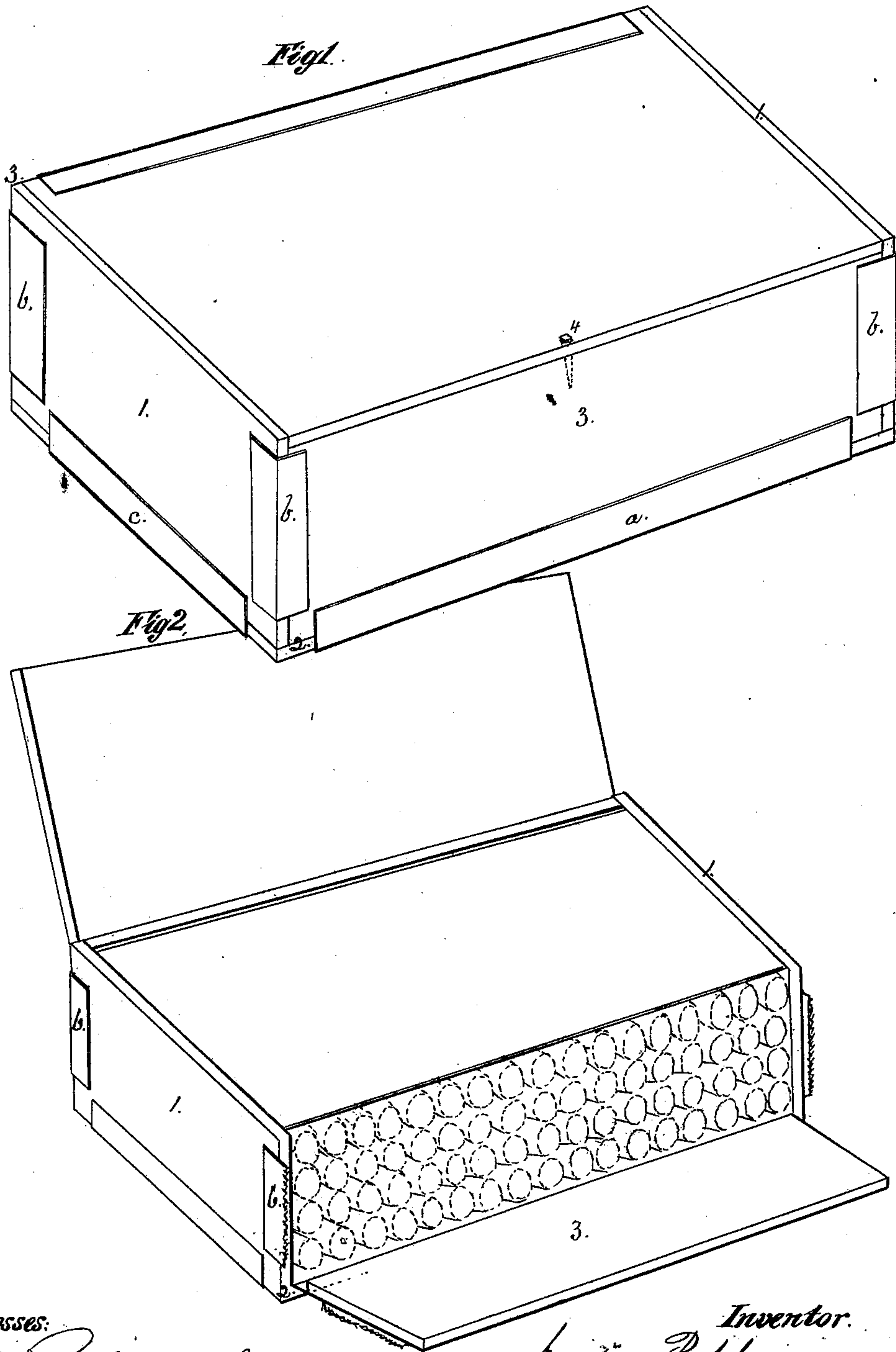


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IMPROVEMENT IN CIGAR-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISIDOR POPPER, of the city and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Cigar-Box, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of the specification.

Cigar-boxes as usually constructed have their sides and ends nailed together, and to these is nailed the bottom. In the boxes, however they may be constructed, the cigars are packed under pressure.

In purchasing cigars it is desirable and necessary to ascertain whether the cigars are of uniform quality and equally well made throughout the package. With boxes of ordinary construction this can only be learned by partially or wholly removing the cigars from the box, so that they can be examined and samples withdrawn from the package. This is objectionable, as thereby the cigars are frequently disarranged, and it is often difficult to again properly replace them in the box.

The cigar-box invented by me permits the ends of the cigars to be entirely exposed, so that the cigars can be fully examined without removing or in any way disturbing the cigars in the box, my improvement consisting in uniting the front to the bottom and to the end pieces of the box by strips of tough fabric only, covering the joints thereof and glued to the wood, the top or cover being preferably secured to the top edge of the front by a single nail, which may be readily removed to permit the turning down of the front when the fabric covering the joints of said front and the end pieces is cut, the strip which unites the said front to the bottom serving as a hinge.

My improved cigar-box is constructed as follows: The ends 1 1 only of the box are nailed to the bottom 2, and a single nail in the middle of each end is sufficient. The front 3 is connected to the bottom by a strip of cloth, *a*, or other suitable material, folded over the edge of the front and bottom and glued thereto, which forms a hinge, such as is usually used to permit the opening and closing of the covers of boxes. The front 3 is also connected to the ends 1 1 by similar strips of cloth *b b*, or other thin and firm material, which are glued

or cemented over the joint between the ends and front, and the front has no other means of attachment. The cover is connected to the box by a flexible strip, which unites it to the top edge of the back of the box and serves as a hinge. A single nail, 4, secures it to the top edge of the front.

This mode of fastening or connecting the ends and front piece gives to the box sufficient firmness and strength to withstand all pressure required in packing the cigars therein, and also as effectually closes the box to keep out all dampness and to retain the aroma of the cigar as when the front and ends are nailed together.

When it is desired to examine the cigars in such a box it is only necessary to start the nails holding down the cover, and raise the lid or leave it closed, and cut with a knife the strips *b b* at the joints between the sides and ends, when the front can be turned down on the hinge-piece *a*, exposing the ends of the bunches of cigars, and permitting cigars to be withdrawn without disarranging the package inside or raising the lid.

By turning up the front to its normal position the box is again formed and closed, when the strips *b b* may or may not be put on again.

If the cigars are laid lengthwise in the box in two courses, then the ends only of the box will require to be fitted with hinge-connections and edge-strips, so they can be turned down, as shown at *c*.

The connecting-strips *b b* may be of cloth, or thin leather, or strong parchment-like paper, or any material of sufficient strength, and which can be easily cut or separated by a knife.

I am aware of the patents granted to E. Henkel, July 26, 1870, No. 105,681; M. Lichtenstein, August 10, 1875, No. 166,534, and T. A. Dodd, August 15, 1876, No. 181,057, and do not claim anything shown or described in said patents, the subjects of which are for purposes entirely different from that of my invention, which, it will be understood, consists in uniting the front to the bottom and to the end pieces of the box by strips of tough fabric, only covering the joints thereof and glued to the wood, so that when the nail which usually secures the cover or lid to the top edge of the

front is removed, the front may be readily turned down to permit inspection of the cigars.

What I claim is—

A cigar-box having its front united to the bottom and to the end pieces by strips of tough fabric only, which strips cover the joints of the box and are glued to the wood, so that when the strips which unite the front and end

pieces are cut and the fastening-nail removed from the cover or lid and front, said front may be turned down, the strip which unites it to the bottom serving as a hinge.

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