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Cigar-Box.

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Fig. 1.

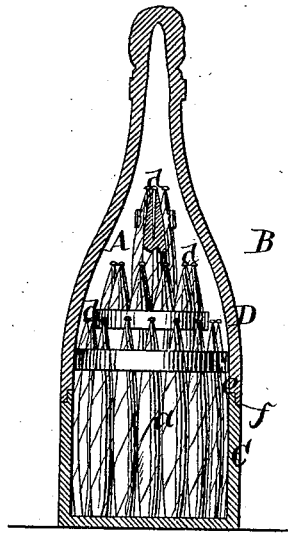
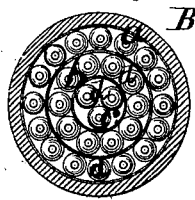


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CIGAR-BOXES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 196,920, dated November 6, 1877; application filed September 22, 1877.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY MEYERS, 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 sectional side view. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of Fig. 1.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists in a bottle-shaped cigar-case, divided transversely at or near its center to form a lower portion or body, and an upper portion or cover, the said body having a rim and a shoulder adapted to the lower edge of the cover, so that when the latter is in place the outer surface of the case will be perfectly flush, as will more fully hereinafter appear.

In the drawing, the letter A designates my package of cigars, which, in the example shown in the drawing, consists of three tiers, *a b c*, the outer tier, *a*, being composed of fourteen, the middle tier, *b*, of eight, and the upper tier, *c*, of three cigars, thus producing a bundle of twenty-five cigars; but it is obvious that the number of tiers in the package, and also the number of cigars in each tier, may be changed, and my package may be easily constructed so that each contains fifty or more cigars.

The tiers *a b c* of my package are arranged in telescopic form, as shown in Fig. 1, each tier being held in place by a band or other suitable fastening. In the tip of each cigar is placed a pin, *d*, with its head resting on the end of the cigar, so that it can be readily taken hold of, and that by withdrawing the pin the requisite draft-channel is opened, and the operation of cutting off the tip of the cigar is rendered superfluous.

With the telescopic package A is combined a bottle-shaped inclosure or box, B, which is

made in two parts, C D, the lower part or body, C, being made to fit the outside of the package, and being provided with a rim, *e*, that fits the interior of the cover or upper part, D, and with a shoulder, *f*, on which said cover rests, so that when the box is closed the outer surface of the body D and cover C are flush.

It will be readily seen that by pasting a revenue-stamp over the joint between the cover D and body C, the box or inclosure B cannot be opened without effectually destroying the revenue-stamp.

My inclosure or box B can be made of paste-board, wood, sheet metal, or any other suitable material, in any desired size, so as to be capable of receiving packages containing twenty-five, fifty, or one hundred cigars, and by said inclosure the cigars are effectually protected, and at the same time the cigars, being arranged in telescopic form, will dry uniformly; and, furthermore, each cigar in the package is exposed, so that it can be examined before it is taken out of the package.

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

As a new article of manufacture, the within-described bottle-shaped cigar-case, divided transversely at or near its center to form the body C and cover D, the said body having a rim, *e*, and shoulder *f*, adapted to the lower edge of the cover, whereby, when the latter is in place, the outer surface of the case will be flush, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of June, A. D. 1877.

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