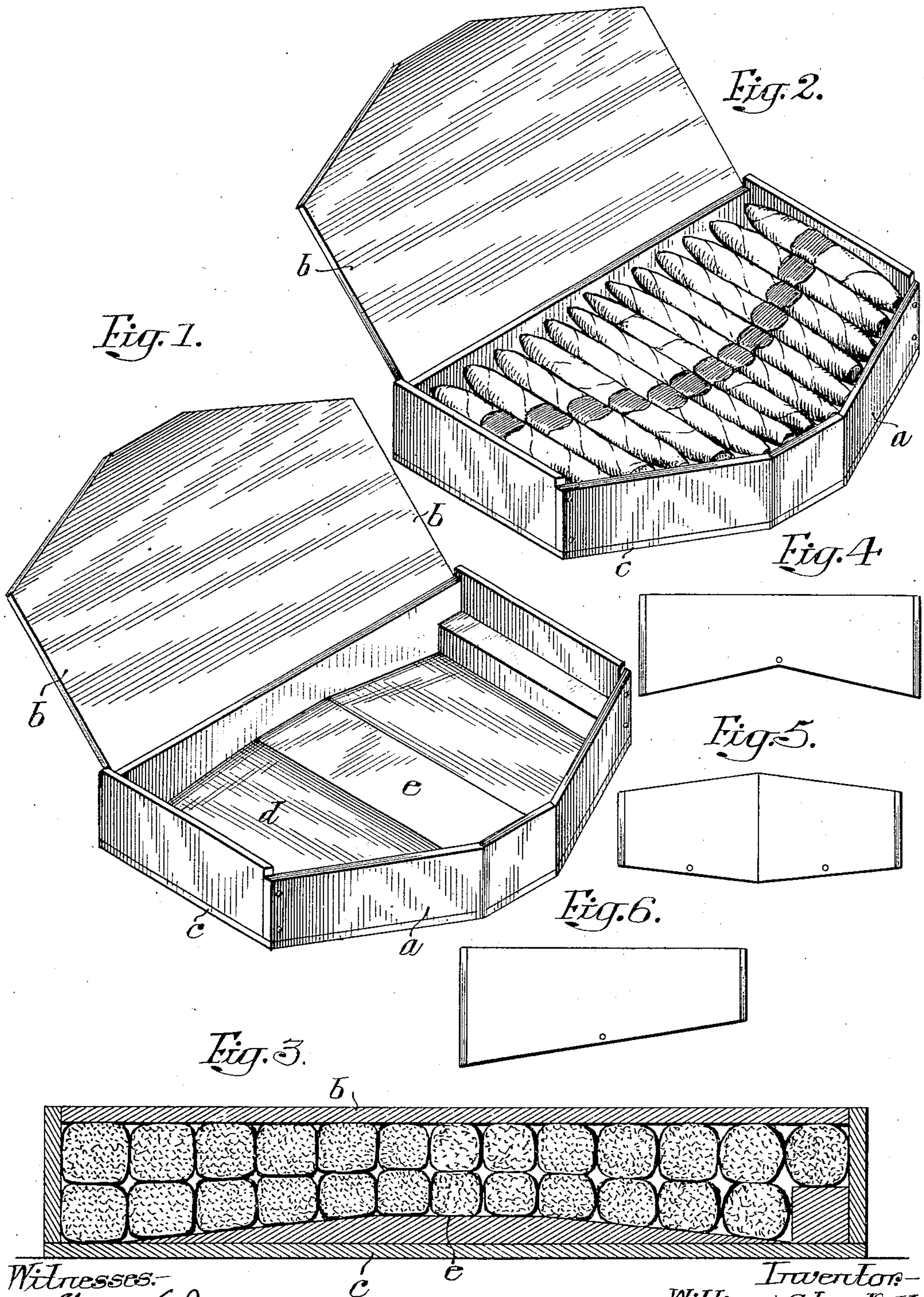


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. LUCKETT, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Cigar-Packages, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in cigar packages, and the object of the invention is to provide a neat package capable of containing assorted sizes and shapes of cigars packed loose in a compartment.

In the drawings: Figure 1, is a perspective view of a box embodying one form of my invention; Fig. 2, is a similar view of the same box filled; Fig. 3, is a sectional elevation of a filled box with lid closed; Figs. 4, 5 and 6 are diagrammatic plan views showing modifications of the invention.

Referring to the form of box or package shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, it will be seen that instead of employing the usual rectangular box, I provide a box which is not of uniform width, the front wall *a* being bowed, and the lid *b* and bottom *c* being shaped accordingly. I am thus enabled to pack in a single compartment an assortment of cigars widely differing in length, the shorter, as well as the longer, sizes being properly confined between the front and rear walls. This would be impossible in the ordinary box of uniform width and so far as I am aware such mode of packing has not heretofore been attempted.

In some cases an assortment of cigars differing in length, but each containing substantially the same quantity of tobacco, may be desired, and in such cases, the longer cigars would naturally have less thickness than the shorter cigars. To adapt the box to properly contain an assortment of this character, I vary its depth, that portion of the box which receives the longer cigars being somewhat more shallow than the portions receiving the shorter and thicker cigars. In the present instance I accomplish this by securing to the bottom within the box the inserted piece *d*, having a central portion *e* corresponding in width to the extreme front wall of the box and being beveled off from said central portion toward either end of the box. By thus giving the box a variation in width and a correspond-

ing variation in depth, the cigars, though varying in thickness as well as in length, may be fitted neatly into the box in the manner shown, and in a way not otherwise possible.

In the broader aspect of my invention, I do not wish to be limited to any precise shape of box, as the desired variation in width of compartment may be present in boxes of different shapes. For example, I have shown in Figs. 4, 5 and 6 modified forms of boxes embodying the broad feature of my invention, and many other forms are, of course, possible. My preferred form is that shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, that form presenting a neat and attractive appearance to the eye, and this form, as well as those shown in Figs. 4 and 6, has the advantage over that shown in Fig. 5, in which, owing to the bowing of both front and back of the box, a divided lid would be required. Neither do I desire my invention to be confined to a box having the variation in depth as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, as said invention may be broadly applied to a box having the usual uniform depth.

While I have shown the invention as applied to a box adapted to hold twenty-five cigars, it is obviously applicable to other sizes of boxes.

I claim:

1. A cigar box having opposite walls so disposed as to vary the width of the box, thereby adapting said box to receive cigars varying in length, said box having a variation in depth corresponding to said variation in width in such manner that the depth increases as the width decreases.

2. A cigar box having its front wall bowed to vary the width of the box, and having a corresponding variation in depth, there being a gradual decrease in width and increase in depth from the central portion toward the ends of the box, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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