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MEANS FOR MARKING CIGAR BOXES.

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Fig. 1.

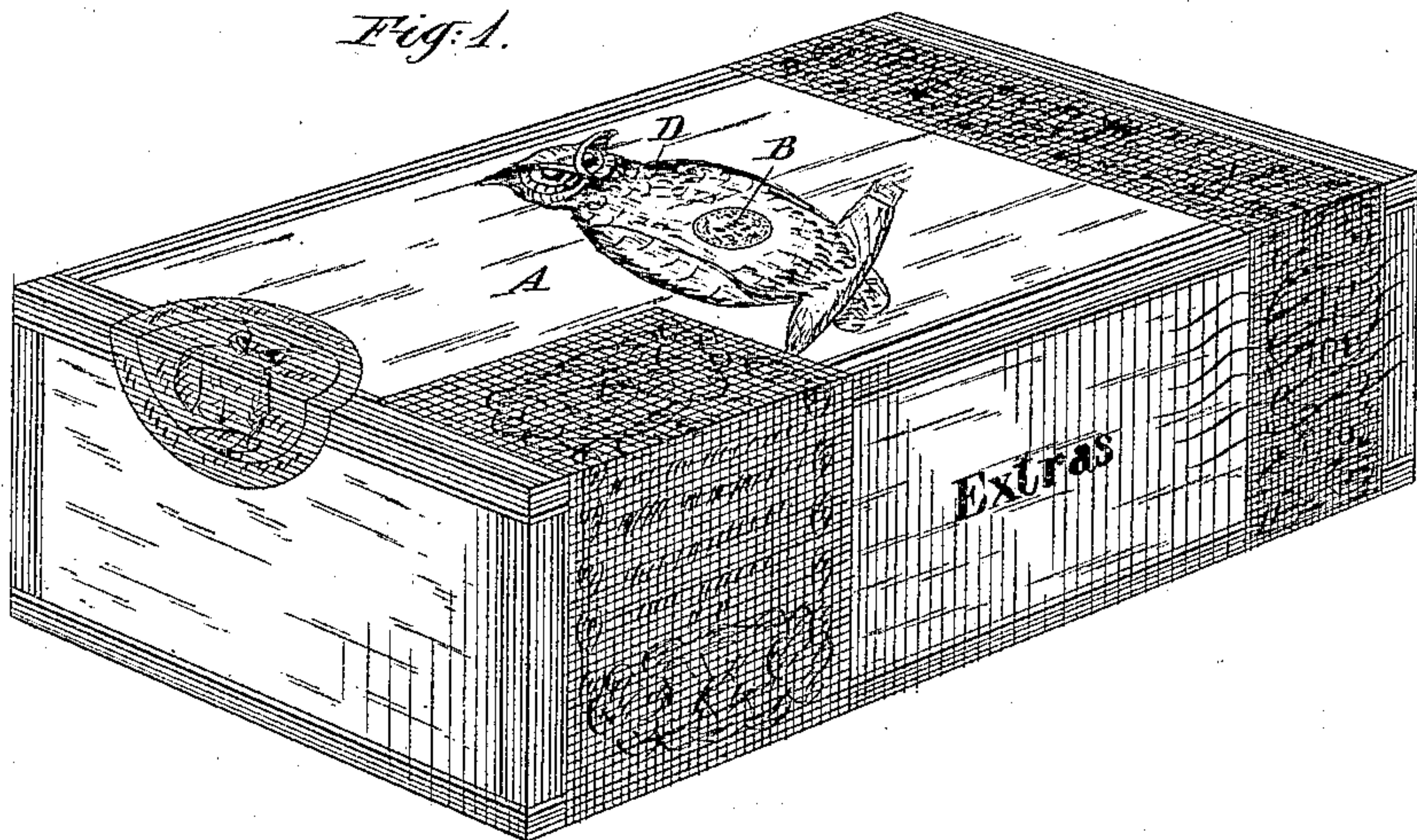
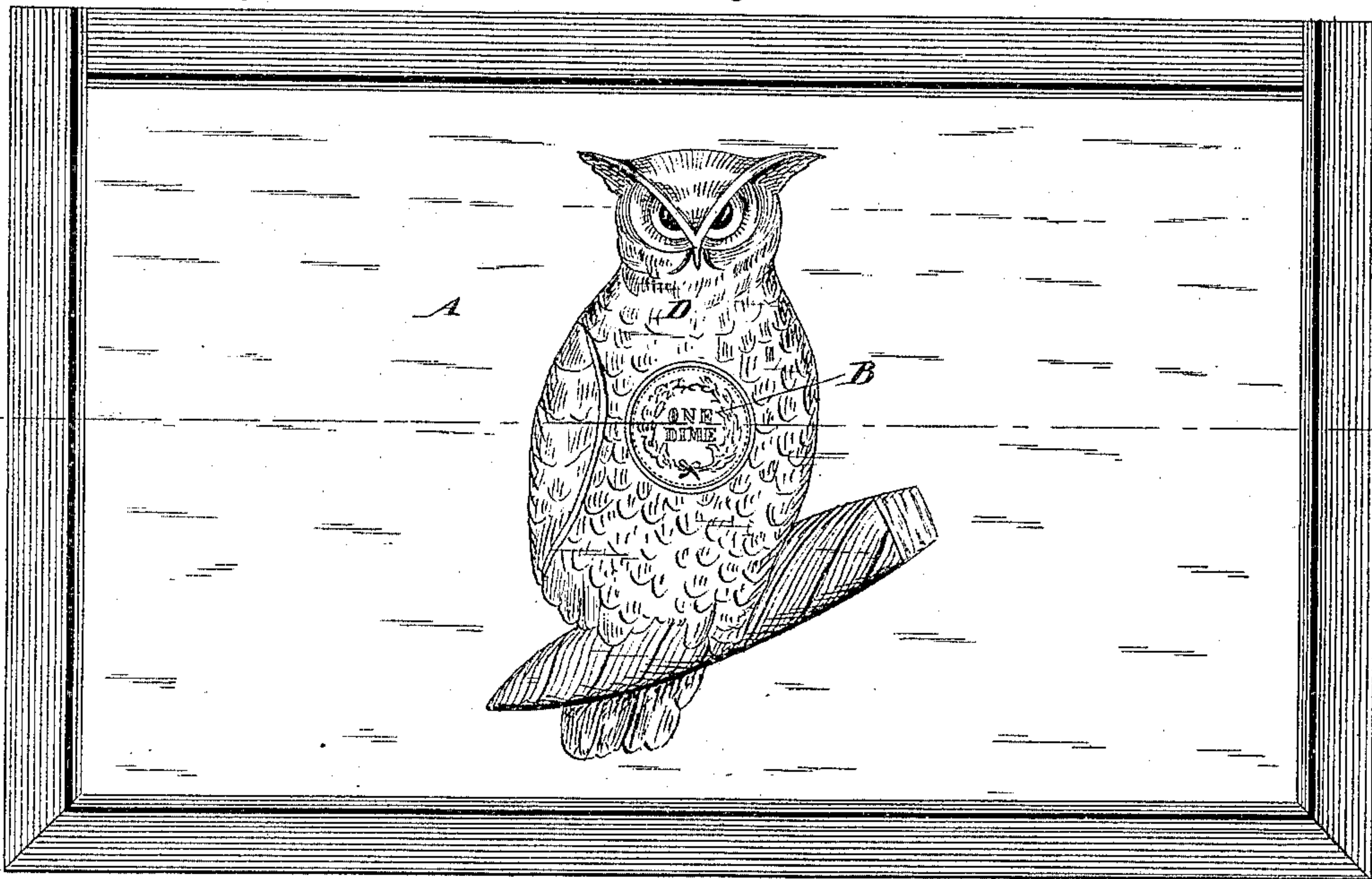


Fig. 2.



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Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. STORM, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of New York, in the State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Means for Marking Cigar-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention provides more completely than heretofore for the destruction of the box after the cigars have been consumed, and thus preventing fraud on the revenue of the Government and fraud on the manufacturer who uses properly-stamped boxes, and fraud on the consumer. It is not practicable with my invention for unprincipled parties to buy up or beg old boxes and refill them with their own cigars and sell them again.

I attach to each box of cigars, by a cement which cannot be overcome without the destruction of the box, a coin of sufficient value to reasonably assure its destruction. The coin is attached conspicuously in the same manner as coins have been before attached to boxes and other articles by embedding it in the wood, preferably in the midst of a label or brand, so that any mutilation of the box around the coin will be more certainly observed; but unlike previous efforts to so attach coins I apply a cement which makes the coin immovable, except by an extensive splitting or other destruction of the box.

The accompanying drawings form a part of this specification and represent what I consider the best means of carrying out the invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the entire box. Fig. 2 is a face view of the box-cover, and Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the portion where the coin is cemented in.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in all the figures where they appear.

A is the top of a cigar-box, which may be like an ordinary box for good cigars, except as now to be described.

B is a nickel or other coin, and C is a strong glue or cement adapted to adhere forcibly to the back surface and periphery of the coin, and to the adjacent wood or paper stock or other material of the top A. The coin B is sunk by recessing and pressure into the material of the box-cover A and is secured by the cement. I apply this cement as a thin coating to the

interior of the shallow hole bored or otherwise excavated in the material of A, and also apply the same or a different cement to the back face and rim of the coin, and then by means of a screw-press or other suitable means force the coin into the shallow recess in the cover, leaving it with its outer or front face about flush with the outer face of the box-cover A. When the cement has hardened it cannot be removed by any ordinary means. Its presence is not apparent on the surface, except in the very narrow line around the periphery of the coin B, until the owner, after having consumed the cigars, seeks to recover the coin. Then he finds it very strongly held and is obliged to abandon the attempt or to destroy the box. He will usually do the latter.

D is a brand or label fixed on the exterior of the box-cover A before the coin B is applied. When the fixing of the coin is completed the front or outer face of the coin appears as a part of the brand or label, and as the coin is so strongly and securely fastened by the cement C that it cannot be removed except by splitting the box or by chiseling or gouging around the coin, the presence of the label renders any gouging or splitting more conspicuous. Instead of the cover, it may be the end or any other part of the box which may carry the brand D and the coin B.

I claim as my invention—

1. A cigar-box having a coin B attached by cement C so that it cannot be removed without destroying the box, all substantially as herein specified.

2. A cigar-box or analogous package containing cigars or analogous articles, having on its exterior a brand D, adapted to show plainly if it has been mutilated, and a coin B, sunk into the box within the area covered by the brand and arranged to serve as a part of the distinctive mark, the coin being held in place by a coating of glue or cement C, so that it cannot be removed without destroying the box, all substantially as herein specified.

In testimony that I claim the invention above set forth I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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