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Cigars.

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Fig. 1.

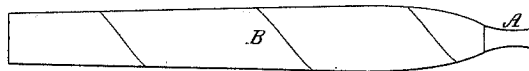


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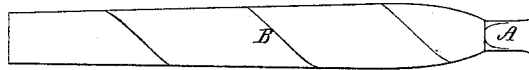


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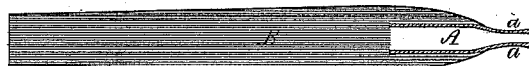


Fig. 5.



Fig. 3.



Fig. 6.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CIGARS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD B. MEAD, of Pittsfield, of the county of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts, have made a new and useful Invention having reference to Cigars; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figures 1 and 2 are side views, Fig. 3 an end view, and Fig. 4 a longitudinal section, of a cigar, provided with my invention. Fig. 5 is a top view, and Fig. 6 an edge view of the mouth-piece or glass attachment to the cigar.

The said attachment consists of a tube, A, of glass inserted and fixed in the cigar B at one end, and extending about three-quarters of an inch into the cigar and about half an inch outwardly beyond such end, the part out of the cigar being compressed on two opposite sides in the concave form or manner, as shown at *a a*. The portion within the cigar is to be held in place, if necessary, by glue or cement. This form of the attachment enables it to be held by the teeth or between the lips of a person with great ease, and to advantage.

I am aware that it has been customary to make cigars with a cylindrical tube of straw fixed on each end and projecting from one end of it, the tube being cylindrical from end to end; therefore I make no claim thereto. Such tubes are necessarily of small diameter, and,

being very flexible and readily compressible, especially after being wet by the saliva of the mouth, are very liable to become useless in a short period after the cigar may have been set on fire and smoked. They cannot be employed to any practical advantage to support the cigar by the lips or teeth, for to do this the smoker has to compress his lips or teeth upon the tube, which, under such compression, and after being wet, will readily contract and give way, or become broken down, so as to destroy or impair it as a supporter of the cigar and conductor of the smoke, as described.

By employing a glass mouth-piece I have one impermeable and stiff; one having a form by which it may be firmly held or grasped by the lips or teeth without any danger of injury to it; it maintaining its normal condition while the cigar may be in the act of being smoked.

I claim, as a new or improved manufacture—

1. The cigar mouth-piece, made of a glass tube flattened concavely on its opposite sides, and otherwise constructed as described and represented.

2. As an improved manufacture, a cigar provided with a glass mouth-piece made and arranged with and in it, as specified.

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