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Cigar Box.

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FIG. 1.

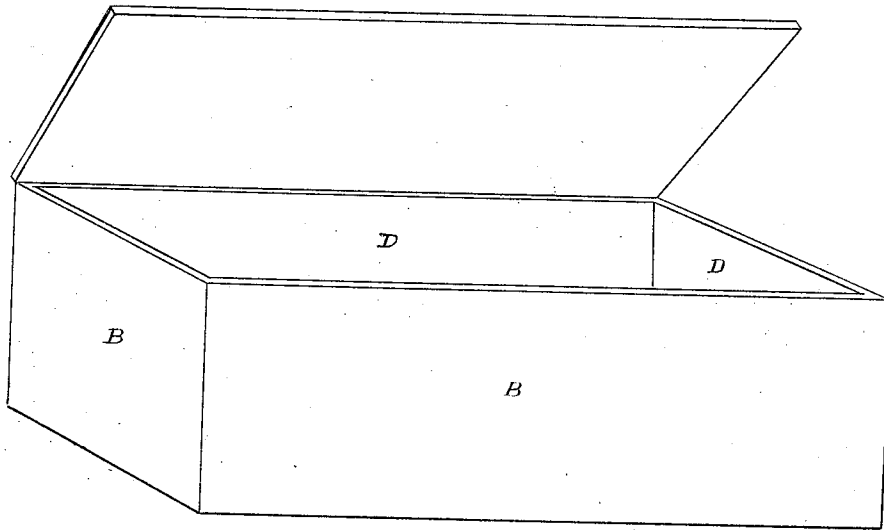
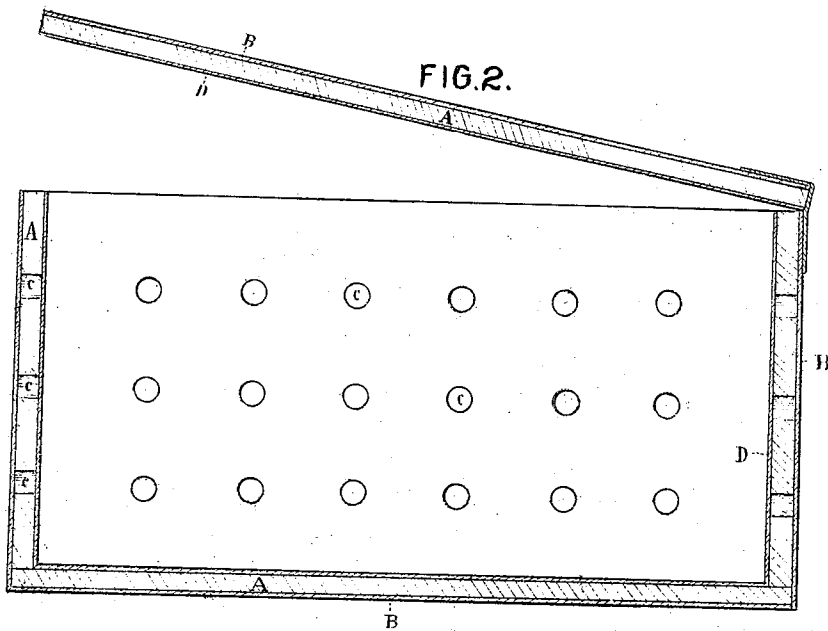


FIG. 2.



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Letters Patent No. 99,204, dated January 25, 1870.

IMPROVED PERFORATED CIGAR-BOX.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, RALPH S. JENNINGS, of the city of New York, in the county of New York, and State of New York, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Perforated Cigar-Boxes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1, of the drawings, is a perspective view of my cigar-box, and

Figure 2 is a vertical cross-section thereof.

My invention relates to boxes for storing and transporting cigars; and

It consists in a novel arrangement of devices designed to serve as means for lessening the cost of manufacture of such boxes, and also as aids in drying and curing the contents thereof.

A, of the drawings, represents a paper-board, having perforations *c*, and which said board constitutes the main portion of my box.

B represents a thin veneer, of Spanish cedar, which constitutes the outer side or covering of my box.

D represents a thin paper lining to the box, attached to the inner side of the board A, in the manner shown.

The function of the perforations *c* is to allow the moisture of the cigars to pass outward from the box.

I am aware that paper bodies have been used for cigar-boxes, but inasmuch as the perforations *c* were omitted therein, they have not proved successful. Without such perforations, the moisture of the cigars

is absorbed by the paper, and mould and decay inevitably follow:

The manufacture of Spanish cedar cigar-boxes has become an important and extensive industrial pursuit in the United States. But the market price of such cedar is high, and although the demand is great, they cannot be made and sold at a low rate, when constructed of solid timber.

To remedy this evil, I have invented the box herein described, having a body of perforated paper, and a covering of thin Spanish cedar, thereby affording to the trade a box that shall combine an exterior of great beauty, with the necessary strength of body, and that at a price greatly reduced below the cost of solid cedar, and without the objectionable features of ordinary paper boxes.

I also consider my device an improvement upon a box of solid timber, inasmuch as I have provided means therein, for the escape of moisture from its contents. I may use a perforated body of cheap timber, instead of the paper A, when desirable.

What I claim as my invention, and wish to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A cigar-box, constructed of perforated paper-board A, and covered with thin cedar veneer B, as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony that I claim the above, I have hereunto subscribed my name, in the presence of two witnesses.

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