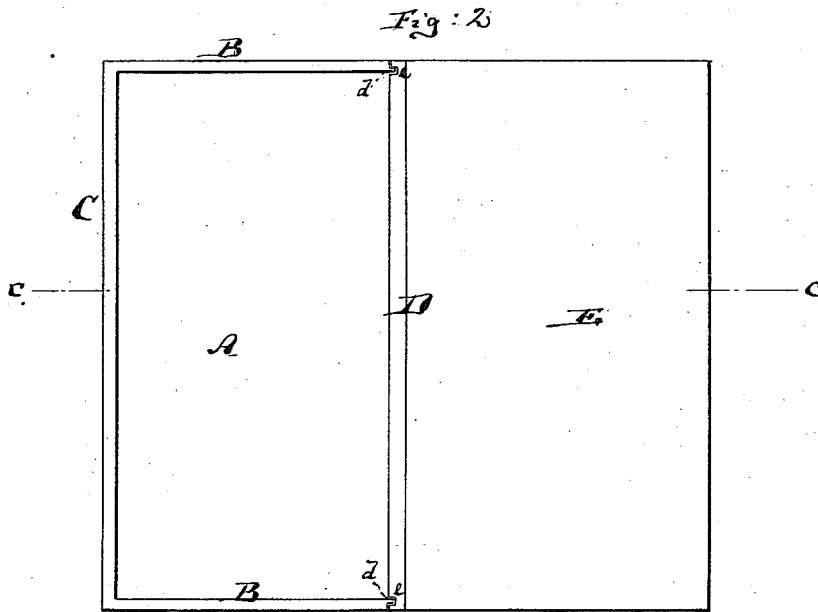
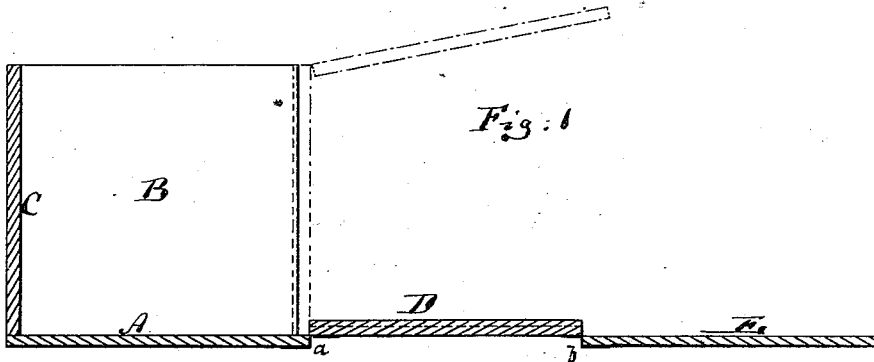


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IMPROVEMENT IN CIGAR-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARL GLUUD, of the city of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented an Improved Cigar-Box, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a vertical cross-section of my improved cigar-box, taken on the line *c c*, Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is a top view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

The object of this invention is to so construct a cigar-box that on opening it every single cigar therein may be exposed to view, so that manufacturers can, after the box has been packed, ascertain whether the packers have properly assorted the contents as to color and quality, and also so that purchasers can satisfy themselves that the lower layers are of the same shade and quality as the upper layers of the box.

As cigar-boxes are at present manufactured they usually have hinged lids, which, when opened, disclose the uppermost layer of cigars, and the lower layers cannot be seen, except by removing all, or nearly all, of the cigars from the box, which, of course, would involve the extra labor of repacking. Purchasers are frequently deceived by upper layers of good cigars to buying boxes containing lower layers of an inferior quality; and even manufacturers are often deceived by their packers, who, from carelessness or laziness, are induced to put various shades into the same box, taking pains only to properly adjust the uppermost layer.

My invention consists in constructing a cigar-box with a hinged back and hinged cover, so that as long as the back is not folded down the appearance of the box will be identical with that of every ordinary cigar-box, disclosing the upper layer only; but when the back is let down the ends of all the cigars contained in the box are exposed to view, and the requisite inspection can take place. Cigars can be withdrawn from the middle or lower part of the box, and replaced at liberty, with-

out disturbing the contents otherwise, and still the box, when closed, can be held closed by a single tack, like the ordinary cigar-box.

In the accompanying drawing, the letter A represents the bottom, B B the ends, C the front, D the back, and E the cover, of my improved cigar-box. The bottom, ends, and front are rigidly connected, in the customary or suitable manner. The back D, however, is, by a strip of tape, *a*, or other equivalent means, hinged to the back edge of the bottom A, so it can be folded down, as indicated by full lines in Fig. 1, or raised up against the rear ends of the sides B B, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1. The cover E is, by a strip of tape, *b*, or otherwise, hinged to the upper part of the back, so it will be carried along by the latter whenever the same is folded down. In order to properly secure the back in its upright position, when closed, it is grooved along its inner face, and the rear edges of the sides B B are made with tenons *d d* to fit said grooves *e e*, so that when the back is raised the tenons or rear ends of the sides B B will enter into the grooves *e*, that extend along and parallel with the ends of the back D, all as clearly indicated in the drawing. Thus, when the back is raised it will, by the tenons and grooves, be sufficiently held to retain its upright position, and still it may be let down without difficulty. The front end of the lid E can be held down to the outer edge of the front C by means of a tack, in the usual manner, and the box may be partly inspected by merely raising the lid, whereas if it is intended to inspect the entire contents the back also will be let down.

I claim—

A cigar-box made with a hinged back, D, and with the lid E hinged to the hinged back, the back being grooved to receive tenons that project from the rear ends of the sides B B, all substantially as herein shown and described.

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