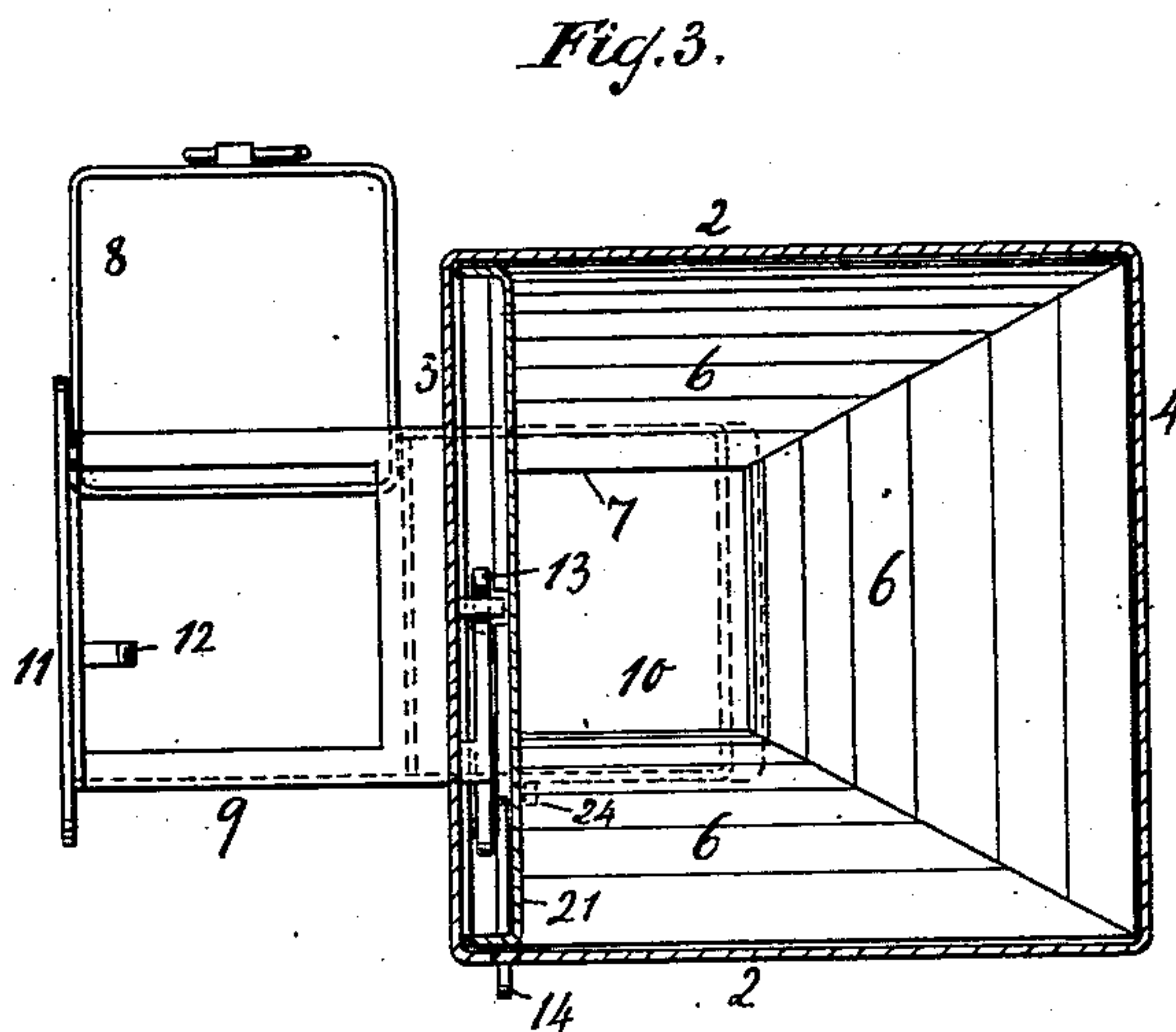
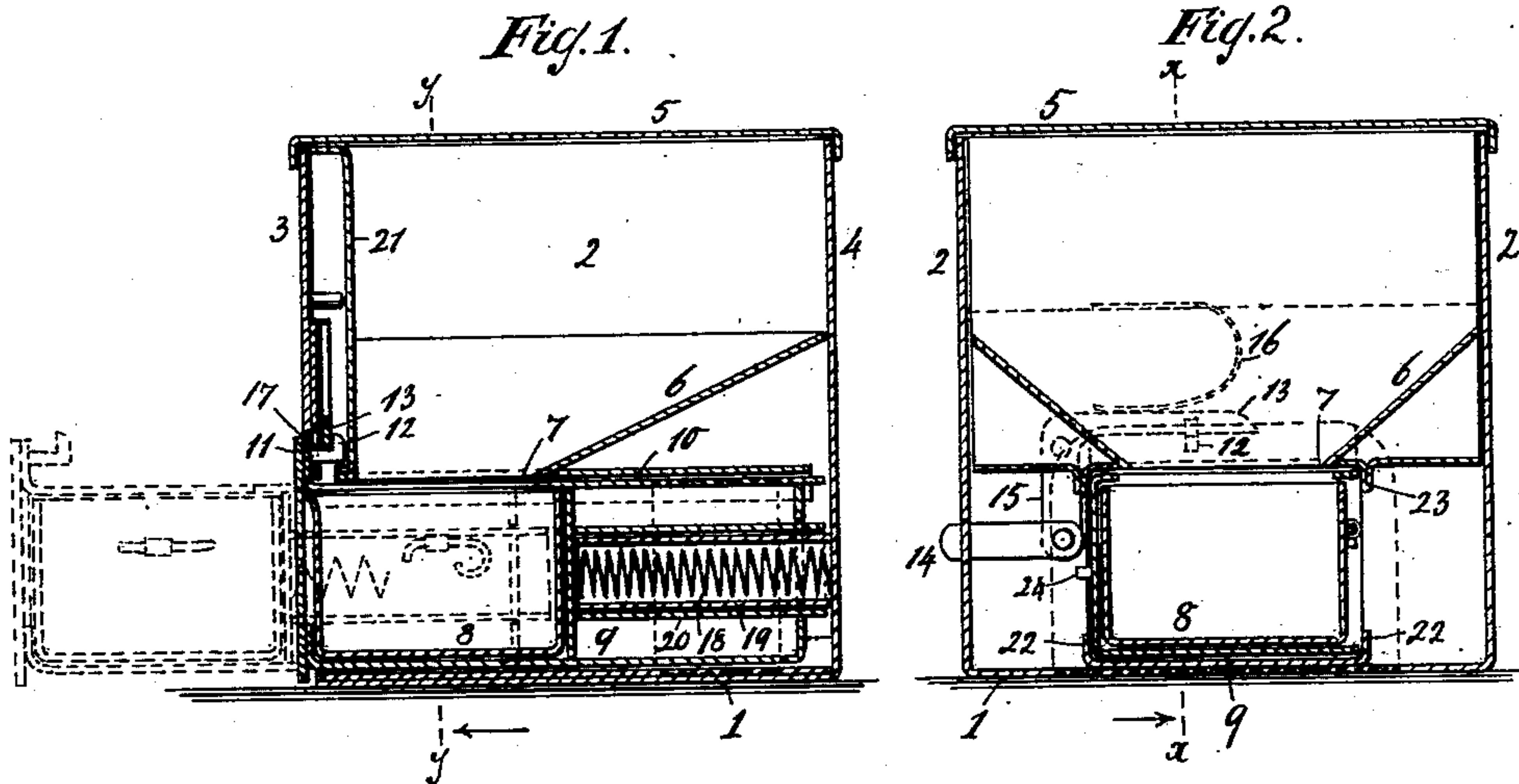


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HERRY ROBINSON, a subject of the Emperor of Russia, residing at Springfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Receptacles for Tea and other Substances, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a receptacle suitable for dispensing tea or aromatic or odorous or other substances which are to be exposed as little as possible; and the invention resides in the novel features set forth in the following specification and claim, and illustrated in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a receptacle sectioned along  $x x$ , Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is a section along  $y y$ , Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a sectional plan view of a receptacle.

A box or receptacle having the bottom 1, the sides 2, the front 3, and the back 4 is suitably sealed or closed, as by cover 5. This receptacle has what can be conveniently termed a "false" bottom 6 and an opening or communication 7 leading to a receiver 8, moved by a carrier 9. When the carrier has been moved to carry receiver 8 into the receptacle, part of the contents of the latter discharge through communication 7 into the receiver, and when the carrier has been moved to carry receiver 8 to exposed or accessible position the closed or unbroken top portion 10 of the carrier closes the communication 7. Above the receiver 8 the carrier top is removed or opened to allow suitable passage for the contents of the receptacle to the receiver.

By having the receiver in form of a drawer or slide removable from the carrier in a direction laterally to the direction of motion of the carrier into and out of the receptacle said receiver 8 can be readily withdrawn from the carrier, as to be emptied, and said receiver can also be readily and securely placed into the carrier to be moved by the latter into the receptacle.

The carrier front 11 has a hook or catch 12, which when engaged by detent 13 will hold the carrier housed in the receptacle. The detent 13 can be released by trigger or handle 14, so as to free the carrier. The detent can of course be variously constructed. A con-

venient detent is formed by an arm 13 of lever 13 15, suitably fulcrumed, as to the front 3 of the receptacle, the spring 16 serving to hold detent 13 in engaging position, while suitable pressure or motion of handle or finger-piece 14 serves to release the detent 13 against the action of spring 16. The box front 3 by a suitable opening 17 will give the hook or catch 12 access to detent 13.

When the catch 12 is freed, a suitably-arranged spring 18 will move the carrier 9 to expose receiver 8. This spring 18 can be conveniently kept in place or housed, as in a tube or housing 19, extending from the back 4 of the receptacle, a tube or housing 20 being also shown in carrier 9.

Supposing the receptacle is used for shipping or storing such substance as tea, the receiver 8 enables the grocer or retailer to dispense the tea without having to remove or unseal the cover 5, so that the tea in the receptacle will not lose its flavor or strength, and as the tea when delivered from the receiver 8 possesses its full strength and aroma it is in condition for readily producing a satisfactory beverage.

Of course the invention is not limited to the storing or dispensing of tea, as there are various substances which can be stored in the receptacle and dispensed therefrom without loss of strength, aroma, or other qualities.

A shield or double wall 21 can be made to house or protect the detent 13, and guides 22 and 23 can be provided for securing proper travel of the carrier 9. The spring-housings 19 and 20 telescoping into one another will allow the carrier to be pushed home and the spring 18 to be properly compressed.

To prevent the carrier 9 passing entirely out of the receptacle, a suitable lug or stop 24 can be applied, as to a suitable point at a side of the carrier. The front 11 of the carrier 9, if made high enough, will conceal the hole or opening 17 when the carrier 9 is moved into the receptacle. The drawer or receiver 8 could be provided with a suitable well-known stop or lug if seen fit to prevent its being withdrawn from the carrier, or said drawer can be left free to be removed for being readily emptied by the dispenser.

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

A receptacle and a carrier having a receiver made laterally removable or slidable in the carrier, said receptacle having an opening or communication to the receiver, and the carrier having a portion made to close said communication when the carrier has moved the receiver to exposed position substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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