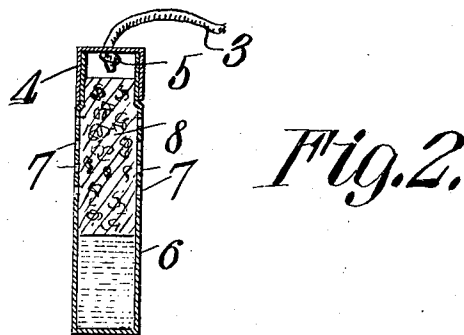
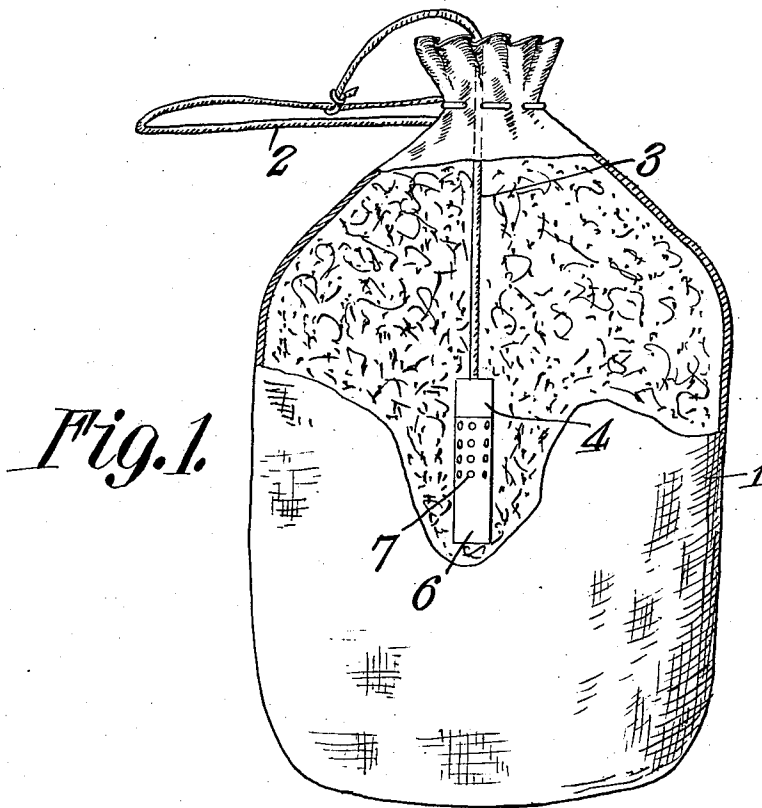


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES FRANKLIN LEEPER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lewistown, in the county of Mifflin and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Tobacco-Moistener, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to tobacco moisteners and its object is to provide a simple and efficient device of this character designed as an attachment for tobacco pouches and the like and which is insertible into the pouch and constructed so as to permit the escape of moisture in minute quantities to keep the tobacco in a moistened condition.

Another object is to provide a device of this character which can be readily attached to or removed from a pouch or other tobacco receptacle, which is cheap to manufacture and which occupies the minimum space within the pouch or other receptacle to which it is connected.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts which will be hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings is shown the preferred form of the invention.

In said drawings: Figure 1 is a view partly in section and partly in elevation of a pouch showing the improved moistener in position therein. Fig. 2 is an enlarged longitudinal section through the moistener.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference, 1 designates a pouch of leather or other suitable material having the usual draw string 2 for closing the open end or mouth thereof. Attached to the string 2 is a cord 3 one end of which extends through a cap 4 and is fastened therein by knotting it as shown at 5 or in any other preferred manner. This cap is designed to fit tightly upon the open end of a small cylindrical receptacle 6 having a plurality of apertures 7 therein adjacent the cap 4. This receptacle is designed to hold a liquid which can be flavored if preferred and a sponge 8 or other

absorbent material is removably mounted within the apertured portion of the receptacle and constitutes means for supplying moisture to the apertures by capillary attraction.

It is thought that the manner of using this device will be clearly apparent. After tobacco or other material to be moistened has been placed in the pouch 1 the cord 3 is tied to the string 2 and the cartridge or receptacle 6 containing liquid and absorbent is deposited within the body as indicated in Fig. 1. The absorbent will supply moisture to the openings 7 through which it will evaporate and thus maintain the tobacco or other contents of the pouch in a moist condition. Should it be desired to replenish the contents of the receptacle 6 the same can be readily withdrawn by means of cord 3, the cap or closure 4 and the absorbent removed therefrom, after which liquid can be placed in the receptacle.

The device can obviously be used in connection with different pouches or receptacles simply by unfastening the cord 3 from one pouch and applying it to another.

It will be seen that the moistener is very simple, durable and efficient and as it can be manufactured at slight cost it can be sold in connection with a pouch without adding materially to the cost thereof.

What is claimed is:

A moistener comprising a tubular receptacle having an imperforate liquid containing end portion and an apertured portion, an absorbent within the apertured portion of the receptacle and constituting a closure for the apertures, a cap or closure upon one end of the receptacle, and a flexible connecting and cap removing device secured to and extending from the cap.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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