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CONTAINER.

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FIG. 1.

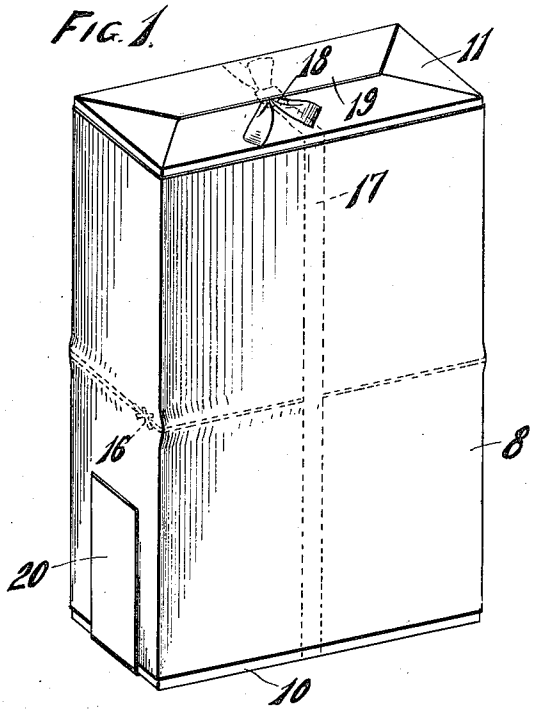


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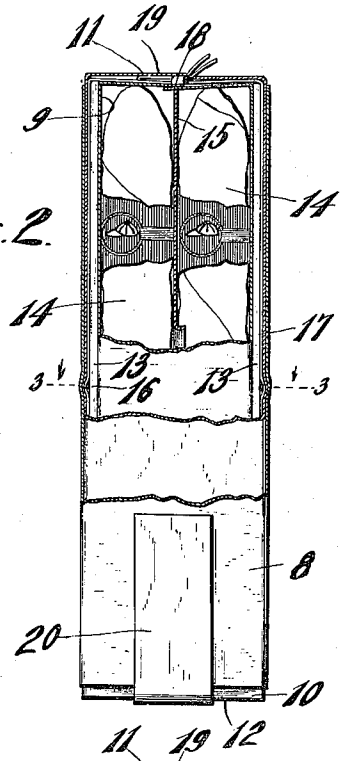


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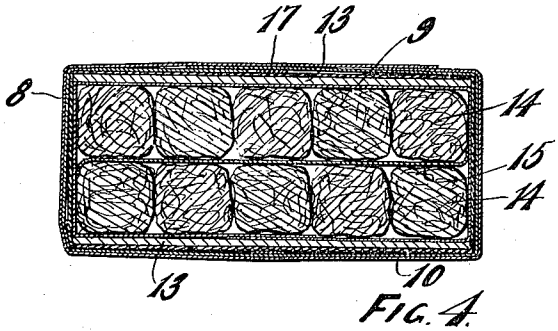


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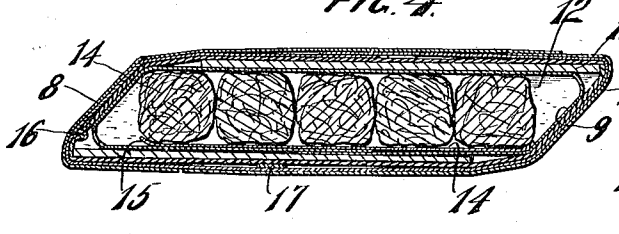
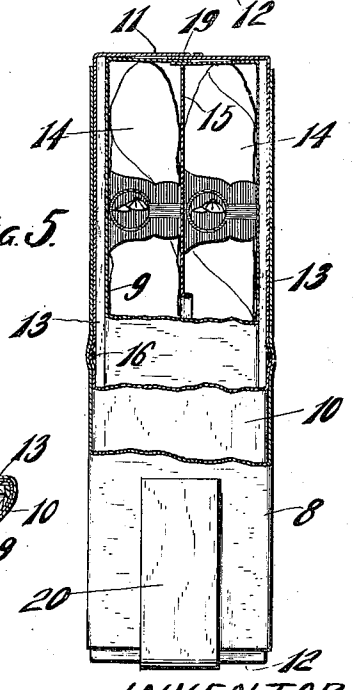


FIG. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY W. LEWIS, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Containers, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which are a part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in containers.

It is one of the objects of the present invention to provide a container which is particularly although not solely adapted for holding tobacco in the form of cigars in a compact inclosure in which the cigars will be sealed free from atmospheric changes and protected from breaking.

A further object of the invention is to provide a container which may be easily opened to remove one or more of the cigars contained therein and then closed without disturbing or disarranging the remaining cigars in the container.

A further object of the invention is to provide a container which may be reduced in size without changing its approximate form after a number of the cigars have been removed therefrom.

A further object of the invention is to provide a container for cigars with means for indicating the end of the package from which the cigars contained within are to be withdrawn.

A further object of the invention is to provide a container which is reinforced upon opposite sides thereof to protect the contents and to give a neat rectangular shape to the container.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists of the improved container and its parts and combinations, as set forth in the claims, and all equivalents thereof.

In the accompanying drawing in which the same reference characters indicate the same parts in all of the views: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved container; Fig. 2 is an end view thereof with portions broken away to illustrate interior construction; Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view of the container taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a similar section thereof with one row of the cigars removed and the container flattened to decrease the size of the package; and Fig. 5 is an end view of a modified form of container with portions broken away to show interior construction.

Referring to the drawing the numeral 8 indicates the outer covering of the container, 9 the inner lining, and 10 the main cover or sealing portion thereof. The main cover is formed of tin foil and is adapted to be folded over at the top and bottom portions of the container as indicated by the numerals 11 and 12 respectively, to form an air tight inclosure. The outer covering 8 is formed of paper and is in substance a band of the approximate width of the height of the package and is adapted to have printed matter thereon (not shown) to indicate the brand of the cigars or other articles within the container. The inner lining is formed of thin waterproofed paper and serves as an additional protection for the contents of the package. Rectangular cedar slabs or boards 13 of a size corresponding to the height and width of the package are interposed between the inner lining and the main cover to give form to the package and also to prevent cigars contained within the package from becoming injured by external pressure. The cedar imparts a fragrance to the cigars and is very desirable on account of other qualifications well known to the trade.

The particular container illustrated holds two rows of cigars 14 separated by a medial sheet of paper 15 and when all of the cigars of one row are withdrawn from the container the container may be flattened and reduced in size in the manner as shown in Fig. 4.

It is of course obvious that containers may be formed which will hold a greater or less number of cigars or other articles than the container shown in the drawings without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

The portions of the container are securely bound together by a cord 16 which extends laterally around the cedar boards and the inner lining of the container. Another binding strip in the form of a band or ribbon 17 which extends longitudinally around the same portions of the container as the cord has its ends tied together in a bow slip knot 18 at the top of the container, with the ends of the band projecting from beneath the upper flap 19 of the container. The project-

ing band ends indicate the end of the package which is to be opened and as the band is usually formed of a bright contrasting color the ends also serve to improve the artistic appearance of the container in giving a touch of color thereto. This band while desirable is not absolutely necessary in forming the package and may be omitted as indicated in the modified form of container shown in Fig. 5.

When the container is used to hold taxable articles the government stamp 20 is placed to seal the bottom of the container.

In use it is only necessary to pull the ends of the projecting band to slip the knot and then open the upper end of the container and remove the number of cigars therefrom desired and then close the end of the container to again seal the same. When half of the cigars have been removed the package may be reduced in size and still retain its approximate form as the cedar boards serve to preserve the rectangular formation of the container.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that the container is of very simple construction and is well adapted for the purpose desired.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A container consisting of a plurality of thicknesses of material folded to form a receptacle having an end portion which may be unfolded to remove the contents from the container, reinforcing members within the side walls of the container, means for securing the reinforcing members in position against lateral movement, means for securing said members against vertical movement, and a partition secured to the inner walls of the container and extending across the same, to divide said container into two compartments, the ends of the container being bendable so that a one-part container is produced after the contents of one compartment are exhausted.

2. A container, comprising a plurality of thicknesses of material folded to form a receptacle having an end portion which may be unfolded to remove the contents from the container, reinforcing members interposed between the thicknesses of material forming the opposite sides of the container, said reinforcing members serving to reinforce the said sides and to preserve the contour of the container, a cord binding the reinforcing members and the inner thickness of material together, and a band extending around the reinforcing members and the inner thickness of material and having its ends tied together at the end of the container which may be unfolded and said ends projecting from the folded portion.

3. A container, comprising a plurality of thicknesses of material folded to form a receptacle having an end portion which may be unfolded to remove the contents from the container, reinforcing members interposed between the thicknesses of material forming the opposite sides of the container, a cord extending laterally around the reinforcing members and the inner thickness of material, and a band extending around the reinforcing members and the inner thickness of material in a line approximately at right angles to the cord, and at the end of the container which may be unfolded, the ends of the cord being tied together and the ends of the band projecting visibly from the folded ends.

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

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