

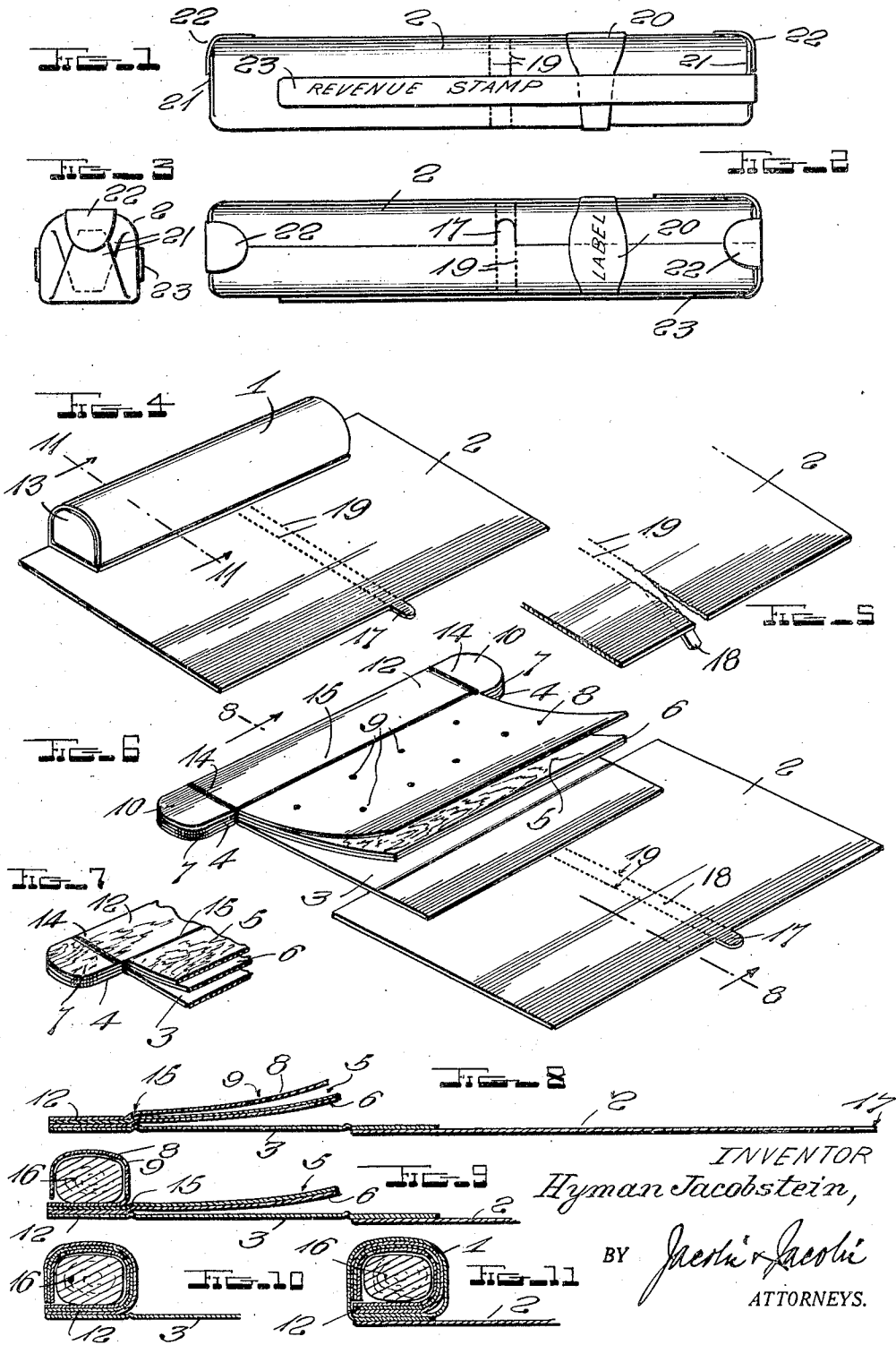
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This invention relates to an improved cigar box and one object of the invention is to provide a device of this character in which a cigar may be packed and preserved in a fresh state, and also prevented from being crushed when carried in a pocket, it being understood that the box may be of sufficient size to hold more than one cigar if so desired.

Another object of the invention is the production of a cigar box formed of a plurality of layers or sheets of material, an outer one of which is cardboard and an intermediate sheet being thin cedar which serves to impart strength and also constitutes means for preserving the moisture of the cigar and for imparting fragrance to the cigar.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character wherein the inner layer or sheet is soft tissue which serves to prevent direct contact of the cigar with the cedar, the tissue having perforations formed therein in order that the aroma of the cedar may reach the cigar.

Another object of the invention is to provide a cigar box wherein the cedar layer is backed by a sheet of thin paper and thus greatly reinforced and prevented from cracking when folded about the cigar.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a wrapper of waxed paper which will exclude outside moisture and also prevent the cigar from drying due to loss of its natural moisture.

Another object of the invention is to so form the wrapper that when it is wrapped about the enclosed cigar it may be securely held in place and tightly sealed, a portion of the wrapper being adapted to be torn loose as a strip when it is desired to remove the cigar and in so doing destroy the revenue stamp.

Still another object of the invention resides in providing a construction which is simple and durable, inexpensive to manufacture and one which will be very efficient in use.

With these and numerous other objects in view, my invention consists in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter referred to and more particularly pointed out in the specification and claims.

This invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing wherein:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the improved wrapped cigar box;

Figure 2 is a top plan view thereof;

Figure 3 is a view looking at one end of the wrapped cigar box;

Figure 4 is a perspective view showing the wrapper extended;

Figure 5 is a fragmentary perspective view showing the manner in which a strip is torn from the wrapper;

Figure 6 is a perspective view showing the device as it appears before being applied to a cigar;

Figure 7 is a fragmentary perspective view showing a corner portion of the device with the sheet of tissue removed;

Figure 8 is a section taken along the line 8-8 of Figure 6;

Figure 9 is a sectional view showing the first step taken when enclosing a cigar in the cigar box;

Figure 10 is a sectional view showing the cedar and cardboard layers disposed about the cigar; and

Figure 11 is a sectional view showing the waxed paper sheet about the cigar and the wrapper in its flat or extended position, the view being taken along the line 11-11 of Figure 4.

In describing the invention, I shall refer to the drawing in which similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

This improved cigar box serves as a container for a cigar and consists briefly of a box 1 and a wrapper 2, the box being disposed about the cigar with its ends closed as shown in Figure 4 and the wrapper being then wrapped about the box and secured as shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3.

The cigar box is formed of a plurality of layers or sheets of material and includes an outer sheet 3 which is formed of thin card board and is substantially rectangular but at one end provided with side arms or wings 4. A sheet 5 formed of thin cedar and backed by thin paper 6, which is preferably waxed, is disposed against the inner face of the cardboard sheet and has side wings 7 at one end which overlie the wings 4 of the cardboard sheet. There has also been provided an inner facing sheet 8 of thin tissue paper which is perforated as shown at 9 and at one end has side wings 10 disposed over the wings 7, and upon referring to Figures 8 through 11, it will be seen that the end portions of these sheets 3, 5 and 8 which are formed with the side wings are firmly secured together by an adhesive. Therefore, the cigar box 1 will have a stiff bottom 12 of multiple layer formation having extended end portions which are adapted to be folded upwardly and form end walls 13 for the cigar box. Lines of scoring may be provided as shown at 14 and 15 to permit the end portions of the bottom to

be easily folded upwardly into position to form the end walls and the sheets then moved into position to enclose a cigar 16 and constitute side and top walls which bear against edge faces of the end walls.

The wrapper 2 is formed from a sheet of waxed paper which is of rectangular shape and of such length that when it is secured to the cardboard sheet 3 its end portions will project from the cardboard sheet as shown in Figure 4. The length of the sheet 2 is approximately the same as the distance from the outer end of one set of tongues to the outer end of the other set of tongues and midway its length there has been provided a tongue 17 constituting the outer end of a strip 18 formed when the sheet 2 is torn along the lines of scoring 19.

When the cigar is to be enclosed in the improved cigar box, it is placed upon the united end portions of the sheets which form the bottom of the cigar box and the tissue paper sheet folded about the cigar as shown in Figure 9. The sheet of cedar together with its backing sheet of thin paper is then folded about the cigar as shown in Figure 10 after which the end portions of the bottom may be folded upwardly to form end walls and the sheet 3 wrapped about the cedar sheet and under the bottom as shown in Figure 11. It will thus be seen that the cigar will be enclosed in a cigar box formed of layers of card board and cedar and that the thin sheet of tissue paper will prevent direct contact of the cigar with the cedar. Therefore, there will be no danger of the cigar being damaged by contact with the wood. The fact that the tissue paper has been provided with perforations permits the aroma of the cedar to reach the cigar and as Havana tobacco has affinity for cedar this aroma will be taken up by the cigar and thus impart fragrance to the cigar. The wrapper 2 which is formed of waxed paper will now be wrapped about the cigar box and a band 20 applied, after which end portions of the wrapper which project from ends of the container will be folded to close ends of the wrapper and provide tongues 21 one of which is engaged by a sticker 22 to hold the end portion of the wrapper closed and assist in maintaining the wrapper about the box 1. By having the wrapper formed of waxed paper the cigar will be prevented from drying and the aroma prevented from escaping. After the ends of the wrapper have been folded and secured, the revenue stamp 23 is applied and extends longitudinally of the wrapped box as shown in Figure 1 with a portion extending across the identifying band 20 and an end portion folded across folded ends of the wrapper and secured against the opposite side thereof as shown in Figures 2 and 3.

By this arrangement, a cigar will be packed in an individual cigar box where it will be preserved fresh for an indefinite length of time and not lose its aroma. There will be no danger of the cigar becoming contaminated and as the cigar box is formed of cardboard and cedar wood, it will be very strong and thus eliminate danger of the cigar being crushed when carried in a pocket. It should also be noted that as the revenue stamp extends across a side portion of the identifying band, the band can not be removed and a band from a better grade of cigar substituted by an unscrupulous dealer.

When the cigar is to be smoked the tongue 17 is grasped and pull exerted to rip the wrapper along the scored lines 19 as shown in Fig-

ure 5. Therefore, a strip 18 will be torn from the wrapper circumferentially of the cigar box and the wrapper will be divided into end sections which may be very easily removed. A portion of the revenue stamp will be torn out as the strip 19 is torn from the wrapper.

From the foregoing description of the construction of my improved device, the application of the same to use will be readily understood. It will be seen that I have provided a simple, inexpensive and efficient means for carrying out the objects of the invention.

While I have particularly described the elements best adapted to perform the functions set forth, it is obvious, that various changes in form, proportion and in the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the principles of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. A cigar box formed from a plurality of superposed flexible sheets widened at one end to provide side tabs, the said tabs and the end portions of the sheets carrying the tabs being secured in face to face engagement with each other to form a stiffened portion and the remaining portions of the sheets being free, said tabs being bent to form stiff end walls rising from the ends of a bottom for the box formed by the stiffened portion between the tabs, and portions of the sheets being bent to extend transversely across the bottom in spaced relation thereto and forming a top wall and the remaining portion forming side walls for the box having their end portions bearing against marginal edges of the end walls.

2. A cigar box formed from a plurality of superposed flexible sheets widened at one end to provide side tabs, the said tabs and the end portions of the sheets carrying the tabs being adhesively secured in face to face engagement with each other to form a stiffened portion and the remaining portions of the sheets being free, said tabs being bent to form stiff end walls rising from the ends of a bottom for the box formed by the stiffened portion between the tabs, and portions of the sheets being bent to extend transversely across and above the bottom in spaced relation thereto and forming a top wall and the remaining portions forming side walls for the box having their end portions bearing against marginal edges of the end walls, one of said sheets being of greater length than the others to provide an extended free end portion projecting beyond the free ends of the other sheets and extending across the under face of the bottom of the box, and a wrapper fixed to the extended end portion of the last mentioned sheet and adapted to be wrapped about the box and secured.

3. A cigar box formed from a plurality of superposed flexible sheets, certain of said sheets being widened at one end to provide side tabs, the said tabs and portions of the sheets between the tabs being secured in face to face engagement with each other to form a stiffened portion, and remaining portions of the sheets being free from each other, said tabs being bent to form end walls rising from the ends of the bottom for the box formed by the stiffened portion between the tabs, and portions of the sheets being bent to extend across the bottom in spaced relation thereto and forming a top wall and the remaining portions forming side walls for the

box having their end portions bearing against marginal edges of the end walls, and a wrapper carried by one sheet and adapted to be wrapped about the box and thereafter secured.

5 4. A cigar box formed from a plurality of superimposed flexible sheets, one of said sheets being of wood, certain of said sheets at one end thereof being extended laterally to form side tabs and being secured together and held in face to face engagement with each other to produce a substantially stiff portion between the tabs, the tabs being foldable with respect to the stiffened portion whereby a bottom and end walls extending upright from its ends are formed for the box, the remaining flexible portions of the sheet being free from each other and adapted for wrapping transversely of the bottom in engagement with marginal edges of the upstanding end walls to complete formation of the box.

20 5. A cigar box formed from a plurality of

superimposed flexible sheets, one of said sheets being substantially stiff but bendable, certain of said sheets being extended laterally at one end to provide opposed side tabs and the portions of the sheets between the tabs being secured together and held in face to face engagement with each other to produce a substantially stiff portion between the tabs, the tabs being foldable at their junction with the stiffened portion to provide a bottom and upstanding end walls for the box, and the remaining portions of said sheets being free from each other and adapted for wrapping transversely of the box in overlying and contacting engagement with marginal edge faces of the end walls to complete the formation of a box having its end wall disposed within the wrapped portion and constituting reinforcements for the box.

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