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LABELS FOR PLUG TOBACCO.

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Fig. 1.

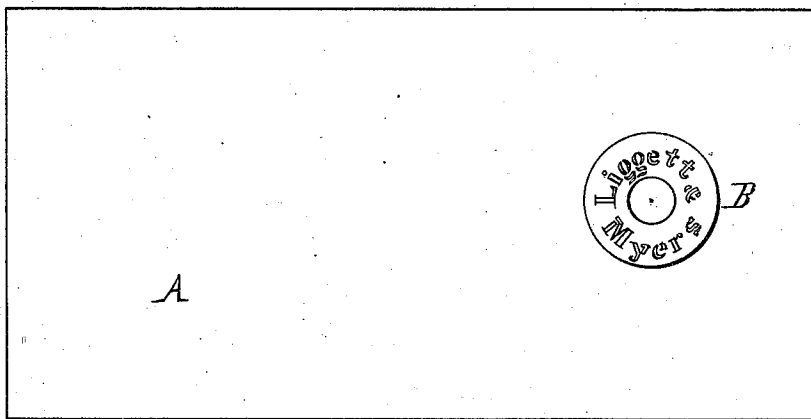
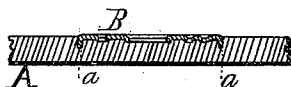


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN LABELS FOR PLUG-TOBACCO.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **174,370**, dated March 7, 1876; application filed November 5, 1875.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN E. LIGGETT and GEORGE S. MYERS, of St. Louis, Missouri, have invented new and useful Improvements in Plug-Tobacco, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

The invention relates to an improved article of manufactured tobacco; and consists in the subject hereinafter more fully described.

Figure 1 is a top view of a device embodying the elements of the invention. Fig. 2 is a central section of same.

A in the accompanying drawings is a plug of tobacco, upon which is secured the label or metallic tag B, formed in any desired shape, and ornamented in any desired manner by cutting designs or letters through it, so that the article below fills out the outlines of the designs or letters, and renders the same perfectly distinct.

In order to effect this object in the best manner, the label and letters should be so cut that the edges of the same are bent slightly downward, so that the pressure will force the edges into the tobacco.

The label or plate above mentioned is formed as shown at Fig. 1, being a piece of malleable material, shaped as desired, and provided at the proper intervals with the dependent lugs *a*, which, when the label B is placed upon the tobacco, and subjected to pressure, are driven into the tobacco, thereby holding the label in place. The pressure, also, will force the tobacco up through the letter-spaces, and its upper surface, then expanding, overlaps the

edges of the letter-spaces, thus preventing the movement of either wrapper or label, thus effecting the object of providing a means of marking tobacco, and at the same time of assisting in securing the wrapper in place.

We are aware that plug-tobacco has been provided with metallic labels exhibiting the manufacturer's name; but in that case the label was placed under the ultimate wrapper, and also had raised letters, which showed through the same.

In the present invention, by means of the peculiar formation of the letter-spaces, when the tobacco is pressed, the label is forced into the tobacco, which fills the spaces so that the letters do not rise above the surface of the wrapper.

We lay no claim to a solid metallic label placed under the wrapper, as such device is well known; but

What we claim as our invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A skeleton or open tobacco-label, adapted to attach the wrapper and filler of a plug of tobacco, and to be held in place by the tobacco filling its interstices, when it is pressed into the plug, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing improvements in plug-tobacco, as above described, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 29th day of October, 1875.

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