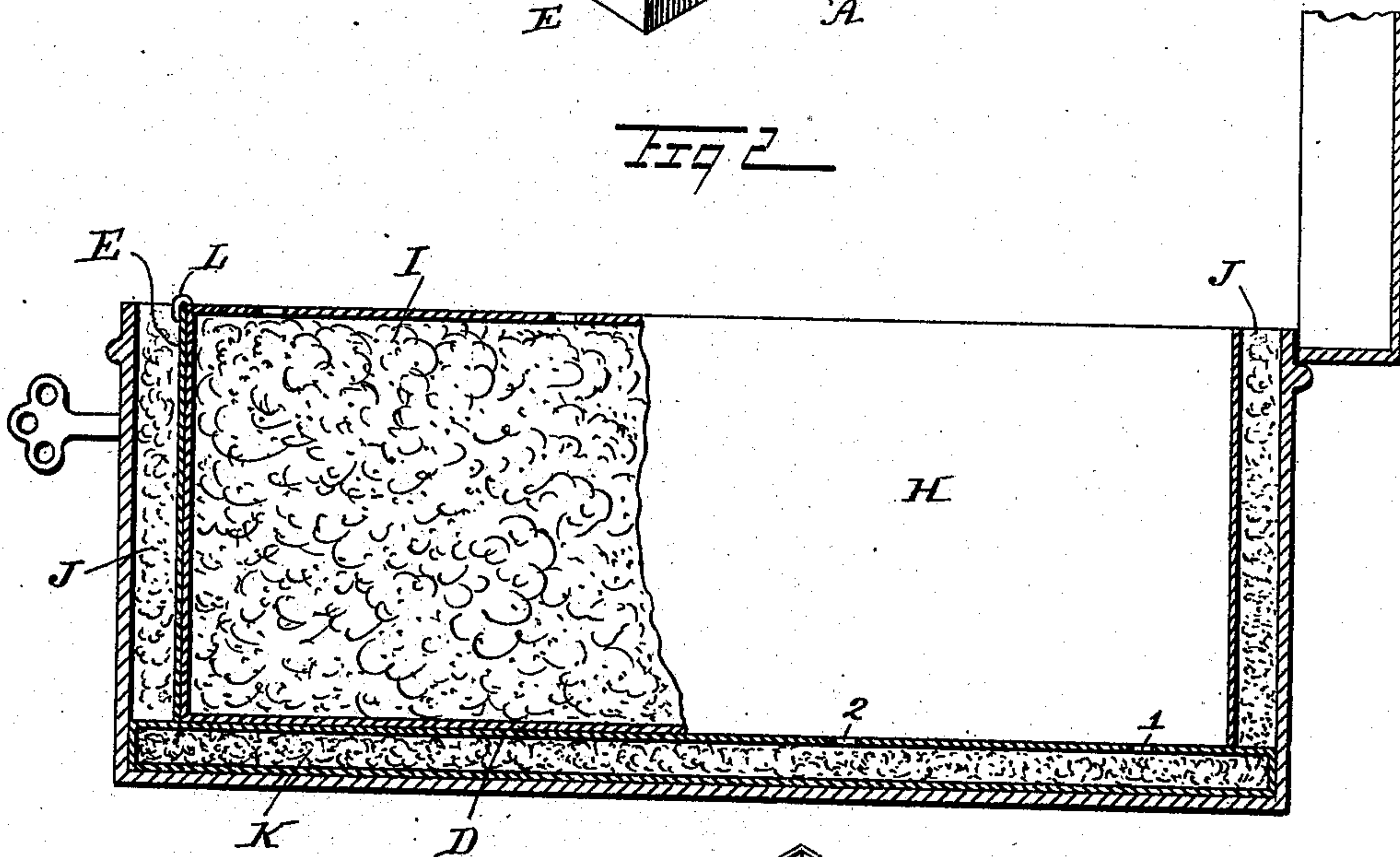
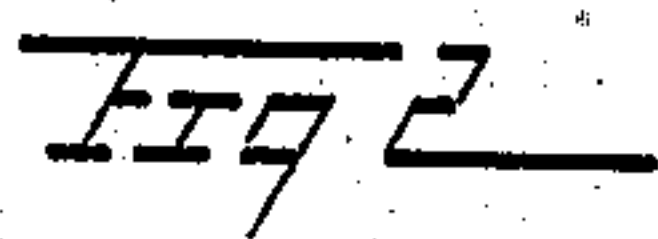
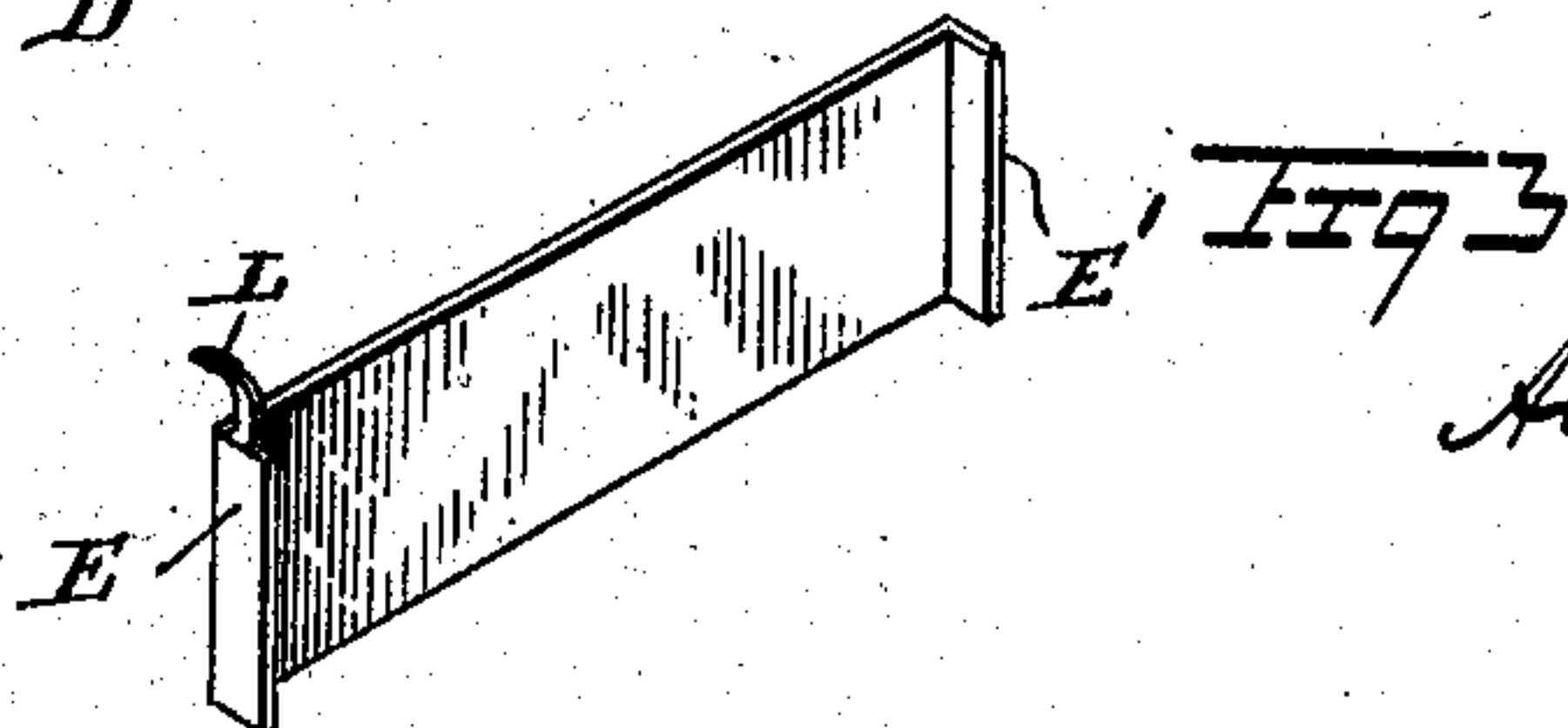


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERTIS B. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Binghamton, in the county of Broome and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvement in cigar boxes, in which a series of adjustable and removable perforated walls and floor and hollow perforated partition are used within a metallic case or cabinet, for commercial purposes, the hollow perforated partition being capable of being movable so as to aid in conforming the interior to the shape and form of packages of cigars contained therein, while the whole contained therein is surrounded by a system of ventilation by means of the surrounding walls, and furnishing a means by which dampened materials may be applied to the box so as to preserve a certain moisture in the goods; and further to be able to use this form of interiors and adapt it to any ordinary class or style of metal boxes, such as are commonly used for various purposes in trade, and for domestic use, and being useful in various ways for domestic purposes when used as a box alone, and to adapt to such a receptacle the removable ventilating walls and floors and dampening material before mentioned and at the same time not destroying its usefulness when the cigars are used and removed therefrom. I attain these objects by the device shown in the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a box showing a practical application of my invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse section taken on the line 2. 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a part of my invention.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In my device I have the metal box A having a lid B and the lock C; within this metal box I place the removable floor D; it may consist either of one floor surface with turned down edges thus forming supporting legs to raise the surface of the removable floor above the box floor, or the floor may consist of a hollow body with upper and lower surfaces and space between them as shown in Fig. 2. I have within the floor surface various perforations 1. 2. 3 etc. as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. On the front side of box A I place the removable lining D', said

removable lining having at each end the extending feet E, E' and at the back side I place a similar lining F; at each end I place a similar lining G; each lining is held separate and apart from the interior side walls of the box by the said projecting feet E and E' and each side and end lining has within it the perforations, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Having placed the floor side and end linings I place within the interior thus formed, the partition H being of hollow formation having two side and top and bottom walls, the top wall having in it the perforations similar to the perforations Nos. 1, 2, 3 etc. before mentioned in the floor. This interior partition is movable so that it may be moved along from point to point, to accommodate the different sizes of the contents which may be placed on either side. Before placing the partition in position I place within it dampened sponge material I or blotting paper or other material which will hold dampness; also in the hollow space between the side and end linings I may place additional dampened material J as shown in Fig. 2 and in the hollow portion forming the floor, I may place added dampened material K or I may leave the hollow chambers so formed each or all without said dampened material and free for air circulation alone.

In a preferred form of my invention I have projecting from the feet E and E' wherever found in the side and end linings the strap or tongue L, which when the side linings or end linings are in place may be bent over down upon the edge of the adjoining lining and thus clamp the lining and hold it firmly in position. Although the linings may be formed and used without the said projecting tongue L.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and for which I desire Letters Patent is as follows:

1. In a cigar box, the combination of a receptacle, a floor lining therefor, removable side linings for the receptacle, removable end linings for the receptacle, feet projecting from the end and side linings holding said linings away from the ends and sides of the receptacle, said linings being perforated.

2. In a cigar box, the combination of a receptacle, a floor lining therefor, removable side linings for the receptacle, removable end linings for the receptacle, feet projecting from the end and side linings holding said linings away from the ends and sides of the

receptacle, said linings being perforated, said side and end linings resting on the floor lining.

3. In a cigar box, the combination of a receptacle, a floor lining therefor, removable
5 side linings for the receptacle, removable end linings for the receptacle, feet projecting from the end and side linings holding said linings away from the ends and sides of the receptacle, said linings being perforated, and
10 means for locking said side linings and end linings one to the other.

4. In a cigar box, the combination of a receptacle, a floor lining therefor, removable
15 side linings for the receptacle, removable end linings for the receptacle, feet projecting from the end and side linings holding said linings away from the ends and sides of the receptacle, said linings being perforated, and
20 yieldable means for locking said side linings and end linings one to the other.

5. In a cigar box, the combination of a re-

ceptacle, a floor lining therefor, removable
side linings for the receptacle, removable end
linings for the receptacle, feet projecting
from the end and side linings holding said
25 side linings away from the end and side walls of the receptacle, and a hollow removable perforated partition resting on the floor of the receptacle for dividing the interior of the
30 receptacle into compartments.

6. In a cigar box, the combination of a receptacle, a removable floor lining therefor, said lining being so formed as to provide a
35 compartment, side linings for the receptacle, said floor lining being provided with perforations.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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