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CIGAR HEAD PROTECTOR.
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FIG. 1.

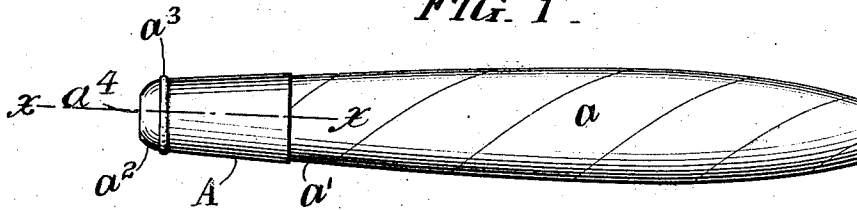


FIG. 2.

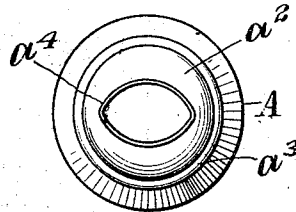


FIG. 3.

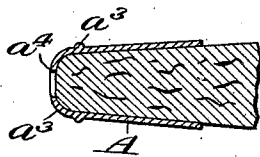


FIG. 4.

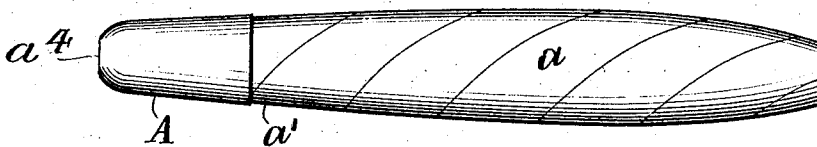
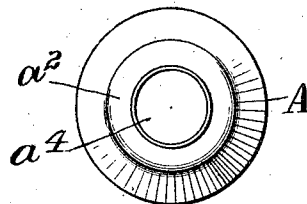


FIG. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GODFREY S. MAHN, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Head Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has relation to a wafer-like protector for that extremity of the cigar designated as the butt end and detachably embracing such end so as not to interfere with its drawing when the opposite end of the cigar is lighted; and said protector integrally formed with a means to grip the cigar while held in the mouth, so that neither the lips or tongue come in direct contact with the tobacco of the cigar; and in such connection, in particular, my said invention has relation to the provision of a protector of a highly sanitary and safe nature for smokers' use and in which the same is detachably applied to the cigar so as to become a fixture thereof and to be sold therewith.

Hitherto mouth-pieces have been made in various forms, such as paraffined paper, wood and even thick rubber tubing for smokers' use, so as to hold the end of a cigar while being consumed, but my invention differs from such devices in that I provide a wafer-like protector which closely fits the head of the cigar and conforms to the end in which is provided a transverse opening of less diameter than the base, so as to provide a basal ring thereat, affording thereby in connection with the cigar of the free drawing of the same, during smoking thereof.

My invention stated in general terms, consists of a wafer-like protector of elastic or pliable material for application to the head of a cigar and provided with a transverse opening of less diameter than the base so as to provide a basal ring, the protector closely fitting the terminal wrappings and butt end of the cigar and to become permanently attached thereto and said basal ring encompassing and fitting the said butt end, thereby providing an entirely sanitary and safe protector for the said defined purpose.

The nature, scope and characteristic features of my present invention will be more fully understood from the following description taken in connection with the ac-

companying drawings forming part hereof, in which—

Figure 1, is a side elevational view of a wafer-like elastic or flexible protector in one form in application to a cigar and in which the same embodies essentially main features of my said invention. Fig. 2, is an end view of the same. Fig. 3, is a broken central sectional view on the line $x-x$, of Fig. 1, through the cigar and the protector, showing the transverse opening of the protector of less diameter than the base thereof, so as to provide a basal ring, and also showing how the protector closely fits the terminal wrappings and butt end of the cigar about the said basal ring, and which cigar is shown in broken section. Fig. 4, is a side elevational view of a modified form of the protector; and Fig. 5, is an end view of the same.

Referring to the drawings a , represents a cigar, one extremity of which is designated as the butt end a^1 , to which is detachably fitted the wafer-like elastic molded protector A , of my invention. This protector has preferably formed integral therewith near the rounded end a^2 , a bead a^3 , as clearly illustrated in Fig. 2, to grip the teeth therewith in supporting the cigar a , in the mouth. Beyond the bead a^3 , the protector is rounded so as to snugly conform to the butt end a^1 , of the cigar, and in which end is provided an opening forming a basal ring a^4 , as clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The protector in its wafer-like form is preferably molded in a single tubular conical piece, as shown. The article is rendered tasteless and is provided in a highly sanitary condition for use. Moreover, smoking is more acceptable, mainly because above all is prevented the cigar being soaked with saliva from the mouth and again the cigar can be smoked closer, and as well the draft of the cigar maintained under better regulation, hence insuring more even burning of the cigar. Again as the protector is used in connection with the cigar without either the lips or tongue coming in direct contact with the tobacco, is avoided the possibility of the disease which is very prevalent and known as smokers' patches arising through contact of the tobacco of the cigar with the lips and tongue. Also is obviated burning effects to the tongue as well as soiling of the lips with tobacco, in the smoking of the cigar.

Having thus described the nature and objects of my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

A wafer-like cigar protector formed with
5 a transverse opening of less diameter than the base, to provide a basal ring against which the butt end of the cigar abuts and the said protector closely fitting terminal wrappings of the cigar so as to become

permanently attached thereto, substantially 10 as and for the purposes described.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my signature in the presence of the two subscribing witnesses hereto.

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