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CIGAR BOX.

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Fig. 1.

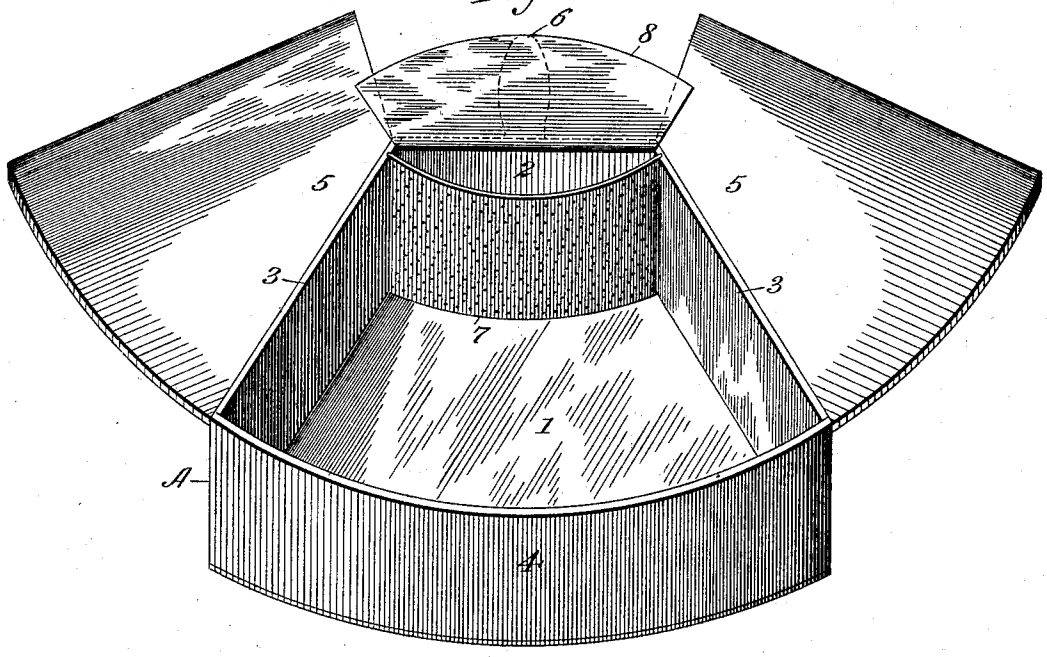
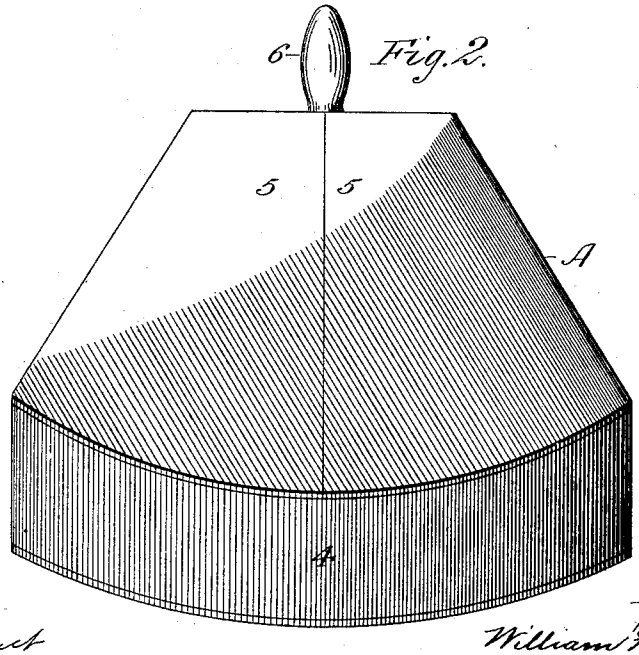


Fig. 2.



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CIGAR-BOX.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM P. BOLLENBACHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bloomington, in the county of Monroe and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Boxes; and I do hereby 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.

My invention relates to an improvement in cigar-boxes, and particularly to that class in which moisture or fragrance is imparted to the cigars; and it consists in the features of construction which will be fully hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

The object of my invention is to provide a cigar-box that is novel in form, simple in construction, and convenient to handle, and one which will impart to the cigars fragrance or the necessary moisture to retain them in good condition for smoking. This object I accomplish by the construction and arrangement of the parts illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which the same letters and figures of reference indicate the same parts, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a front perspective view of my improved cigar-box, showing the lids and the flap raised and the moisture-chamber in the rear of said box. Fig. 2 also shows a front perspective view of my improved cigar-box with the lids closed and the handle projecting from the rear wall.

In the drawings, A represents the entire box, consisting of the bottom 1, the short, straight rear wall 2, the forwardly-flaring side walls, 3 3, the elongated and curved front wall, 4, the lids 5 5, and the handle 6, the general contour of said box being fan-shaped. The fixed parts of the box are secured together in the usual manner, and the lids are also suitably secured for opening and closing, as usual.

Suitably secured to the side walls, at the rear end of the box and in front of the rear wall, is a curved plate or strip, 7, of perforated tin, wire-gauze, paper, or other like material, which, together with the said rear wall and bottom of the box, forms a chamber for sponge or other absorbent material for containing water or suitable extracts for imparting moisture or fragrance to the cigars, as may be desired.

Attached to the rear wall of the box and adapted to fit over the moisture-chamber is a cover or flap, 8, which is formed of paper, cloth, oil-silk, or other suitable or desirable material, and is intended to cover the absorbent material from the view of the purchaser and prevent the upward escape of the moisture of the water or the aroma of the extract.

The cigars are to be placed in the box with their closed or smaller ends against the perforated moisture-chamber, which not only prevents them from receiving too much moisture, but, in connection with the shape of the box, displays them under attractive arrangement. The object of providing the box with two lids is that it is sometimes desirable to expose only one-half of the cigars at a time (as when they are in bundles) to the air or the consumer; also, it is more convenient to open either or both of said lids than it is to open a single lid which covers an entire box. The handle affords a convenient means for moving the box from place to place. A small bottle of extract may be supplied with each box of cigars for keeping them suitably moistened and flavored.

I am aware that the provision of cigar-boxes and analogous structures with moistening devices is not new; also, that cigar-boxes have been provided with handles; but I am not aware that a cigar-box having my peculiar form and construction and arrangement of parts has hitherto been invented or produced.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new is—

The herein-described fan-shaped cigar-box A, comprising the bottom 1, the short straight rear wall, 2, the forwardly-flaring side walls, 3 3, the elongated and curved front wall, 4, the the lids 5 5, the handle 6, the perforated strip 7, and the flap 8, the two latter, together with said rear wall and bottom, forming a moisture or fragrance chamber, substantially as described.

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

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