of which is one-half inch in thickness. Such boxes, when made of wood thoroughly seasoned, serve a good purpose, but when made of timber in which even a little moisture is retained, tend to injure the tobacco by producing mold thereon.

It often happens that such wooden boxes, through mistake, carelessness, or a bad motive, are constructed of unseasoned timber, and in that case the result is disastrous to the contents. Even in cases where the wooden case or package is well made and of the proper timber, such package is heavy, cumbersome and expensive.

To obviate the difficulties mentioned, I construct a quadrangular case of tin or zinc, and attach to it heads of either metal or wood, as the case requires,

that is to say, if the tobacco be not thoroughly dried I place wooden heads in the case to provide for the evaporation of the moisture in the tobacco, but if there be no moisture in the tobacco which ought to be evaporated, I prefer metallic heads for the box.

Cavendish tobacco is manufactured in flat plugs six inches in length and three inches in width; hence I make my box six inches in diameter, and thereby adapt it to hold the layers of the plugs in the manner shown at A, on fig. 1 of the drawings.

The letters B represent the wooden heads, and letters c apertures to receive the fastening-nails. I usually turn the lower end of the tin over the bottom of the box.

My box sides are formed of one piece of metal only, soldered in the manner shown in fig. 3.

The letters S represent corrugations extending around the box, leaving a space between them to receive a revenue stamp. These corrugations serve to protect such stamp, and prevent it from being rubbed off in transportation or in handling.

Tobacco is sometimes manufactured into plugs twelve inches in length. For packing such tobacco I construct my box twelve inches in diameter, and generally I make it of the size required for the tobacco to be packed.

For very large packages I sometimes use sheet-iron instead of tin or zinc for the main body of the box.

I claim as my invention,

The metallic quadrangular box herein described, with wooden or metallic heads, when constructed with the corrugations s, as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony that I claim the above, I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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