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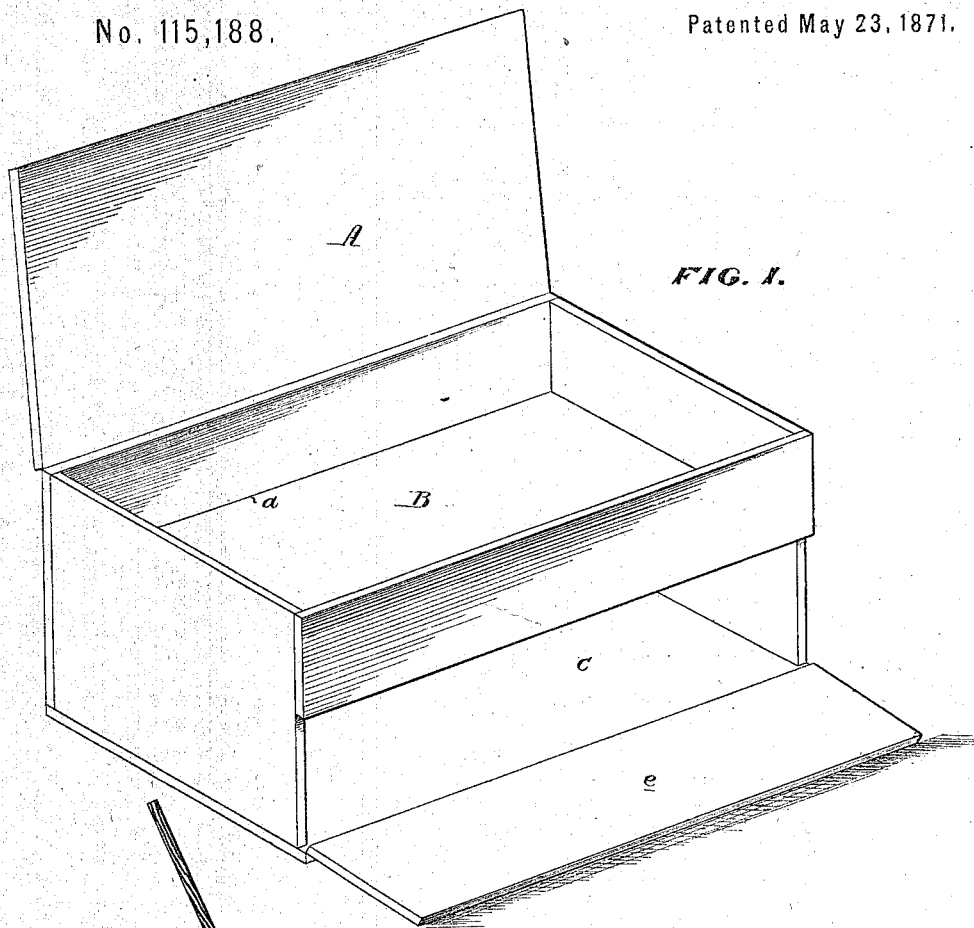


FIG. 1.

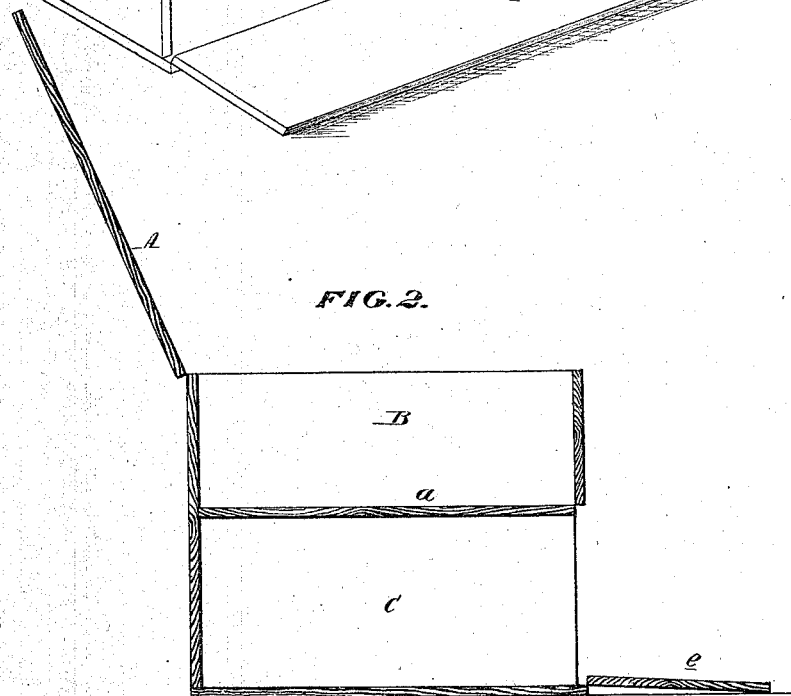


FIG. 2.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN SAMPLE-BOXES FOR CIGARS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 115,188, dated May 23, 1871.

I, JOHN C. W. FRISHMUTH, of Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a Sample-Box for Cigars, of which the following is a specification:

### *Nature and Object of the Invention.*

My invention consists of a sample-box (too fully explained hereafter to need preliminary description) for the purpose of exhibiting some of the cigars in a uniform and attractive condition to purchasers, who can select other cigars for trial without disturbing those intended for exhibition only; the improved sample-box, being thus serviceable both for the exhibition and trial of the contents, must last longer than the ordinary sample-box, in which the cigars are crowded together in one compartment, and must consequently be disturbed by abstraction of cigars for trial.

### *Description of the Accompanying Drawing.*

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved sample-box for cigars, and Fig. 2 a transverse vertical section of the same.

### *General Description.*

Commercial travelers engaged in selling cigars by sample are usually furnished with boxes filled with cigars from which purchasers can select one or more for trial; hence the contents of the sample-box soon become so disturbed as to lose their attractive appearance, which they originally possess when the box is first filled with neatly-arranged bundles, and it becomes necessary to replace the disturbed box with a new and more attractive one.

The object of my invention is to provide a

sample-box in which some cigars can always retain their original condition, both as regards the integrity of their structure as well as the uniformity of their arrangement, while the same box contains loose cigars from which specimens can be selected for trial.

The box is, externally, of the usual shape and size of a cigar-box, and is provided with the usual lid A. The body of the box is, however, separated into an upper compartment, B, and lower compartment C by a partition, a, and in the upper compartment are packed and neatly arranged the cigars for exhibition only, while the lower compartment contains loose cigars for trial by purchasers. The entrance to the lower compartment may be through an opening in front provided with a lid, e, as shown in the drawing, or the opening may be at one end, or this compartment may, if desired, be furnished with a drawer.

It will be evident that by a sample-box constructed as described the cigars for exhibition can always retain the desired attractive appearance, while the purchasers can select for trial any of the cigars in the lower compartment.

### *Claim.*

A sample-box for cigars, containing two compartments furnished with lids, or with a lid and drawer, all substantially as set forth.

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

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