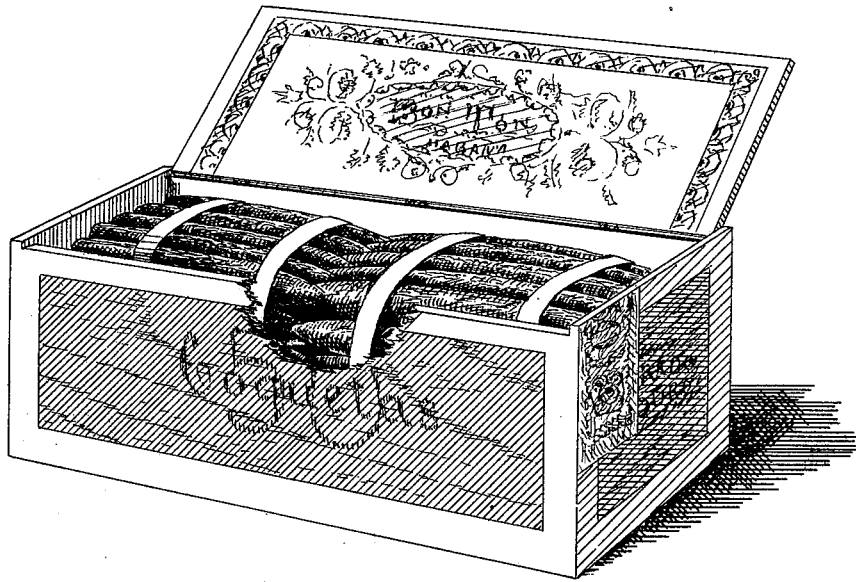


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FIG. I.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PACKING CIGARS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. SHAEFFER, of the city and county of San Francisco, and State of California, have invented an Improved Method of Packing Cigars; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to a novel method of packing cigars in boxes, so that the cigars are preserved in better condition than when packed in the ordinary manner, and the box is more compact and symmetrical.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my box opened to show the contents and manner of packing.

In the ordinary method of placing cigars into boxes they soon become very dry, and especially so at the finished tip, so that when the smoker bites this off, the wrapper is apt to become broken, so that it will not draw well, and the user is annoyed by fine particles of tobacco which become detached and pass into his mouth.

My method of packing involves the use of a box, A, which is made of such length as to receive two cigars in length when their ends

slightly overlap. In transverse section, this box, which is made to hold fifty cigars, is square, having more depth and less width than the ordinary box.

In my method of packing I make the cigars into two bundles of twenty-five each, and these are placed with their tips meeting and passing each other, so as to interlace. This not only holds all the cigars firmly in place, but, by means of this interlacing of tips, the moisture in them is prevented from evaporating, and the cigars are kept in prime condition until used.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The method herein described of packing cigars, consisting in placing them end to end with their tips interlacing, substantially as herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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