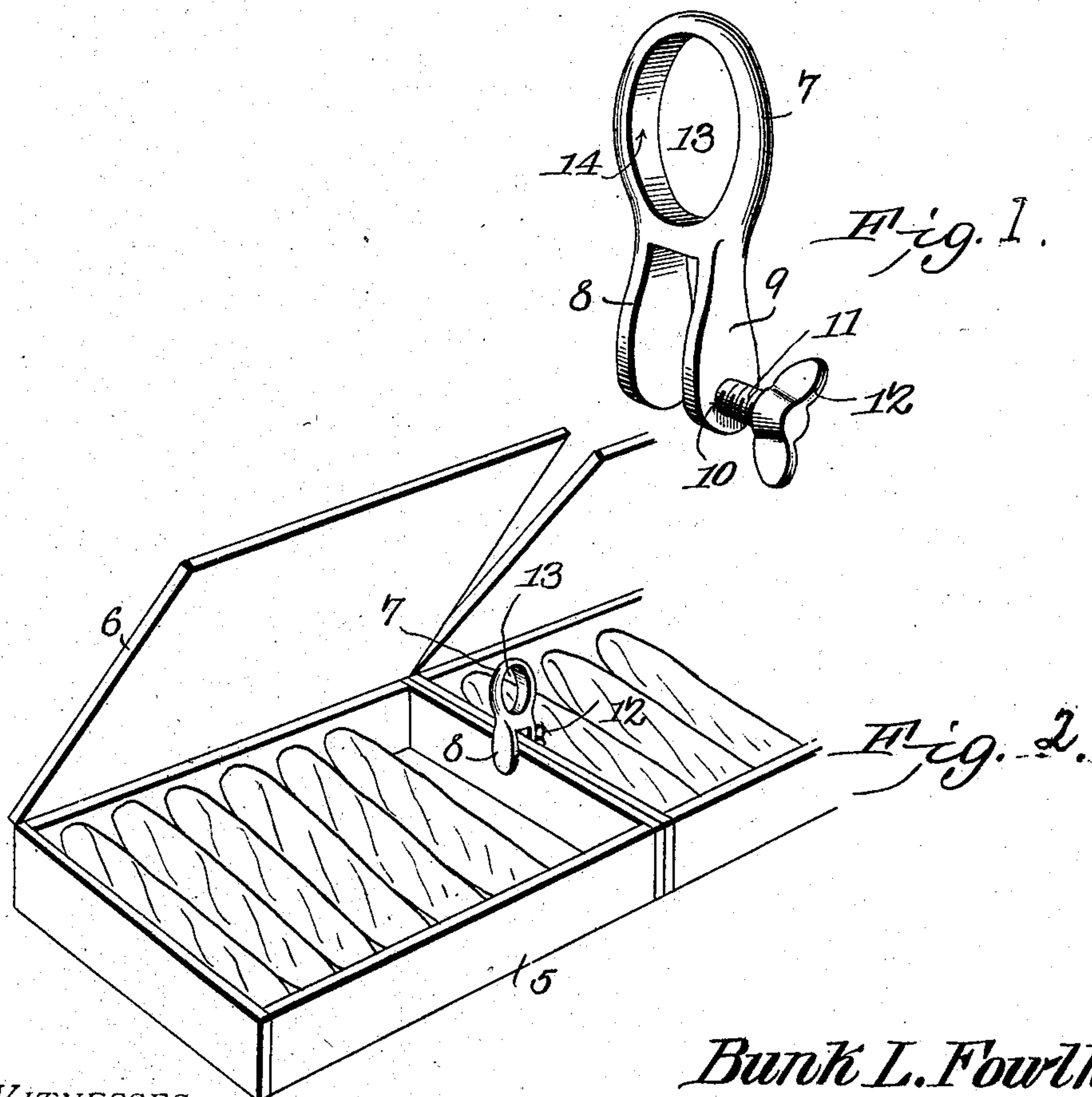


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BUNK L. FOWLKES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newbern, in the county of Dyer and State of Tennessee, have invented a new and useful Cigar-Box Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to cigar box holders.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive holder, by means of which two or more boxes may be securely clamped together, and which will also serve as a lift or handle, whereby the boxes may be conveniently transported.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and illustrated in the drawings; it being understood that various changes in form, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to within the scope of the appended claim.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective detail view of the holder. Fig. 2 is a perspective view illustrating the holder applied to two cigar boxes.

The holder is principally designed for clamping together two or more cigar boxes or similar receptacles and for lifting the same, and by way of illustration is shown as applied to two cigar boxes of the ordinary construction, in which 5 designates the bodies of the boxes and 6 the pivoted lids thereof.

The holder is preferably stamped, cast or otherwise formed of a single piece of metal and consists of a body portion having one end curved laterally at 7, and its other end bifurcated to form a pair of spaced depending clamping arms adapted to receive the two adjacent end walls of the two boxes. The arms 8 and 9 are preferably disposed parallel to each other, and formed in the free end of the arm 9 is a threaded opening 10 that is engaged by a clamping screw 11,

and adapted to engage the end wall of one box and clamp the arm 8 against the end wall of the other box.

While I do not limit myself to any particular form of clamping screw, I prefer to employ one having lateral wings 12, by means of which the screw may readily be turned by hand to effect the clamping operation. The curved or enlarged end of the body portion is pierced by a transverse finger-opening 13, the walls of which are preferably smooth and unobstructed, as indicated at 14, so as to permit the holder to be readily grasped and used as a lift for transporting the boxes from place to place.

While the device is principally designed for use in connection with cigar boxes or similar containing receptacles, it will be obvious that it may be employed with equally good results for clamping any two articles together or wherever a device of this kind is found desirable.

The holder may be made in different sizes and shapes, and galvanized, japanned, nickel plated or otherwise coated to impart to the same a neat and finished appearance.

I claim:—

The combination with two juxtaposed receptacles, of means for holding the same temporarily assembled and for transporting the same, comprising a pair of clamping members the inner faces of which are arranged in parallelism in order to contact squarely with the walls of the receptacles with which they coact, a clamping screw carried by one of the clamping members, and an annular finger-hold forming a continuation of the clamping members.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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