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Cigar-Box.

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FIG. 1.

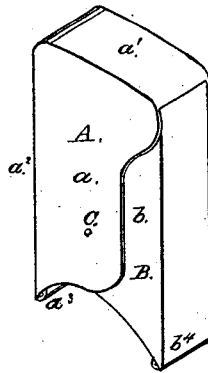


FIG. 2.

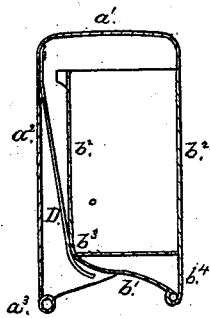
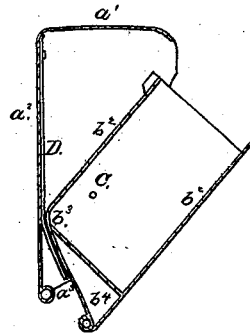


FIG. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CIGAR-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SPENCER H. HEWLETT, of the city of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Cigar and Match Boxes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My improvement relates to a box to contain matches, cigars, or cigarettes; and consists of an outer case open at one edge, and a case pivoted therein and open at one end, with a spring tending to hold the open end within the outer case, so as to be closed by the upper end of the latter.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improvement in closed condition. Fig. 2 is a section closed. Fig. 3 is a section opened.

The outer case is shown at A. This has sides a , top a^1 , and back a^2 . Its lower corner a^3 is preferably rounded, so as to present no angular projection.

Within the case A is the inner case or box B, whose sides b are parallel with those a , and connected thereto by pivots C. The box is

closed at the bottom b^1 and at the edges b^2 , but is open at top to allow the introduction or removal of the articles which it is intended to hold.

D is a spring, which is attached to the inner side of the back a^2 of case A, and whose end bears against the corner b^3 of the box, so as to tend to hold it in the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2, so that its mouth is closed by the top a^1 of case A.

To open the box, the corners a^3 and b^4 are pressed inward, which turns the top of the box outward into the position shown in Fig. 3. As soon as the corner b^4 is relieved from pressure the upper end of the box returns, by the influence of the spring D, into the position shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

I claim as my invention—

The box consisting of the cases A and B, connected by pivot C, and containing the closing-spring D, substantially as set forth.

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