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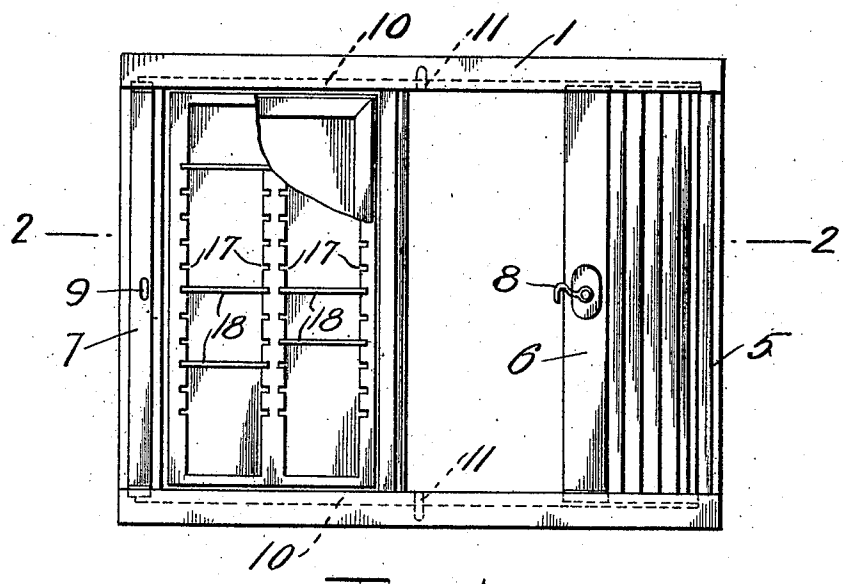



Fig 1

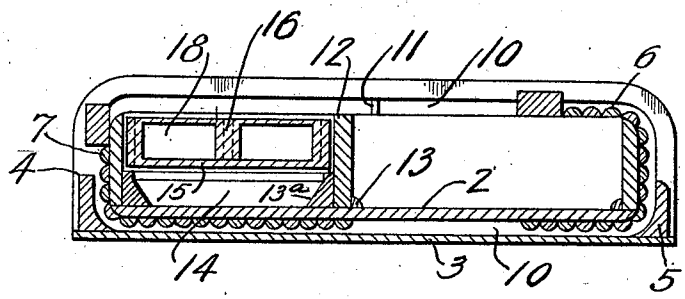



Fig 2

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## DEVICE FOR STORING AND DISPLAYING SMOKERS' ARTICLES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RUDOLF PEYER, a citizen of Switzerland, and a resident of the city of St. Gallen, in the Canton of St. Gallen, Switzerland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Storing and Displaying Smokers' Articles, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention comprises a device for storing and displaying articles, especially cigars and other smokers' articles, and consists essentially of a box provided with a cover of roll-top shape which can be locked, said box being adapted to receive a removable drawer, provided at opposite points of its side-walls with guides for the cover, and a double bottom, so that when the box is opened the cover parts pass between the parts forming the double bottom.

In the accompanying drawing, which represents one embodiment of the invention, Figure 1 is a plan, and Figure 2 a section on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

The longitudinal side sections 1 are connected with one another by a double bottom 2 and 3, and also by the transverse end portions 4 and 5 resting upon the part 3 of the double bottom; said parts constituting a flat case. 6 and 7 represent slidable covers of roll-top form provided with locking members 8, 9. These covers are movable in guides 10 arranged on the side portions 1. Said covers, when in open position, pass between the end portions 4 and 5 and pass into the space between the bottom parts 2 and 3. The reference numerals 11, 11 indicate lugs in the guides 10, against which lugs the slidable covers abut when in closed position. The interior of the case is divided by the partition 12 in two parts. 13 and 13ª are filling strips. The receptacle 14 rests upon the bottom and supports the removable drawer 15 which is subdivided into a number of compartments by a rigid center partition 16 and intermediate partitions 18 engaging grooves 17 formed in the longitudinal walls and the central partition 16 of the drawer. Instead of two compartments the inner space of the case may also be provided with a plurality of partitions and a corresponding number of receptacles 14 and drawers 15, the partition may be omitted and replaced by only one or several receptacles 12 arranged adjacent each other as well as drawers 15. Instead of the receptacle 12 there may be provided one or several drawers. One cover may be used instead of two.

Articles to be stored and displayed, such as cigars and other smokers' articles, are, for instance, placed within the case in such a manner that the boxes and cartons, packed smokers' articles, etc., are placed within the compartments of the drawer. The compartments may be altered by adjusting the partitions. The receptacle 14 is adapted to receive moisture from a moisture absorbing mass such as saw dust, sponge, etc., therein, in order to provide for a humid atmosphere within the case.

What I claim is:

1. A device for storing and displaying articles, such as cigars and other smokers' articles, characterized by a case to be locked having a slidable cover of roll-top shape, in a plurality of sections, and also having a drawer to be inserted within the case, the opposite side walls of said case being provided with guides and stops for the cover sections, and a double bottom opposite said guides so that when the case is opened the cover parts enter between the double bottom parts.

2. A device such as that specified in claim 1, characterized in that the case is divided into compartments by a partition, and that a receptacle is provided so as to receive the moisture absorbing mass.

3. A device such as that specified in claim 1, characterized in that the drawer is provided with adjustable partitions.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of May, 1921, at St. Gallen, in the Canton of St. Gallen, Switzerland.

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