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CIGAR-BOX.

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Fig. 1

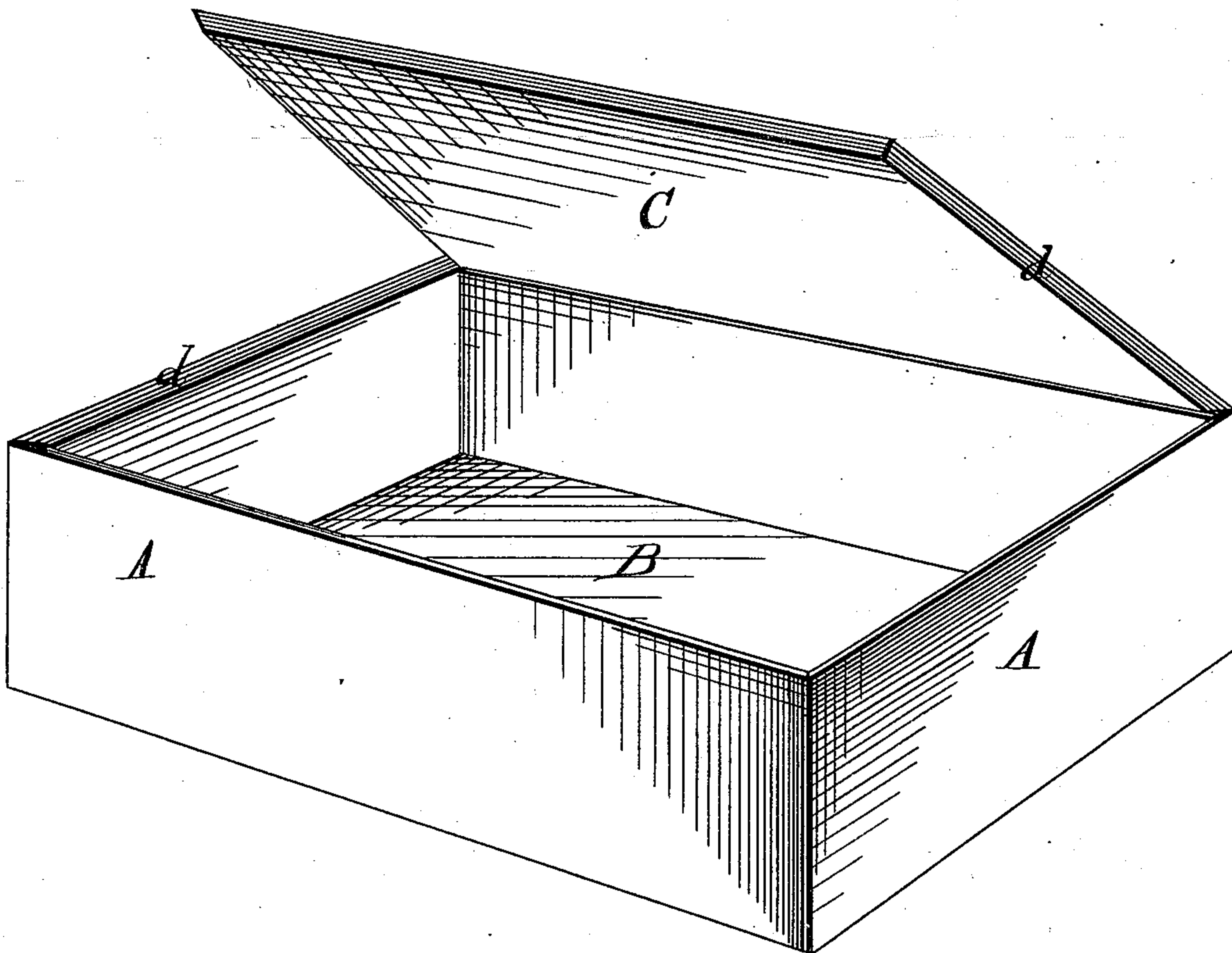
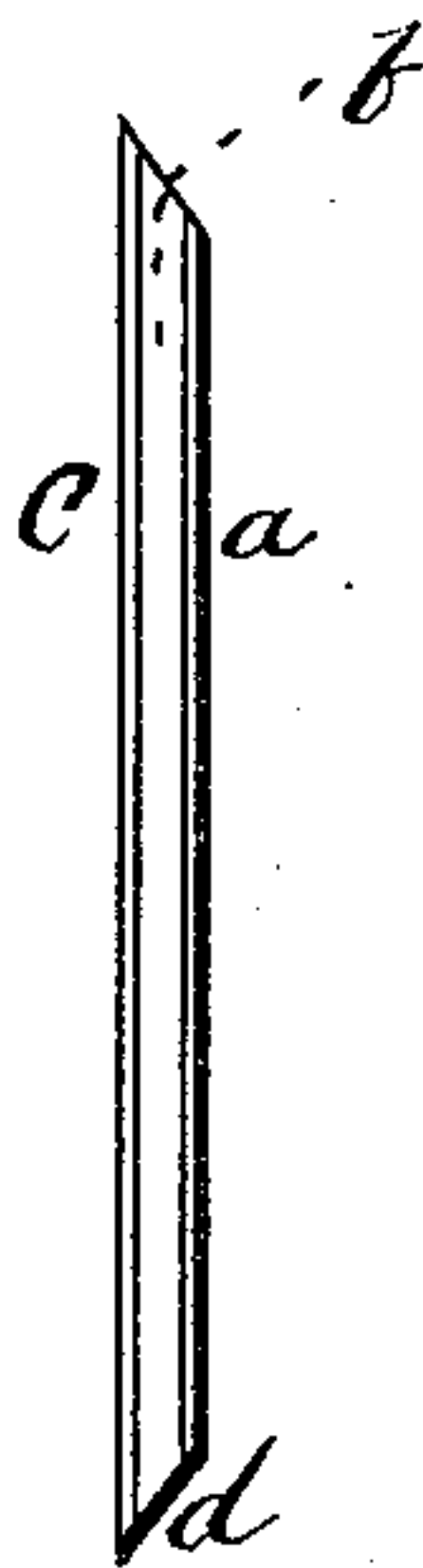


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CIGAR-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES FLETCHER, of Williamsburg, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Cigar-Boxes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a perspective view of my cigar-box, and Fig. 2 is a detail view of the same.

This invention consists in improvements in cigar-boxes, hereinafter particularly described.

In the annexed drawings, A A designate the four sides of a cigar-box. B designates the bottom, and C the cover of the same. Each of these six pieces consists of a central layer or strip, *b*, of cheap wood or paper, and two layers or veneers of cedar—one *a* being on the inside, and the other *c* on the outside of said box. This gives to said box the appearance and fragrance of cedar, but enables it to be manufactured more cheaply than if that material were used alone. Each of said pieces, including the cover, is also beveled inward at all the edges, as shown at *d d*.

This construction has several advantages. In the first place, it affords a larger surface

at the joints for the adhesive action of the glue which holds bottom piece B and side pieces A A together. It also allows the cover to be set down between the sides when the box is closed, so that there is no projecting edge of said cover, which is liable to be accidentally struck or brushed against, breaking the thin paper strip or hinge by which the rear of said cover is secured to said box.

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

1. As an improvement in the art of manufacturing cigar-boxes, which consists in beveling the upper and lower edges of the four sides of the box, and beveling the sides and ends of the top and bottom pieces, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination of the four sides A of a cigar-box, with bottom piece B and cover C, each of the said six pieces having all its edges beveled inward, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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