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Revenue-Stamp for Cigar-Boxes.

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FIG. 1.

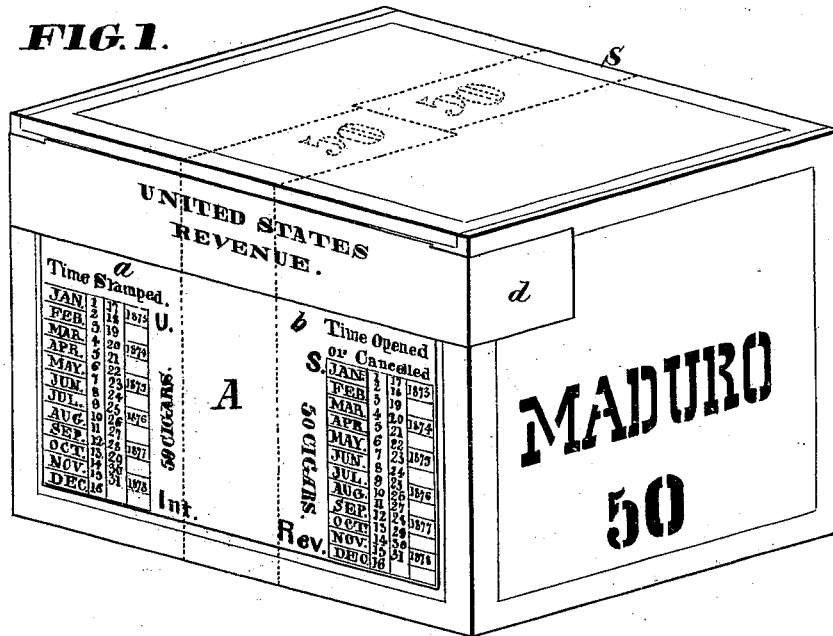
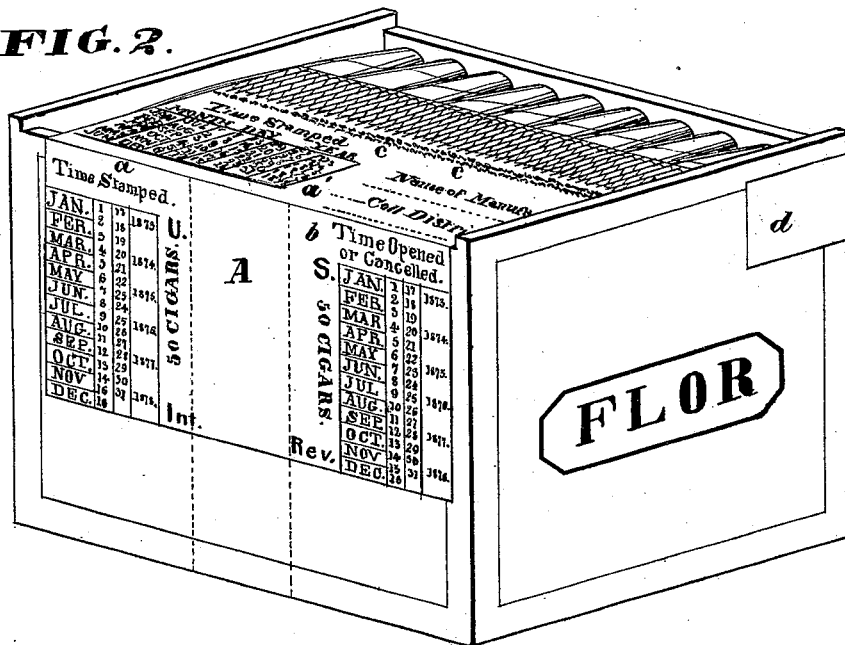


FIG. 2.



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FIG. 3.

COUPON											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72
73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84
85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96
97	98	99	100								

Time Stamped

Month	Day	Year
Jan.	Jul.	1873
Feb.	Aug.	1874
Mar.	Sep.	1875
Apr.	Oct.	1876
May.	Nov.	1877
Jun.	Dec.	1878

a' Name of Manufacturer,

Coll. District.

FIG. 4.

Time Stamped											
BEAEMIE S											
a' Month, Day, Year											
Jan.	Jul.	1	7	13	19	25	1873	Name of Manufacturer,			
Feb.	Aug.	2	8	14	20	26	1874	-----			
Mar.	Sep.	3	9	15	21	27	1875	-----			
Apr.	Oct.	4	10	16	22	28	1876	Coll. District.			
May.	Nov.	5	11	17	23	29	1877	-----			
Jun.	Dec.	6	12	18	24	31	1878	-----			

Time Stamped. a

JAN.	1	17	1876
FEB.	2	18	1876
MAR.	3	19	1876
APR.	4	20	1876
MAY.	5	21	1876
JUN.	6	22	1876
JUL.	7	23	1876
AUG.	8	24	1876
SEP.	9	25	1876
OCT.	10	26	1876
NOV.	11	27	1876
DEC.	12	28	1876

50 CIGARS. A

Time Opened or Cancelled. b

S. JAN.	1	17	1875
FEB.	2	18	1875
MAR.	3	19	1875
APR.	4	20	1875
MAY.	5	21	1875
JUN.	6	22	1875
JUL.	7	23	1875
AUG.	8	24	1875
SEP.	9	25	1875
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NOV.	11	27	1875
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IMPROVEMENT IN REVENUE-STAMPS FOR CIGAR-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED C. HAMILTON, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Stamps for Cigar-Boxes, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists of a supplemental stamp adapted to indicate the dates of application and cancellation of the stamp and other items that may be desired—such, for example, as the name of the manufacturer or importer applying the stamp, the number of the collection-district, &c.

My invention further consists in a system of coupons indicating the number of cigars in a box, both when full and during sale or consumption.

The device is intended and adapted to prevent the fraudulent reuse of stamps or stamped boxes.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a box of cigars, with stamp in position, illustrating the mode of applying the invention to imported cigars without opening the box. Fig. 2 is a perspective view, showing the application of the device to a box before closing. Fig. 3 is a plan of a box without the cover, showing a modification in the stamp. Fig. 4 is a plan of a stamp adapted for use in the manner shown in Fig. 1.

In carrying out my invention I provide labels or stamps, preferably of paper, adapted to be applied by pasting to boxes of cigars by the manufacturer before closing the box, or to close boxes in case of imported cigars. In either case the stamp shows on the outside the time a box of cigars is stamped, and on the inside the time stamped, the name of the manufacturer or importer, the number of the collection-district, and, by means of detachable coupons, the number of cigars in a box at any time.

A represents the stamp, formed of a single piece of paper, applied on the outside of the box in front, and extending partially over the top, under the cover. *a b* are external tables to show the respective dates of stamping and opening the box. *a'* is a second table to indicate the date of stamping, and located within the box, as an additional check. *c c c* are

a series of numbered coupons, equaling in number the cigars contained in the box when full. Spaces are also provided for the name of the manufacturer or importer, the number of the collection-district, and any other items which may be necessary or desirable.

For use with imported cigars, which are stamped by the importer without opening the box, the stamp is preferably made as shown in Fig. 4, with two projecting tabs, *d d*. The upper portion of the stamp, which is to occupy the inside of the box, is then folded in the manner shown in Fig. 1, with the tabs *d d* lapped round and cemented to the ends of the box, so as to retain the folded part in place until the box is opened, when the tabs *d d* are severed, and the said upper part is folded on the top of the open box, as in the case of domestic cigars, when the stamp is applied by the manufacturer in the manner illustrated in Fig. 2 or Fig. 3 before closing the box.

Dotted lines at *S* indicate the position of the customary revenue-stamp, which may be used in connection with my supplemental stamp.

My improved stamp may be so made as to serve also the purposes of a revenue-stamp, or it may be used in connection with the regulation cigar-stamp at present in use. The date on which the revenue-stamp and supplemental stamp are applied to the box is punched or otherwise canceled on the tables *a* and *a'*. Then in the case of imported cigars the upper part of the stamp is folded and pasted down, as illustrated in Fig. 1, (the coupons being first turned in,) or in the case of domestic cigars it is laid flat on top of the cigars, as shown in Fig. 2 or Fig. 3, and the box is closed. When the stamp is broken and the box is opened for the sale of cigars, the date at which this is done is marked on the table *b*, and for each cigar sold one of the coupons *c* is torn off, beginning with the highest number, so that the number of coupons always indicates the number of cigars remaining unsold, and the entire device precludes the possibility of a fraudulent reuse of the revenue-stamp or stamped box.

The coupons may be made in separate slips,

as illustrated in Figs. 2 and 4, or in parallelograms perforated to admit of their ready separation, as shown in Fig. 3. Figs. 2 and 4 show coupons for a box of fifty cigars, and Fig. 3 for one hundred.

The following is claimed as new:

1. The cigar-box stamp herein described, constructed with date-tables *a b a'*, arranged and adapted for use in manner substantially as described.

2. The coupons *c*, provided with serial numbers, as described, and employed in connection with a cigar-box stamp, in the manner and for the purpose specified.

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