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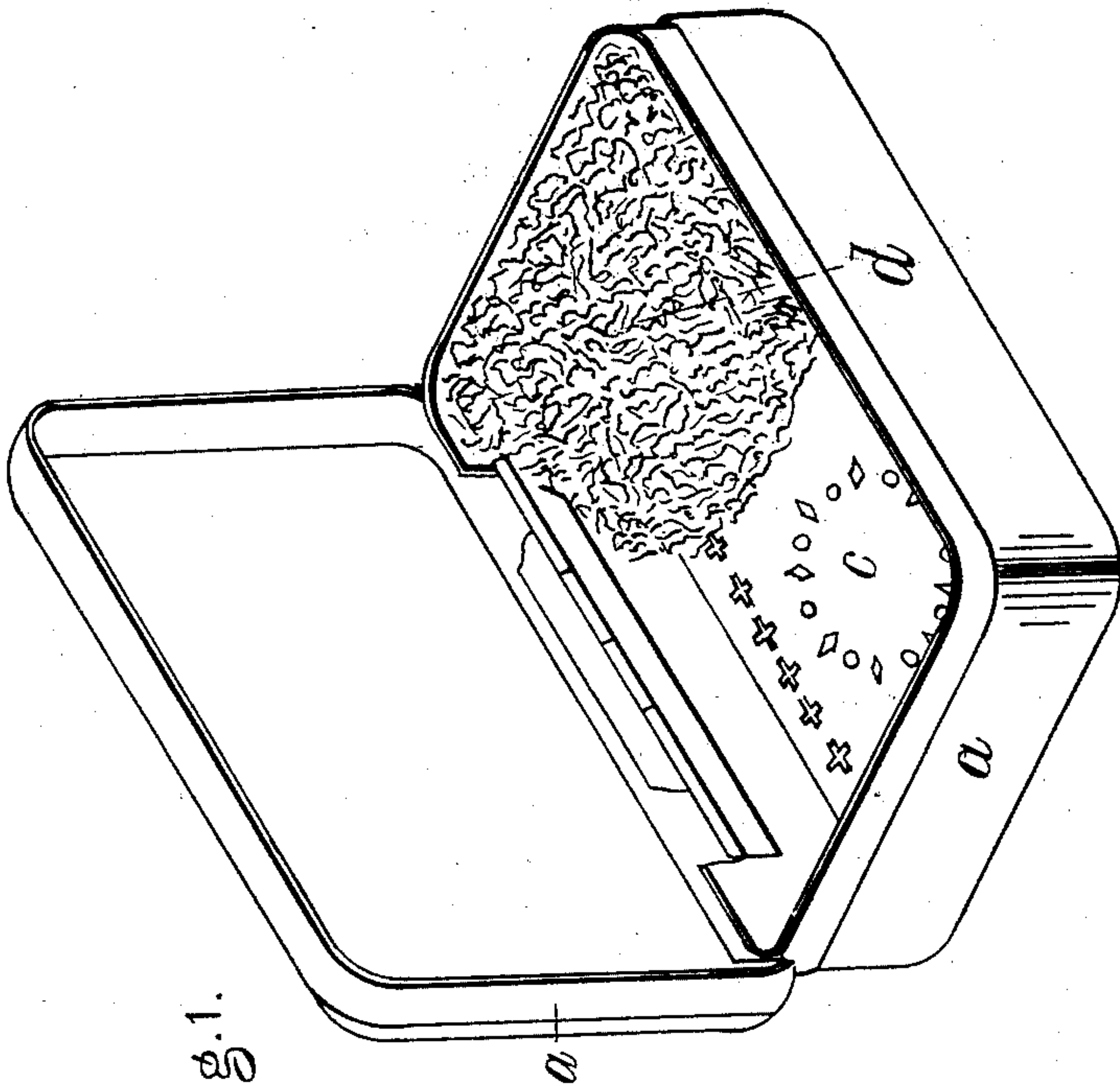


Fig. 1.

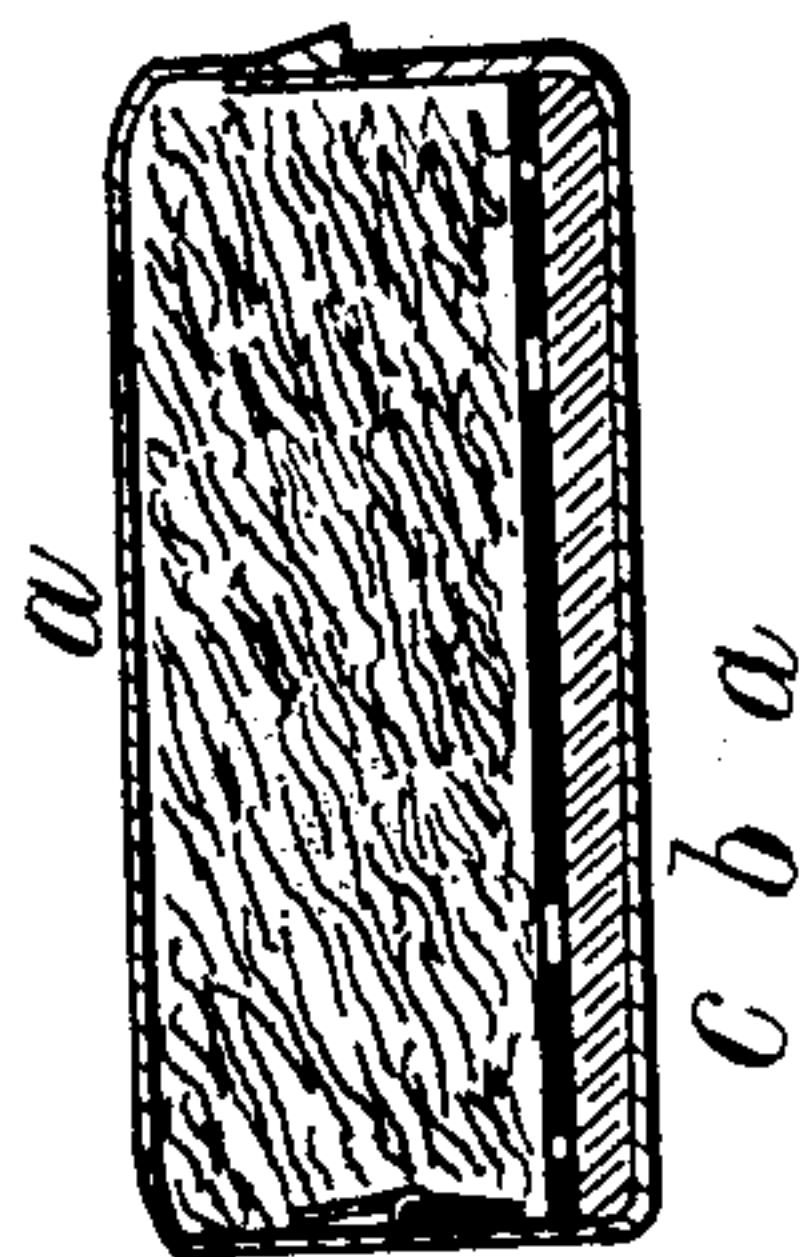


Fig. 2.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN TOBACCO-BOXES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 35,178, dated May 6, 1862.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY E. ROBBINS, of Hartford, county of Hartford, and State of Connecticut, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Pocket Tobacco-Boxes, and the like Purposes; and I do hereby declare that the same is described and represented in the following specification and drawings; and to enable others skilled in the art to make and use the said improvement I will proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the drawings, in which the same letters indicate like parts in each of the figures.

The nature of this improvement in pocket tobacco-boxes (or for other substances of a like nature) consists in providing a proper "damp" within a box (of whatever size, shape, form, or material it may be made of,) from which a vapor is thrown off, or from which a vapor arises, diffusing itself through the weed, plant, or particles deposited in said box, whereby its contents are kept in a moist, highly-flavored, and portable condition for ready use.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an isometrical view of an open box, showing a portion of the substance deposited therein, susceptible of receiving the vapor arising through the perforated plate from the flavored or saturated substance underlying the said plate, and by means of which the material is kept always in a highly-prepared condition for use. Fig. 2 is a section view showing the construction of the box (which forms no part of what I claim as my improvement, considered by itself,) the substance or material deposited thereon, the absorbing material which holds or is saturated with fluid or liquid highly perfumed, constituting what I call a "damp."

*a* is the box, which may be made of any desirable material and in any required form or shape, as fancy may dictate.

*b* shows the absorbing material of any porous or fibrous substance, which will contain water or other evaporating liquid or perfume.

*c* is a perforated plate placed directly over the porous or fibrous substance *b*.

*d* shows the tobacco (or other material which it may be found desirable to use in the same way) placed in the box for use, and to be affected by the damp or by its vapor.

By the use of this improvement great advantage is derived over the ordinary way of using a box without this improvement, as also over the ordinary way of keeping the tobacco in tin-foil, whereby in each case it becomes dry and less palatable. Also, by this improvement, a rich flavor may be given to its contents. Now, in using this improvement, it is only necessary to saturate or replenish the absorbing substance when it becomes dry, and add a fresh supply of tobacco (or other substance) as often as required, and it will be kept in a moist, fragrant, and palatable condition for use for several days at a time without the liability of becoming dry.

I believe I have thus shown the nature, construction, and operation of what constitutes my improvement, so as to properly instruct a person skilled to make and use the same, and also the advantage to be derived from the use thereof over others now used.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a pocket tobacco-box constructed substantially in the manner as and for the purpose as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 20th day February, 1860.

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