

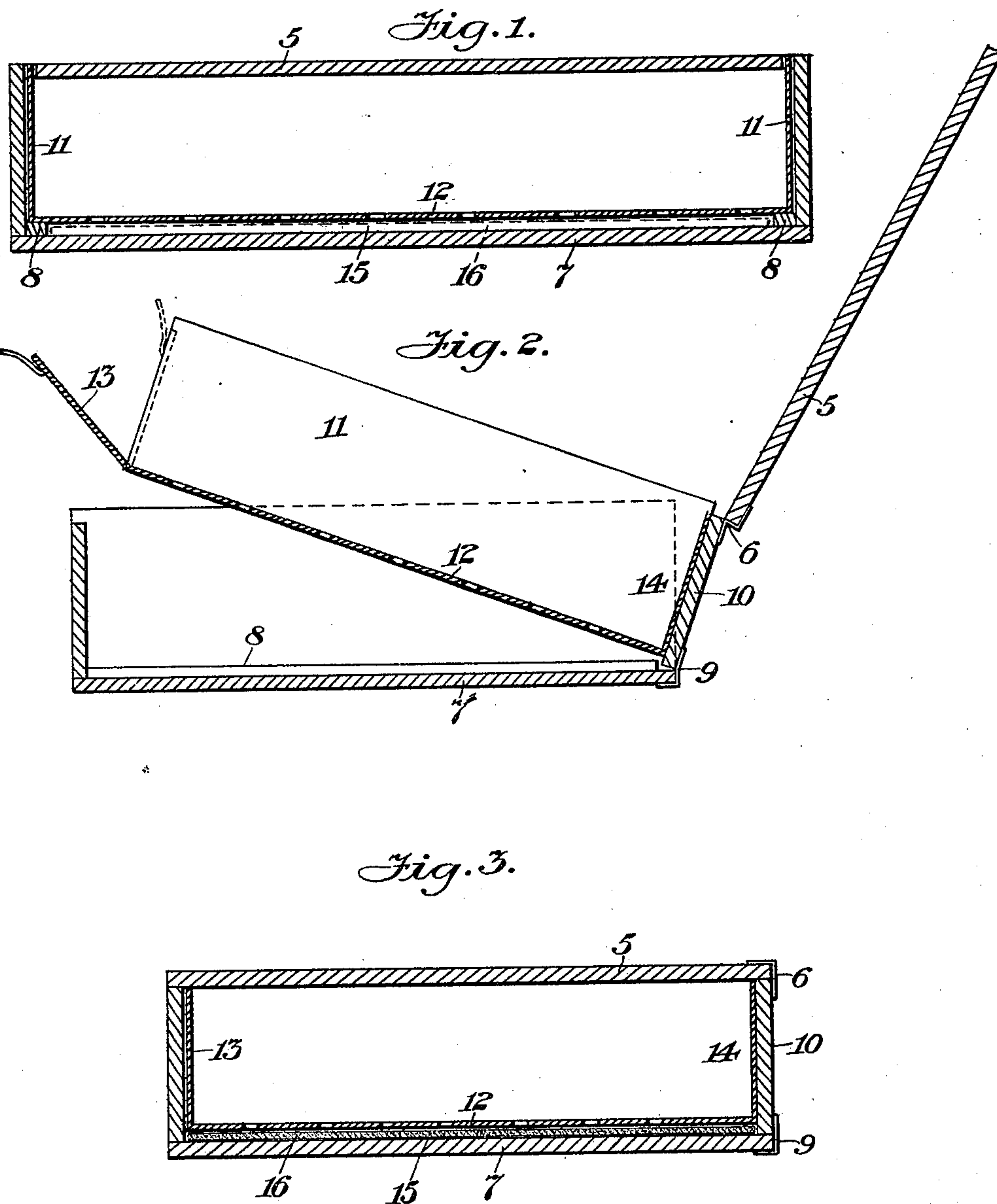
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CIGAR-MOISTENING BOX.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB BESSER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Moistening Boxes, of which the following is a full and complete specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to cigar-boxes; and the object thereof is to provide a box of this class with improved means for moistening the cigars or for preventing the same from getting too dry; and with these and other objects in view the invention consists in a cigar-box constructed as hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by the same reference characters in each of the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of a cigar-box made according to my invention; Fig. 2, a transverse section showing the box open, and Fig. 3 a transverse section showing the box closed.

In the practice of my invention I provide a main cigar-box of the usual form and provided with a cover 5, which is hinged at one side, as shown at 6, and this hinge may be of any desired form or construction and may be made of cloth, metal, or any suitable material.

The bottom 7 of the main box is provided at each end with a transverse strip 8, and hinged within and at one side of the main box is a supplemental box, consisting of a back 10, end pieces 11, a perforated bottom 12, and a hinged front 13, and the back 10 of the supplemental box also forms the back of the main box, and the cover 5 of the main box also forms the cover of the supplemental box.

As shown in the drawings, the bottom, ends, and the front of the supplemental box are secured to the back 10 by means of a back piece 14, which forms a part of the supplemental box, and said supplemental box, except the back 10, is preferably composed of light but strong material, such as reinforced

cardboard or similar material; but the said supplemental box may be composed of wood, if desired.

When the box is closed, the front portion 13 of the supplemental box folds upwardly, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2, and the supplemental box fits within the main box, and the top 5 closes both of said boxes, and said top fits between the ends of the main box and lies on the sides thereof in the usual manner.

When the box is closed, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, there is a space 15 between the bottom 7 of the main box and the bottom 12 of the supplemental box, and this space is designed in practice to receive a pad of blotting-paper or any other suitable material, which pad is designated in Fig. 3 by the reference numeral 16, and this pad is in practice saturated with water and serves to keep the cigars moist at all times. In opening the box for the purpose of moistening the pad the inner supplemental box is turned upwardly, as shown in Fig. 2, and said pad may be moistened or removed, as desired. By making the box as herein shown and described I also provide means for displaying or showing the cigars in the box, as by raising the supplemental box, as shown in Fig. 2, and by turning down the front thereof the ends of the cigars may be seen and a cigar may be withdrawn from any part of the box without disturbing the top layer or layers.

My improved cigar-box is simple in construction and comparatively inexpensive and is perfectly adapted for the purpose for which it is intended, and by means thereof the cigars in the box may be moistened at all times and said cigars may be conveniently displayed whenever desired.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A cigar-box the back of which is hinged to the bottom thereof and a supplemental box secured to said back and provided with a perforated bottom, said back being also provided with a hinged cover which closes both of said boxes and said box being provided with a space between the bottom thereof and the bottom of the supplemental box, substantially as shown and described.

2. A cigar-box the back of which is hinged to the bottom thereof and a supplemental box secured to said back and provided with a perforated bottom, said back being also provided
5 with a hinged cover which closes both of said boxes and said box being provided with a space between the bottom thereof and the bottom of the supplemental box, and the front of the supplemental box being also hinged to
10 the bottom thereof, substantially as shown and described.

3. A cigar-box the back of which is hinged to the bottom thereof and provided with a supplemental box which fits therein, the supplemental box being provided with a perforated
15 bottom and the bottom of said box being provided with transverse strips whereby a space is formed between the same and the bottom of the supplemental box, substantially as
20 shown and described.

4. A cigar-box the back of which is hinged to the bottom thereof and provided with a supplemental box which fits therein, the supplemental box being provided with a perforated
25 bottom and the bottom of said box being provided with transverse strips whereby a space

is formed between the same and the bottom of the supplemental box, said hinged back being also provided with a hinged cover which closes both of said boxes, substantially as
30 shown and described.

5. A cigar-box the back of which is hinged to the bottom thereof and provided with a supplemental box which fits therein, the supplemental box being provided with a perforated
35 bottom and the bottom of said box being provided with transverse strips whereby a space is formed between the same and the bottom of the supplemental box, said hinged back being also provided with a hinged cover which
40 closes both of said boxes, and the front of the supplemental box being also hinged to the bottom thereof, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
45 my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 24th day of February, 1901.

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