

A. SARGENT.
POCKET CIGAR CASE.
APPLICATION FILED APR. 28, 1910.

964,699.

Patented July 19, 1910.

Fig- 1-

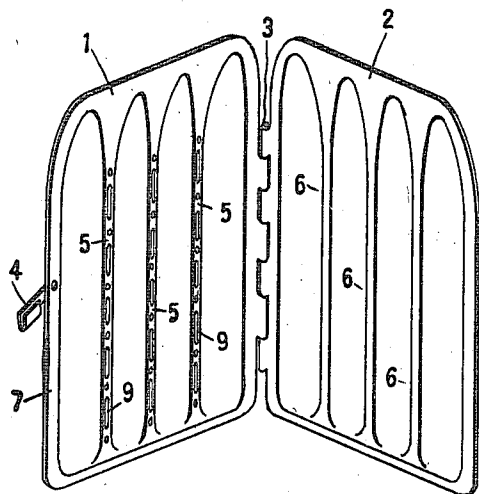


Fig- 2-

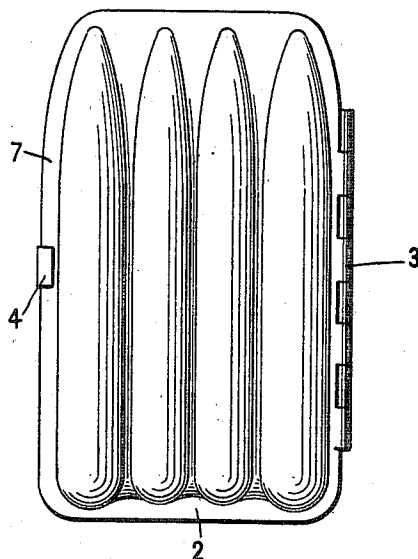


Fig- 3-

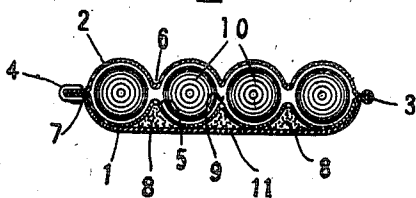
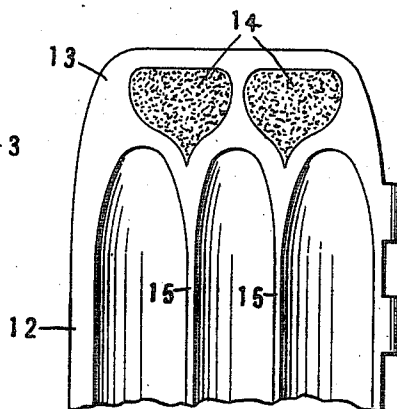


Fig- 4-



WITNESSES:

J. A. de K. H. S.
C. E. Bradford.

INVENTOR

Allston Sargent.

BY *[Signature]*
ATTORNEY

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

ALLSTON SARGENT, OF NEW YORK, N. Y.

POCKET CIGAR-CASE.

Specification of Letters Patent. Patented July 19, 1910.

964,699.

Application filed April 28, 1910. Serial No. 558,163.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALLSTON SARGENT, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket Cigar-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to cases for carrying a few cigars in the pocket.

The object is to preserve the cigars without injury and in a uniform and proper condition.

A simple form of case embodying the principles of my invention is shown in detail in the accompanying single sheet of drawings and described in the following specification.

Figure 1, is a perspective view of the case open. Fig. 2, is a vertical projection of the same closed. Fig. 3, is a transverse sectional view of the case closed. Fig. 4, is a fragmentary detail view of the inside of one end of a modification.

In the form shown the case consists of two parts which for convenience I will term the body 1 and the cover 2 which are hinged together at one edge as at 3 and may be provided with a suitable form of catch such as 4 at the other edge. The case may be made of any suitable material as for instance, sheet aluminum stamped, drawn or otherwise formed as desired. In the preferred form a series of ridges such as 5, 5 and 6, 6 may be provided either in the body or in the cover or in both. These ridges extend longitudinally of the case and provide means for spacing the cigars from each other. In case a single cigar only is in the case it is held either between two ridges or between one of the ridges and the adjacent rim of the box as at 7. In the recesses formed in the exterior of the casing outside of the ridges I fill in a suitable absorbent material such as cement or plaster as at 8, 8 in Fig. 3. The ridges are perforated as at 9, 9 so as to leave the absorbent material exposed. When the absorbent material is moistened with water or other suitable liquid it evaporates into the interior of the case between the cigars such as 10, 10. This keeps the cigars in a proper moist condition.

Particular difficulty has been encountered in pocket cigar cases because of the peculiar conditions of use to which the case is subjected. Good cigars in stores and other

places where quantities are kept are generally preserved in humidors of some suitable character for maintaining the cigars in proper condition. When these cigars are taken from the humidor and placed in a leather pocket case the leather absorbs the moisture of the cigar so that the cigar dries out and is furthermore likely to be crushed and otherwise injured. Even when the cigars are kept in a metal pocket case the heat of the body is sufficient to dry out the cigar very quickly. By my invention a gradual evaporation takes place from the absorbent material between the cigars so that they are kept in a uniform and proper condition. Preferably as indicated, the outlets 9, 9 for the evaporation are located between the cigars and not in direct contact therewith. This prevents condensation of moisture directly upon the surfaces and insures a more uniform distribution of the moist air. Preferably the tops of the ridges such as 5, 5 are arranged somewhat back of the rim 7 so that when the case is laid horizontal water may be poured into the body, and the rim will be high enough to permit the level to rise above the openings 9, 9 in the tops of the ridges 5, 5. The liquid is thus absorbed by the material 8, 8 beneath the openings. Any surplus of liquid left between the ridges will of course be poured out.

In order to prevent the external evaporation from the absorbent material 8, 8 I preferably coat it or waterproof it in some suitable manner as for instance, by a coating of waterproof shellac. A further outside coating or casing such as 11 is also preferably provided principally for ornamental purposes. This outer coating may be however made of metal in which instance it will be unnecessary to coat the absorbent 8 with shellac or other waterproof.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a modification in which the body 12 has an extension 13 at the upper end in which are located one or more pockets or recesses having absorbent material such as 14, 14 preferably arranged above the ridges 15, 15 so that the evaporation will take place between the cigars which are located in the pockets between the ridges.

Other modifications will occur to those acquainted with this art.

What I claim is:—

1. A pocket cigar case comprising a body and a cover, one of said members having in-

terior, longitudinal, cigar-spacing ridges and absorbent material located so as to provide evaporation between the cigars contained between said ridges.

- 5 2. A pocket cigar case having means for spacing the cigars apart and holding them in individually upright positions and moisture-absorbent material arranged to provide evaporation between the cigars.
- 10 3. A pocket cigar case comprising a body and a cover, one of said members having one or more recesses at the exterior and outlets into the interior and absorbent material secured in said recesses.
- 15 4. A pocket cigar case of metal having a series of perforations in the side and recesses exterior thereto with absorbent material secured in the recesses and providing evaporation of moisture through the perforations

into the interior and an external coating on the absorbent material.

5. A pocket cigar case comprising a body and a cover hinged thereto constructed to hold the cigars individually upright, one of said members having one or more recesses and absorbent material contained therein and providing evaporation between the cigars.

6. A pocket cigar case comprising a body and a cover shaped to contain cigars and support the same individually and vertically and moisture carrying material providing evaporation between the cigars.

ALLSTON SARGENT.

Witnesses:

ROBT. S. ALLYN,
A. M. NILSON.