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CIGAR-BOX.

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Fig: 1

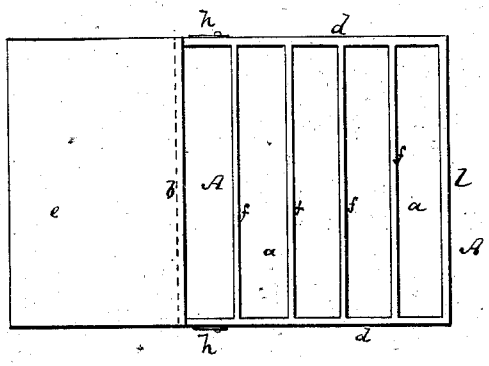


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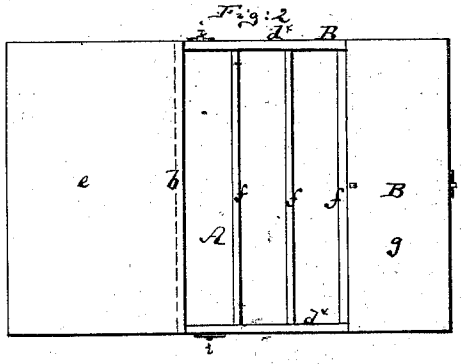


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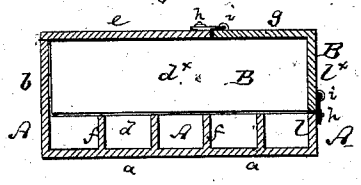


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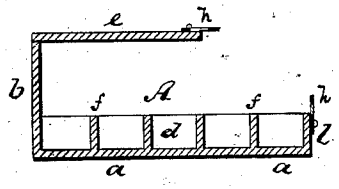
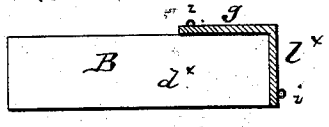


Fig: 5



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IMPROVEMENT IN CIGAR-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN ASH, of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Sectional Cigar-Box, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a top view of the lowermost of the two sections composing my improved cigar-box, showing the folding lid swung open. Fig. 2 is a top view of the cigar-box with the folding lid swung open. Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse section of the same, showing it closed. Fig. 4 is a vertical transverse section of the lower, and Fig. 5 a similar section of the upper of the two parts constituting the cigar-box.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

This invention relates to an improved cigar-box, which is so constructed that it will allow a ready display of the cigars therein contained, and to hold the cigars properly in place, even if three or four sides of the box are opened.

The invention consists in making the box in two parts or sections, one of said parts being composed of the bottom, back, of the lower portions of the sides and front of the box, while the second part is composed of the upper portions of the front and sides, all as hereinafter more fully described.

When these two parts are properly joined, they will constitute a perfect and complete box, while when the upper portion is unfastened and removed the cigars will still be retained in the lower portion and effectually displayed so that they may be freely inspected.

In the drawing, the letter A represents the lower, and the letter B the upper, of the two parts or sections constituting my improved cigar-box. Both parts, when properly connected, constitute one complete box, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawing.

The lower part A is composed of the bottom *a*, the back *b*, and of the lower parts of the front *l* and sides *d d* of the complete box. The bottom *a* is made of any desired size and shape, and the back *b* is made of the height which the entire box is to have, but the front *l* and sides *d d* are made considerably lower than the back. To the upper edge of the back *b* is hinged or otherwise fastened a cover, *e*, that extends across part of the box, as is also clearly indicated in Figs. 3 and 4, but said cover may be caused to extend over the entire box. *f f* are suitable vertical partitions in the part A, dividing the same into separate compartments, into which I propose to place the cigars or other contents of the box.

The upper section B of the box is composed of the upper parts of two sides $d^{\times}$ $d^{\times}$, and of the front $l^{\times}$ of the entire box. These parts $d^{\times}$ $d^{\times}$ and $l^{\times}$ are properly united, and are made of such height, size, and shape as to fit upon the sides *d d* and front *l* of the lower section A. When the two sections are placed together, the sides $d^{\times}$ $d^{\times}$ of the part B rest upon the sides *d d* of the part A, and the front $l^{\times}$ of the part B upon the front *l* of the part A. The upper edge of the back *b* will be in the same plane with that of the upper edges of the sides $d^{\times}$ $d^{\times}$ and front $l^{\times}$, and thus a complete box is formed.

The section B is partly covered by a cover, *g*, which extends from the front $l^{\times}$ to the edge of the hinged cover *e*, when the same is folded over the box; but if the cover *e* is made to extend over the entire box, the cover *g* may be dispensed with, or vice versa. *h h* and *i i* are suitable hooks and eyes, secured to the two sections A B at or near their contiguous edges, for connecting the two sections A B and permitting their ready separation. A hinge may be substituted for one or more of said fastenings.

In use, the cigars are placed, in a vertical or other position, into the several compartments formed by the partitions *f f* of the part A. The height of these partitions is less if the cigars are to be placed in vertical position than when they are to be placed in horizontal position into the box.

If it should be desired by a purchaser to carefully inspect the cigars, the upper section B is unfastened and removed, whereupon the cigars will in the lower section be effectually displayed from nearly all sides, and may be freely inspected, removed, and replaced.

The arrangement of the partitions *f* may, of course, be varied at pleasure.

If the part B is made with but one side, $d^{\times}$,

and the part A with one side of full height, and the other side, *d*, of reduced height, a box involving the same principle, but less perfect, will be obtained.

I claim as my invention—

A cigar-box constructed of a lower section, A, and of an upper removable section, B, the section A being composed of the bottom *a*, back *b*, top *e*, front *l*, and sides *d*, and the section B made of the front $l^{\times}$, top *g*, and sides $d^{\times}$ $d^{\times}$, but without any back, all arranged to constitute a box, substantially as specified.

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