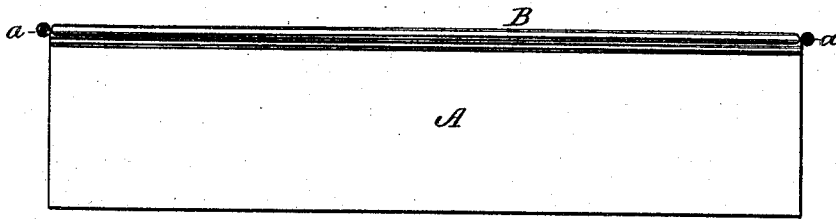


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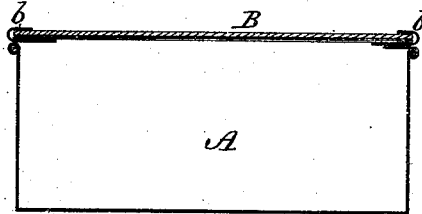
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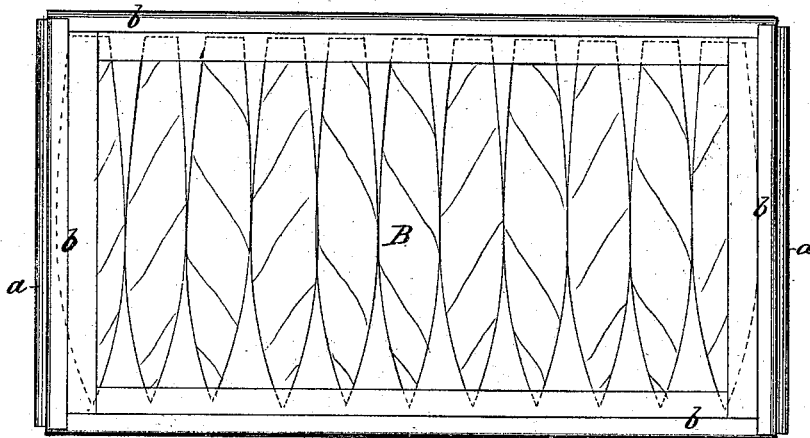
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CIGAR-BOXES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES S. BROWN, of Baltimore city, State of Maryland, have invented a new and Improved Cigar-Box; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation; Fig. 2, a cross-section; Fig. 3, a plan view.

The object of this invention is to provide a cigar-box better adapted to preserve the cigars from dampness, and so constructed as to allow the quality and brand of the cigars to be inspected without opening the box or breaking the revenue-stamp. It consists in a tight sheet-metal box having its end walls slightly elevated and formed at the top into beads, in combination with a glass cover contained in a suitable frame, which, when the box is to be shut, closes in between the said beads, which clasp and firmly secure the cover, so as to render any other form of fastening unnecessary.

In the drawing, A represents a cigar-box, made of tin or other suitable sheet metal. Said box is made perfectly tight, and has its end walls elevated above the front and back, and formed into the beads *a a*, which, when the box is closed, clasp and secure the cover. B is the cover, the body of which is made of

glass, which is contained in a suitable metallic frame, *b*. Said cover is hinged to the back of the box and forms, when shut down and clasped between the beads, a perfectly smooth top flush with the end walls of the box, and securely retained by the beads, so as to require no other fastening.

By means of a tight closed tin box it will be seen that the cigars are kept almost entirely free from dampness, and the flavor of imported cigars is unaffected by the vapors consequent upon a sea voyage. The glass cover also admits of the inspection of the cigars without opening the box or mutilating the revenue-stamps, so that no risk is run in purchasing, and the particular device for fastening the cover is simple, cheap, and not liable to get out of order.

I am aware of the fact that a tin cigar-box is not new, and I therefore confine my invention to the transparent cover in connection with the devices for securing the same.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

A sheet-metal box provided with raised end beads, in combination with a glass cover contained within a suitable frame, as and for the purpose described.

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