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CIGAR MAKER'S STAND OR TABLE.

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Fig. 1.

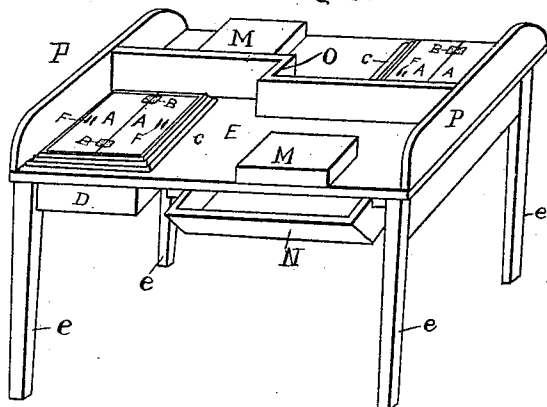


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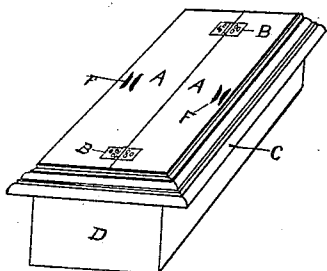


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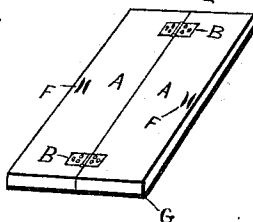


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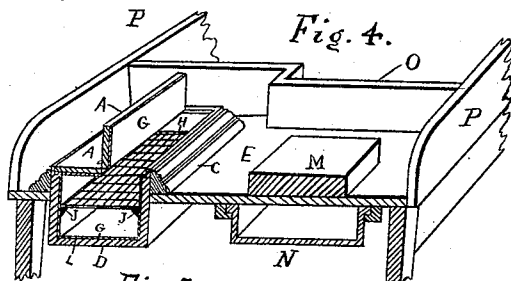


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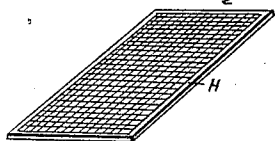
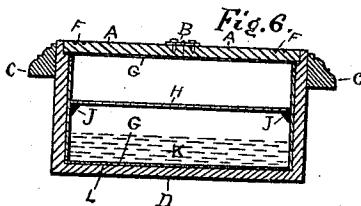


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CIGAR-MAKER'S STAND OR TABLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN M. GRIFFIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Utica, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Makers' Stands or Tables; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to cigar-makers' stands or tables, and has for its object to provide means for keeping the bunches, pads, or books of wrappers or binders damp and in a moist condition and to dispense with the cloth now usually employed for that purpose. The means consists of a box or case that is divided horizontally into a series of compartments, the lowest compartment receiving and holding a supply of water for maintaining the wrappers in a moist condition. The upper compartment, which is separated from the lower compartment by a partition of perforated sheet material or wire-netting, receives the binders or wrappers, which are supported on the said partition and kept moist by absorbing the humidity arising from the water contained in the bottom of the said case. The case is provided with a removable cover, which for convenience is made in sections that are hinged together, so that one may be folded on the other to permit the removal of the wrappers without disclosing or uncovering the whole top of the case. The case is designed to be fitted in an opening in the table or stand, and is supported therein by an exterior shoulder formed, preferably, by a molding which is secured to the sides of the case near the top edge.

The improvement consists of the novel features and the peculiar construction and combination of the parts, which hereinafter will be more fully described and claimed, and shown in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a stand or table embodying my invention; Fig. 2, a perspective view of the case on an enlarged

scale; Fig. 3, a perspective view of the cover of the stand; Fig. 4, a detail perspective view, parts being broken away, of one-half of the stand or table; Fig. 5, a perspective view of the partition or supporting-plate of the case for the wrappers, and Fig. 6 a cross-section of the case on a larger scale.

The table or stand, composed of the legs *e*, the top *E*, and the sides *P*, has the partition *O*, extending from one side *P* to the other, to divide the table into two parts, and has drawers *N*, blocks *M*, and cases *D*. The cases are disposed at diagonally-opposite corners of the table, and their inner ends extend beyond the medial line between the two edges of the top *E*. Hence to adapt the partition *O* to the position of the cases it is necessary to set one half thereon to one side of the said medial line and the other half to the other side, the opposite ends of the halves being united by a short piece that is parallel with the sides *P*. Each case *D* is fitted in an opening in the top *E* and is supported in said opening by the molding *C* near its top edge, which overlaps the sides of the opening and rests upon the said top. This molding also gives a finish to the case and prevents any material or dirt getting between the sides of the case and the edges of the opening. The case is preferably rectangular, and is composed of indurated wood fiber or of wood lined with paper or felt *L* and sheet metal *G*, the latter being the exterior or exposed lining. The cover of the case is composed of two or more longitudinal sections *A A*, which are hinged together and lined with sheet metal *G* on their inner sides.

The partition *H*, which may be of perforated sheet material or wire-netting, is placed on the cleats *J* and divides the case into two horizontal compartments.

The lower compartment *K* is intended to receive and hold a supply of water. The upper compartment is designed to receive the wrappers or binders which are placed on the partition.

For convenience of handling the cover each section is provided with a handle *F*. In practice the bottom of the case is provided with a proper amount of water, which should not reach to the partition, and the wrappers or

binders are placed on the said partition, and the cover, which has been removed, is replaced.

5 The moisture produced by the evaporation of the water in the bottom of the case will pass through the partition and permeate or be absorbed by the said wrappers or binders and keep them moist and damp.

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

The herein-described stand or table for cigar-makers, having side pieces P P, the partition O, extending from one side piece to the

other, the halves of the partition being set on 15 opposite sides of the medial line and having their opposite ends united by a short piece, moistening-cases located in the wider diagonally-opposite corners formed by the halves of the partition, and drawers and blocks 20 placed in the other pair of diagonally-opposite corners.

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

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