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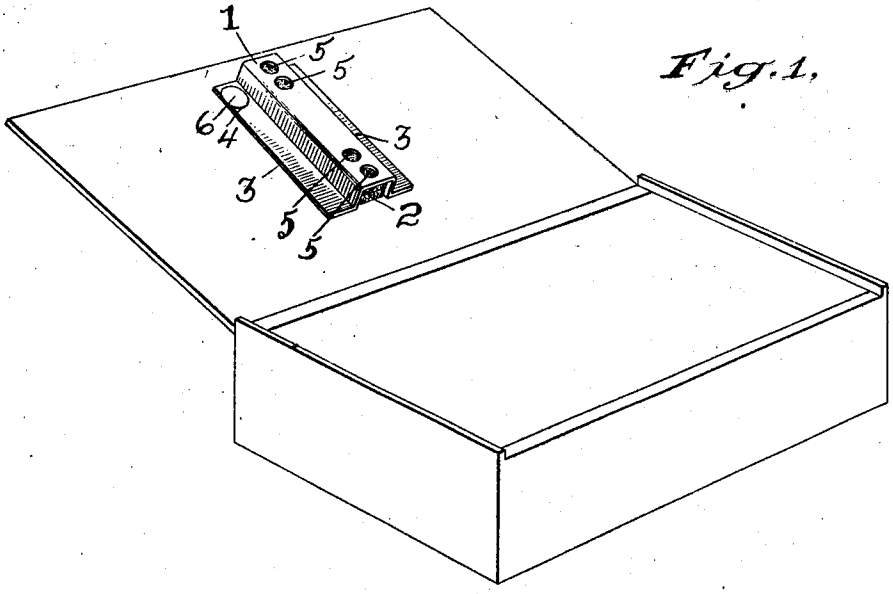
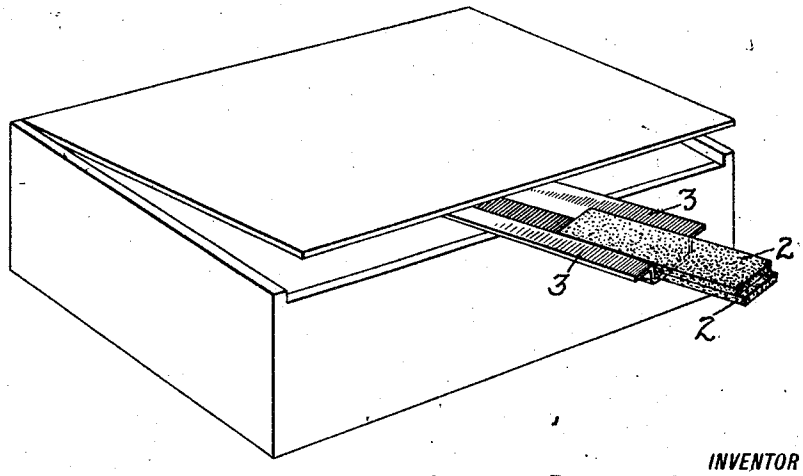


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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CIGAR-BOX MOISTENER.

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This invention relates to tobacco moisteners and particularly to those which may be attached to the inside of tobacco containers, such as cigar boxes, for keeping the tobacco or cigars in the box or container sufficiently moist. An object of the invention is to provide an improved moistener which is exceptionally simple and inexpensive, and with which the absorbent material may be added to the holder, or moisture added to such material already in the holder, in a simple and expeditious manner. Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description of an embodiment of the invention, and the novel features will be particularly pointed out hereinafter in a claim.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective of an open cigar box to which has been attached a moistener constructed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is a view of the cigar box partially closed, with the moistening device in extended or open position.

In the illustrated embodiment of the invention, the moistener comprises a channel-shaped holder 1 of any suitable material, in which suitable absorbent material 2 may be held. The holder may be conveniently and inexpensively produced by bending a sheet of material, such as sheet metal, upon itself to form a channel, and the free edge portions of the sides of the holder are flanged in opposite directions, away from the channel part, as at 3. One of the flanges 3 is provided, adjacent one end, with an aperture 4 through which a tack or screw may be passed to secure the holder against a wall of the container, with the open side of the channel abutting the container wall.

The absorbent material is confined within the channel of the holder by the wall of the container, and may comprise strips of porous material such as for example felt or blotting paper. The illustrated holder is open ended, but preferably the walls forming the channel are provided with one or more apertures 5 through which, and the open ends, the air of the container may circulate in passing over and around the moist absorbent material.

The moistener may be secured to the inner face of the cover of a cigar box, for example, by passing a tack 6 through the aperture 4, as shown in Fig. 1. The secured end of the holder should be adjacent an edge of the cover so that the holder may be swung about the tack as a pivot from the normal position shown in full lines in Fig. 1 to the position also shown by dotted lines in the same figure. In the position shown by dotted lines the channel will be open and moisture may be easily added to the absorbent strips 2 or new strips may be added, after which the holder may be swung back to its normal position, permitting complete closure of the cover. It will usually be necessary to remove one or two of the cigars so as to provide a space into which the moistener may descend when the cover is closed, in order that none of the cigars will be crushed or injured.

It will be obvious that various changes in the details and arrangements herein described and illustrated for the purpose of explaining the nature of the invention, may be made by those skilled in the art within the principle and scope of the invention as expressed in the appended claim.

I claim:

In a tobacco moistener, a channel-shaped holder of absorbent material having a flange extending from the free edge of its side and adapted to fit against a wall of a tobacco container, said flange having therein an aperture for the passage of an attaching tack, said aperture being adjacent an end of the holder whereby when attached to a wall of a container adjacent an edge thereof, a holder can be swung about the tack as a pivot beyond the edge of the container to expose the interior of the channel for facilitating the insertion of absorbent material or the adding of moisture to absorbent material in the channel.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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