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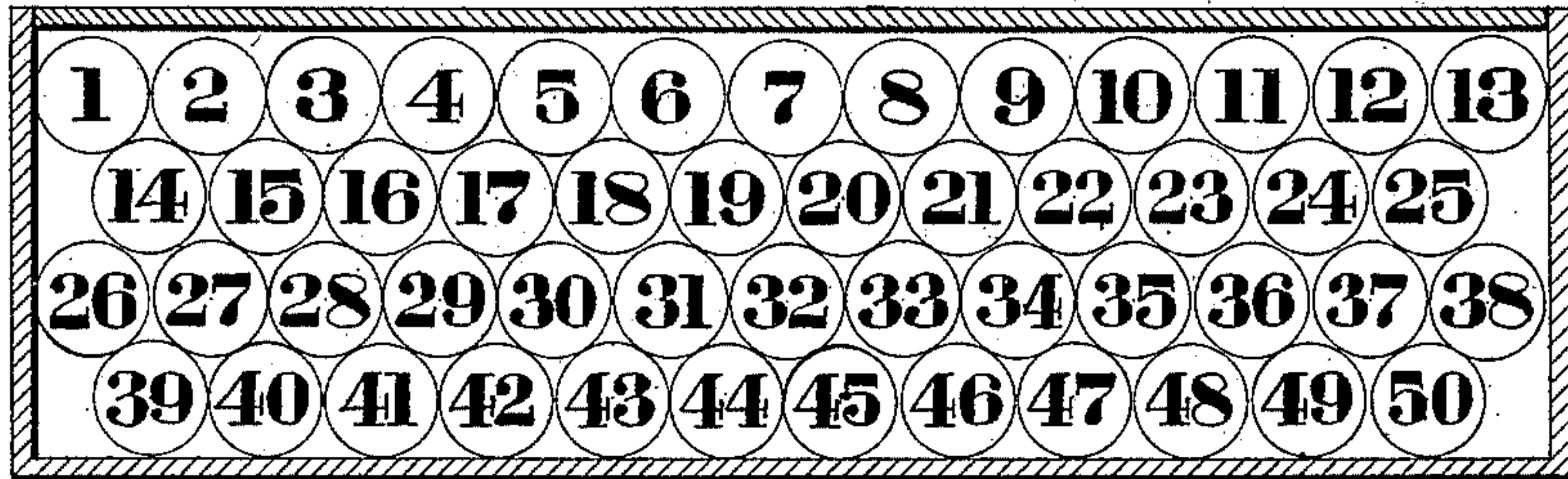
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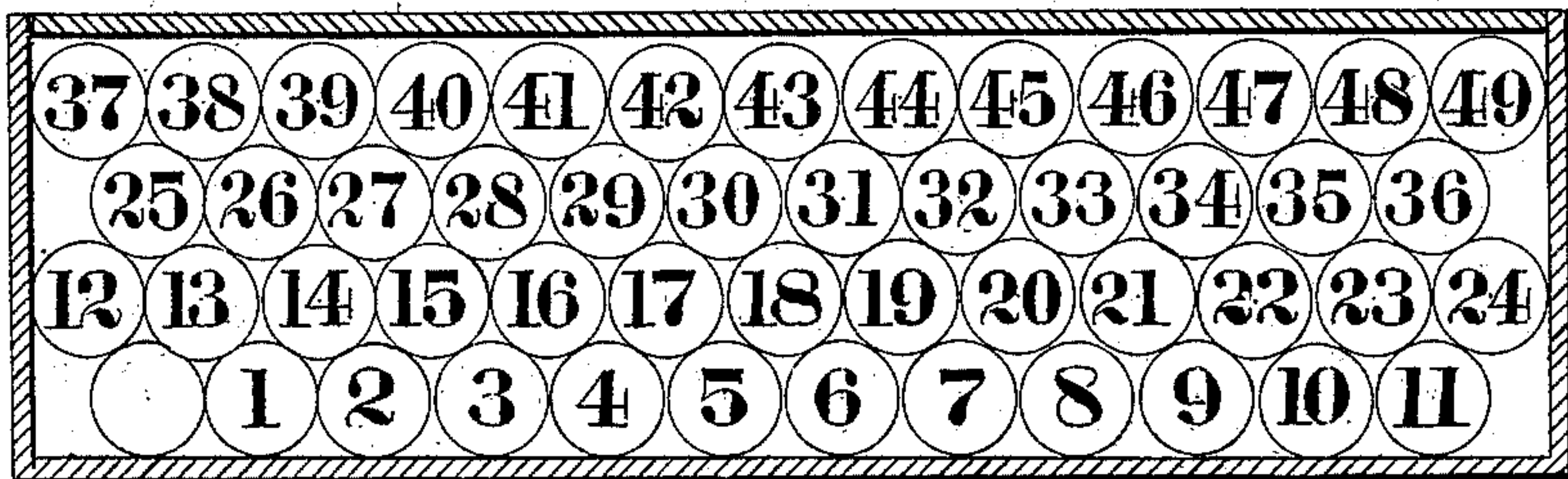
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## BOX FOR CIGARS AND OTHER ARTICLES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EMANUEL PISKO, a resident of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Boxes for Cigars and other Articles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal vertical section of a cigar-box, showing my improvement. Fig. 2 is a similar section showing the side of the box opposite to that represented in Fig. 1.

This invention has for its object to provide a box for cigars and other articles with means for readily ascertaining the number of cigars or other articles still contained therein; and the invention consists in placing against each of the two inner sides of the box in the places which will be aligned with the cigars or other articles that fill the box figures indicating the number of such cigars or other articles therein, said figures running in reverse order on the two sides in the peculiar manner hereinafter described.

In Fig. 1 of the drawings is represented in face view the inner side of the back of a cigar-box against which the ends of the cigars when the box is full abut.

In the places which will be aligned with the cigars are printed or otherwise affixed figures from one to fifty, as shown. These figures may begin in the upper row, as in Fig. 1. When the box is full, none of these figures will be visible; but when one cigar is taken out—say from the upper left-hand corner of Fig. 1—the back will show the figure 1, indicating thereby that one cigar has been taken out. The same will occur when twelve or thirteen or any large number of cigars have been removed from the box.

Fig. 2 shows the inner face view of the

front of the box of which Fig. 1 shows the inner back view—that is to say, the front shows the cigars still in the box, while the back shows how many are taken out. Thus if one cigar is taken out the back will display the figure 1 and the front the figure 49. If twelve are taken out, the back shows the figure 12, while the front shows the figure 38. Thus the two aligned figures added together always give the total number of cigars originally in the box.

The invention is not limited to boxes containing fifty cigars, as it is equally applicable to boxes containing more than fifty or less than fifty cigars. The principal usefulness of the invention will be to retail dealers in cigars who can at any time ascertain at a mere glance the precise number of cigars still in the boxes which are in the show-cases, and also the precise number removed therefrom, thereby controlling their clerks or salesmen.

By the word "cigars" in the specification I mean to have included any device analogous to cigars, for it is clear that the spirit of the invention will be followed if crayons or other devices are contained in the box, the invention being useful for ascertaining the number of pieces of equal size that have been removed from or are still contained within a box which originally was entirely filled with such pieces.

I claim—

A box having two sets of consecutive figures in alignment, one set of figures being arranged in reverse order to the other set of figures, the aligned figures when added together always giving the full number of articles for which the box when full is adapted, as specified.

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