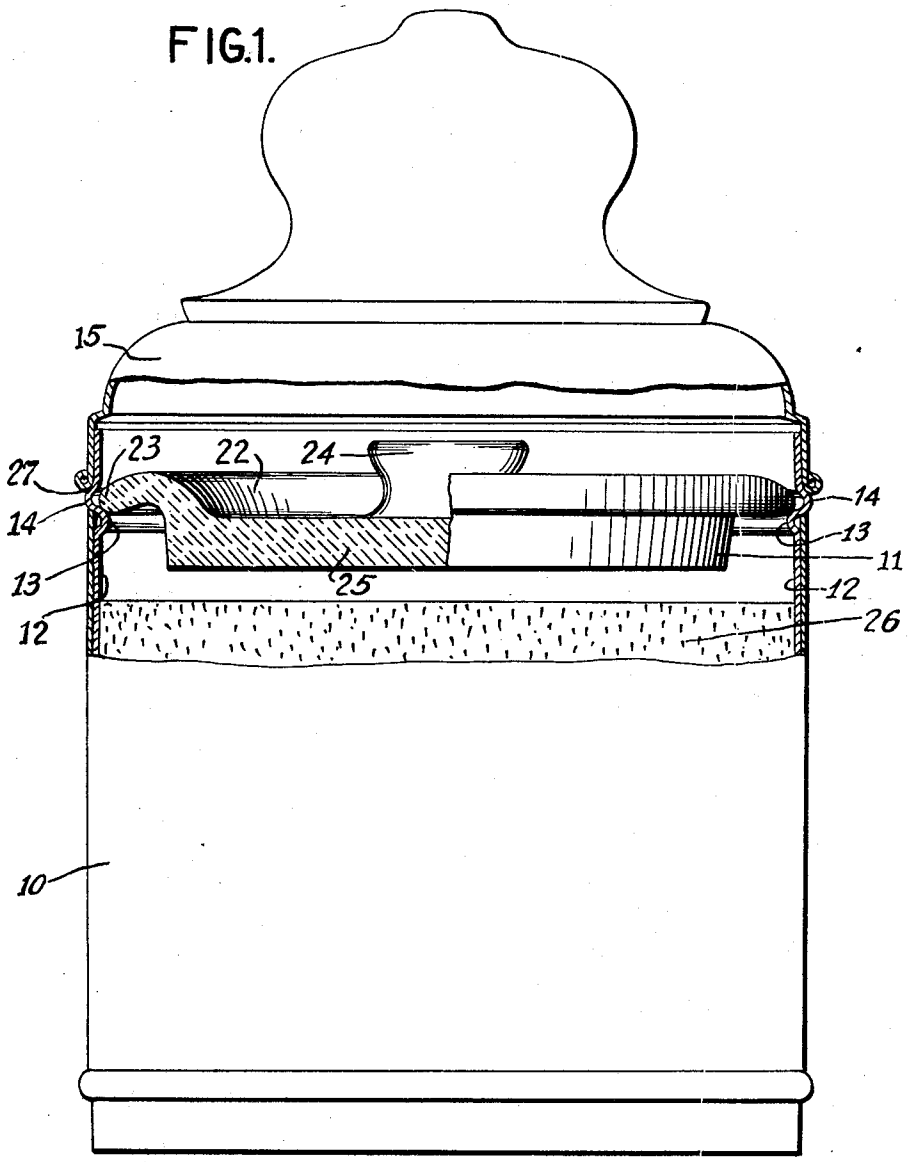
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FIG. 1.



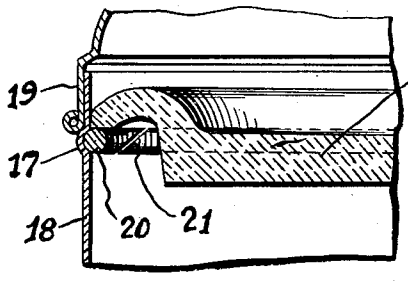


FIG. 2.

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This invention relates to a humidor for preserving tobacco, cigars and like substances and articles.

Among the objects of invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive portable container in which tobacco may be sold and which may be subsequently used as a humidor.

Another object is to provide a humidor having a moisture retaining element capable of retaining a considerable quantity of moisture wholly independent of the walls of the humidor and characterized by its ability to disseminate moisture in such quantity as is required by the material desired to be maintained fresh.

Other and more detailed objects and advantages will be pointed out hereinafter in the description of the invention and in the claims.

In the drawings,

Fig. 1 is a view of my humidor with a portion broken away to show its moisture retaining element.

Fig. 2 is a detail illustrating a modified form of means for supporting the moisture retaining element.

Having reference to the drawings, 10 is a container preferably having a circular horizontal cross-section. It is common to manufacture containers for tobacco out of sheet metal and this substance lends itself very satisfactorily to the formation of beads for supporting the moisture retaining element 11. As illustrated in Fig. 1, the container 10 may be made of other material suitable for ornamentation on the outside of the container, and a collar 12 is provided in which beads 13 and 14 are rolled. Bead 13 supports the moisture retaining element 11 and bead 14 engages the upper edge of container 10 as well as determines the closed position of cover 15.

In Fig. 2 I have illustrated a mode of supporting a moisture retaining element 16 which requires the use of but one bead 17 in the wall 18 of the container. This bead 17 at once forms an abutment for cover 19 and a groove for receiving a snap-ring 20. Snap-ring 20 is split at 21 so that it may be readily inserted within the groove of bead 17.

Referring to Fig. 1, moisture retaining element 11 is of a dish-shaped form having an annular trough 22 in which water may be poured. The edge 23 is so fashioned as to be engageable with a supporting member such as bead 13, and a knob 24 is provided whereby handling of the element 11 is facilitated.

The moisture retaining element is made out of a material which is porous, such as clay. Its body proportions are such that it is provided with a bottom portion 25 of sufficient dimension to retain an ample quantity of water so as to obviate too frequent attention. Water placed in annular trough 22 will be immediately absorbed and retained in the large mass of porous material constituting the body of element 11. Moisture will be acquired by the tobacco 26 as required.

Supporting the moisture retaining element 11 from the wall of the container, in effect provides two covers for the humidor, one of which is immediately above the tobacco and provides a damp wall effectively sealing the air above the tobacco from direct access to the joint 27 between the collar 12 of the container 10 and cover 15. Also, the condition of element 11 is subject to constant inspection as it must be handled each time tobacco is taken from the humidor.

I claim:

1. A humidor comprising, in combination, a container, a dish-shaped porous element for receiving liquid and for retaining it in its body, means supporting said element within said container above material disposed within said container, and a cover for said container, said cover being separable from said container independently of said dish-shaped porous element.

2. A humidor comprising, in combination, a container, a dish-shaped porous element for receiving liquid and for retaining it in its body, means supporting said element within said container and below the edge of said container, and a cover for said container, said cover being independent of said dish-shaped porous element and being removable from said container without disturbing the position of said element.

3. A humidor comprising, in combination, a container, a moisture retaining element sep-

arable from said container, means supporting said element within said container above material disposed within said container, said means comprising a collar having a bead engaging the edge of said element, and a cover for said container.

4. A humidor comprising, in combination, a container, a moisture retaining element separable from said container, means supporting said element within said container above material disposed within said container, said means comprising a bead rolled in the wall of said container and a snap-ring engaging the groove of the bead, and a cover for said container.

In testimony whereof I hereto affix my signature.

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