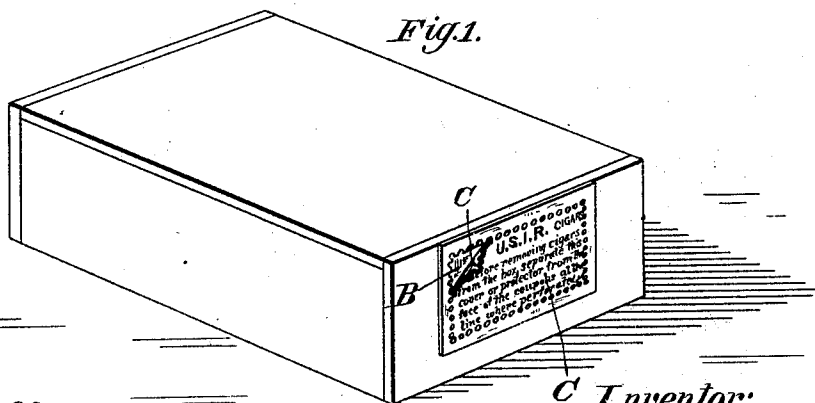
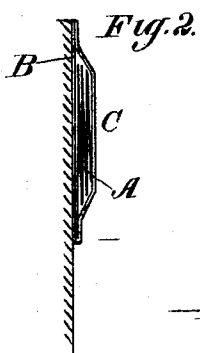
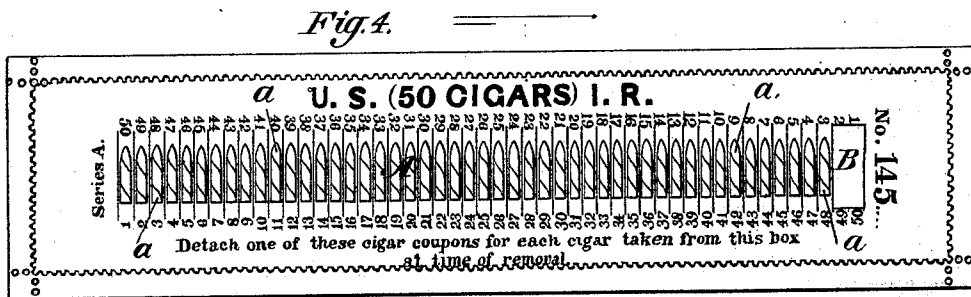
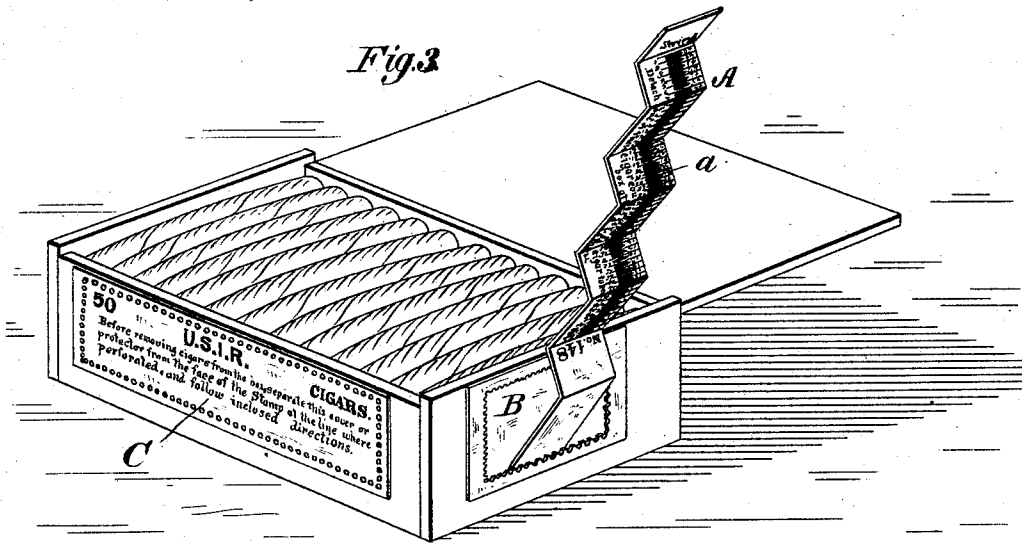


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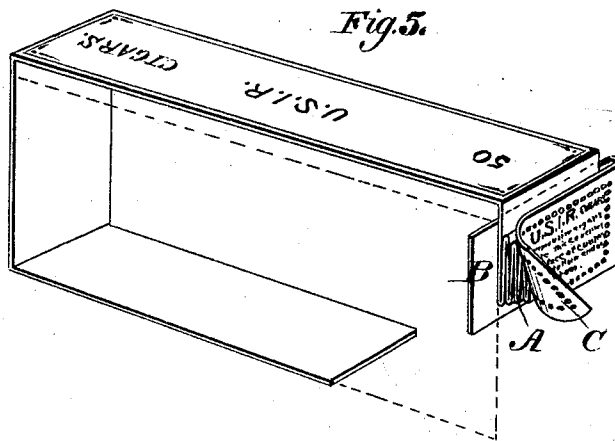
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REVENUE-STAMP.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, FRANKLIN W. BROOKS, of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Revenue-Stamps for Cigars, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to cigar-stamps which have a series of separately-removable coupons corresponding in number with the cigars in the box; and it consists in confining and protecting the coupons beneath a covering which is secured to the stamp, and designed to be removed only when the box is opened and the detachment of the coupons is to be commenced.

15 The object of the invention is to permit the stamps to be sold, handled, and applied to the boxes, and the boxes to be handled with the stamps thereon without danger of destroying or detaching the coupons, and this although the stamp is applied wholly to the exterior of the box. The protection of the coupons by the covering fixed in place thereon when the stamp is made and before its application to the box constitutes the essential feature of the invention, the peculiar construction of the details being of secondary importance and capable of modification.

Figure 1 represents a box provided with my stamp, the coupon-covering being ruptured at one corner to illustrate the manner in which it is detached. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section, showing the manner in which the coupons are confined; Fig. 3, a perspective view, showing the box opened and the coupons released; Fig. 4, a face view, showing a modified form of the stamp with the covering removed; Fig. 5, a view showing a modification of the stamp extended to encircle the box.

In preparing the stamp, as in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, I first provide a backing-sheet, B, designed for application in a permanent manner to the exterior of the box, and to this sheet secure one end of a series of connected coupons, A, which will be provided with slits or perforations to admit of their being readily separated from each other, and which will equal in number the number of cigars in the box. These coupons I fold or double down upon the backing-sheet in a close, compact manner, and over them, for the purpose of confining and pro-

tecting them, I place a covering-sheet, C, which will be pasted or otherwise secured or fastened down at the edges to the backing-sheet. The covering-sheet will be perforated or provided with incisions to admit of its being readily removed when it becomes necessary to gain access to the coupons. The covering and backing sheets jointly form a sheath or envelope, in which the coupons are protected in such manner that the stamp as a whole may be readily handled without injury thereto or inconvenience to the user.

The backing-sheet will be gummed, as in the case of other stamps, so that upon being moistened and applied to the box it will adhere firmly and secure the entire stamp thereon. When applied the stamp lies smoothly down upon the box, and is not liable to be torn or injured by accident.

The stamp shown in Fig. 4 is like the others, except that the coupons, instead of being folded, are in the form of a flat sheet beneath the removable cover.

The stamp illustrated in Fig. 5 is the same as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, with the addition of a sealing-stamp continued therefrom to encircle the exterior of the box. In this instance the front and back sheets are in one piece folded in the middle. This may be done in all cases; or, if desired, the whole stamp may be made in one piece folded and pasted to inclose and confine the coupons in the interior.

All the stamps made in accordance with the present invention may have the sealing-stamp connected therewith; but I do not claim as part of the present invention the combination of a coupon and sealing-stamp, broadly considered, claim being made thereto in another application.

The stamp shown in Fig. 5 has the coupons confined beneath a removable covering, as in the other cases, and not by the sealing-stamp, as in my other application. The stamp shown in Fig. 5 is represented in the present case merely to illustrate the different forms of stamp with which the coupon-covering may be used, and the combination of the sealing-stamp and coupon as shown in said figure constitutes no part of and is not included in the present in-

vention, which relates solely to the coupon-covering arranged to confine the coupons before the stamp is applied to the box and without assistance from the latter.

5 Neither do I claim as a part of the present invention a stamp folded upon itself and pasted to the box in such manner that the latter holds the folded portion down upon the coupons, the coupons being uncovered and unprotected until the stamp is applied to the box.

10 I am aware of the patent granted to one Hamilton, dated September 21, 1875, No. 168,014, for a cigar-stamp having a series of detachable coupons on one side, and I lay no
15 claim to said feature, broadly considered, or any other feature shown in said patent.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A cigar-stamp having a series of separately-detachable coupons confined and protected beneath a readily-removable covering-sheet, substantially as described and shown. 20

2. The revenue-stamp consisting of a back sheet, a series of folded or doubled coupons connected thereto, and a front sheet perforated or similarly prepared for removal and secured to the backing over and around the coupons. 25

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