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IMPROVEMENT IN PACKAGES FOR CIGARS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MYER W. PRAGER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Package for Cigars, which invention is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a transverse vertical section when the package is closed. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same when it is open.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a cigar-box which is composed of two compartments of unequal depth, a perforated partition, which separates the two compartments, one from the other, and a ventilating-slide, so that the cigars contained in the two compartments can be exposed to a uniform draft of air, and caused to dry uniformly.

Each compartment is provided with a separate cover, so that the contents of one compartment can be kept closed up while those of the other compartment are exposed to view, and at the same time a cigar-box is obtained which has the capacity of containing a large number of cigars.

In the drawings, the letter A designates my cigar-box, which is constructed with two compartments, B C, of unequal depth, the front compartment, B, having a capacity for two hundred, and the compartment C a capacity for three hundred, cigars; but it is obvious that the capacity of said compartments may be increased or diminished without departing from my invention.

Said two compartments are separated from each other by a partition, *a*, which is perforated with a number of holes, so that the air can circulate throughout the whole box; and in the back of the box is a slide, *b*, which serves to open or close an opening, through which, by opening said slide, air can be admitted into the rear compartment, C. By means of this ventilating-slide and the perforated partition the cigars in both compartments can be exposed to a draft of air, which will dry the same uniformly throughout.

The compartment B is provided with a cover, D, which is hinged to the front board of the box and opens forward, while the cover E of the rear compartment, C, is hinged to the

back of the box and opens backward, as shown in Fig. 2.

Furthermore, the cover E is provided at its front end with a flange, *e*, which closes down upon the top edge of the partition *a*, (see Fig. 1,) so that when the cover D of the front compartment, B, is opened the contents of the rear compartment, C, can be completely closed up, or vice versa.

In filling up my box I prefer to form the cigars into bundles containing twenty cigars each, and the length of the box is such that it will admit five such bundles in a row, the depth of the compartment B being such that it will admit two rows or tiers of such bundles, or two hundred cigars in all, while the depth of the compartment C is such that it will admit three rows or tiers of said bundles, or three hundred cigars in all; but the capacity of the two compartments may be increased or diminished to suit the wants of the trade.

By these means I obtain a box which is capable of receiving a large number of cigars, and in which all the cigars will dry uniformly, while in exposing the cigars for sale one portion thereof may be kept under cover until the other portion is exhausted.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, in a cigar-box, of two compartments, B C, of unequal depth, two covers, D E, one for each compartment, and a partition, which separates one compartment from the other, the cover E of the rear compartment being provided with a flange, *e*, adapted to close down upon the top edge of said partition, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The combination, in a cigar-box, of two compartments, B C, two covers, D E, opening in opposite directions, a perforated partition between the two compartments, and a ventilating-slide, all constructed and adapted to operate substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of April, 1879.

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Fig. 3.

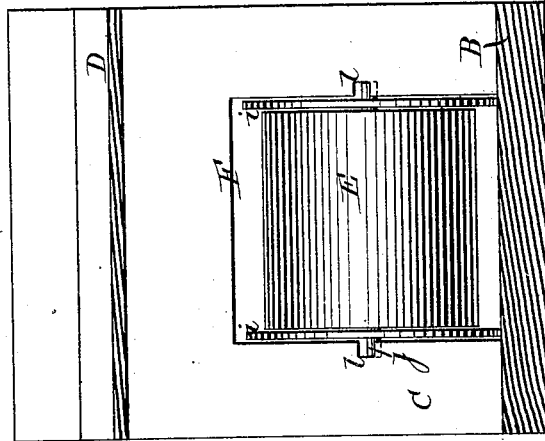


Fig. 2.

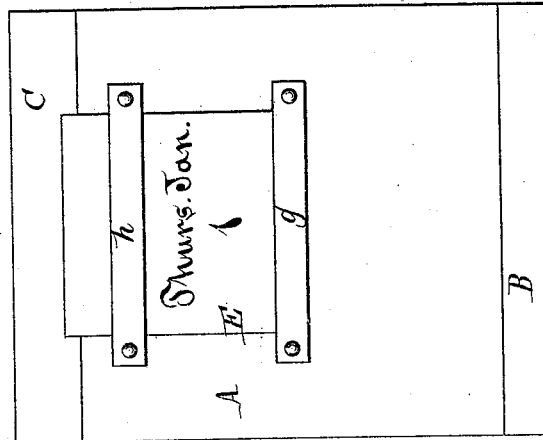
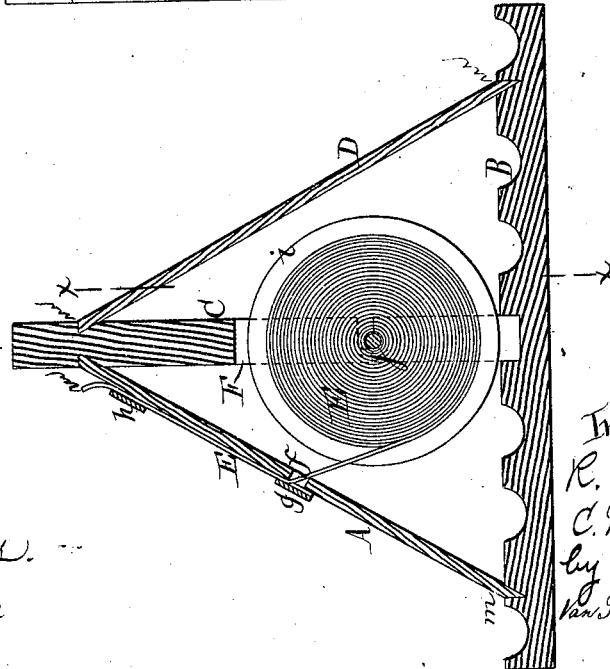


Fig. 1.



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