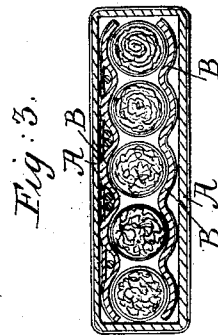
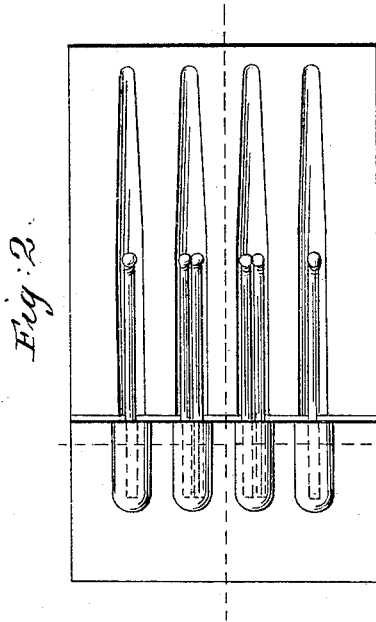
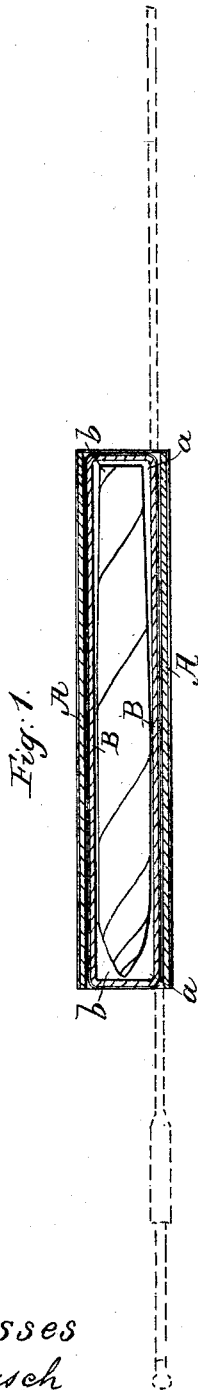


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. PERRY, of Elkhorn, in the county of Walworth and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and Improved Cigar Box or Case; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of my invention. Fig. 2 is a view of the inner case removed from the outer one. Fig. 3 is a transverse section.

My invention consists in the production of a new article of manufacture in the shape of a cigar-case, made substantially as hereinafter described, whereby I provide a cheap article designed for holding a certain number of cigars, and matches with which to ignite them, and to be sold with the cigars, and after the cigars are smoked to be thrown away and a new box or case containing cigars procured.

To enable others to understand the nature of my invention, I will proceed to describe it.

A represents the outer case, which is made with all sides closed and the ends open, in general construction like all cases that contain an inner box which is shoved into them endwise.

B is the inner case or that which contains the cigars, and it is made of a strip of paste-board or other suitable substance, cut of a suitable length and width. The probable length of a cigar is measured off and the ends of the strip folded up, as shown at *a a*, Fig. 1. Then the thickness of the cigar is taken and the cardboard again folded at each end, as shown at *b b*, Fig. 1. The top and bottom of these strips are then creased, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, so that the cigars will be between the ridges without rolling together, as will be understood by referring to Fig. 3. Into the edges of one of the flaps of the case I make holes or a slit, or the like, into which I insert matches in such manner that they will lie in the grooves of the other flap, as represented clearly in Fig. 2.

The case or box represented in the drawings is intended to hold five cigars, but I do not limit myself to the size of the box, as I shall make some to hold more and some to hold less cigars. My chief idea is to produce a case which can be made so cheaply that the same full of cigars, with the required quantity of matches, can be purchased for the same sum that the cigars it contains would cost if purchased without the case, and when the cigars are smoked the case can be thrown away, and this does away with the inconvenience of carrying around an empty cigar-case, when one has no opportunity for keeping it filled. Another idea is to produce a new packing-box for cigars. Say each box contains five cigars; a hundred of these boxes can be packed in a common box and forwarded to the retail dealer, who will have five hundred cigars in cases. By this manner of packing I dispense with, say, five cedar boxes, the cost of which to the wholesale dealer who furnishes the boxes would be more than the hundred common paper boxes if latter be made by machinery; and the maker's brand can be placed on each of the small boxes as well as on a cedar box containing one hundred cigars.

I do not limit myself to the material used for making the boxes, as various kinds of paper would answer, and indeed thin shavings of wood could be made to answer the purpose.

It is obvious that a piece of sand-paper may be attached to the bottom or side of the box, so that the box may be sanded at some part, as is usual with ordinary match-boxes, to provide a suitable surface on which to ignite the matches.

Having thus described the article, I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

As a new article of manufacture, a cigar case or box constructed substantially as herein shown and described.

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