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Cigar-Case.

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Fig: 1

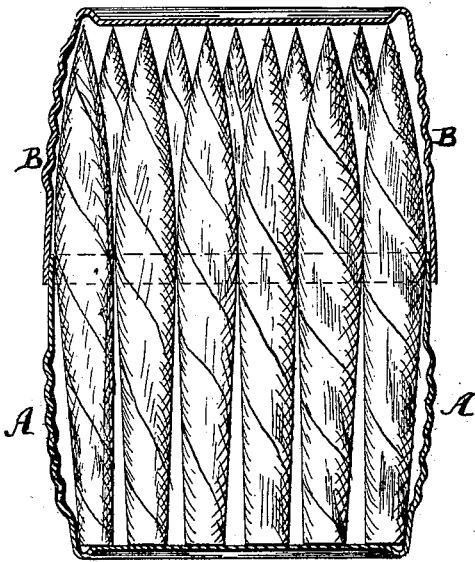
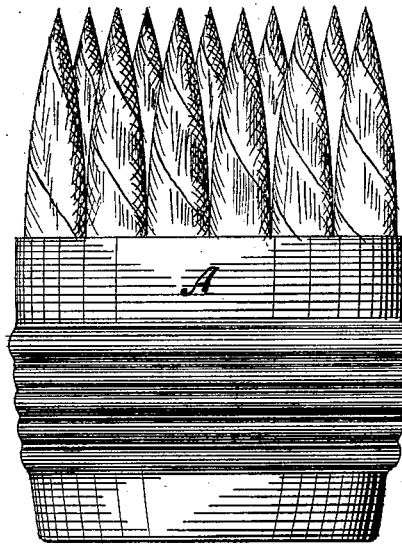


Fig: 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN CIGAR-CASES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN, of the city of New York, county and State of New York, have invented an Improved Case for Cigars, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a vertical central section of my improved case for cigars. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same, showing it opened.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

This invention relates to an improved case for cigars, which is constructed so that the same case will adapt itself to cigars of different lengths, that the cigars may be freely inspected at both ends and along their entire extent without danger of losing the cigars, and so that the cigars therein will be kept moist and readily accessible when desired.

The invention consists in making the case cylindrical at the middle and tapering toward the ends, and extensible and separable at or near the middle, all as hereinafter more fully described.

I am aware that cigar-cases cylindrical throughout their entire length have already been used for holding cigars; but they are not adapted for a bundle of cigars, as a cylindrical shape at the ends prevents the cigars from maintaining their form at the ends, causing them to lose their shape.

In the accompanying drawing, the letters A B represent the two halves of my improved case, which is made of sheet metal or other suitable material, and circular in cross-section.

Each half is made tub-shaped—that is to say larger at the open than at the closed end; but both halves are made cylindrical at their open ends, the two halves being so shaped that the open end of one may be fitted into the open end of the other, as indicated in Fig. 1, thus producing a case larger at the middle than at both ends, separable at or near the middle, and one admirably adapted to receive and fit the cigars.

By making the two halves A B cylindrical at their open ends the half A may be slid to a greater or less extent into the half B, thus varying the length of the entire case as may be desired, to adapt it to hold cigars of various length—that is to say, the case may be extended for longer cigars and contracted for shorter cigars. If the two halves were made without the cylindrical portion, the case would not be adjustable, and small cigars would therefore be easily broken or injured in the case during transportation. The cigars may be inspected at one end by taking the part B off the part A, as in Fig. 2, and at the other by taking the part A off the part B.

I claim as my invention—

A cigar-case made cylindrical at the middle and tapering toward the ends, and extensible and separable at or near the middle, substantially as herein shown and described.

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