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CURED TOBACCO.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADAM SCHNEIDER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lyons, in the county of Clinton and State of Iowa, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cured Tobacco; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it ap-
10 pertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to an improvement in curing tobacco; and it has for its object to subject tobacco to certain treatment whereby the burning qualities thereof are enhanced,
15 the quality of the same improved, which is harmless in its action, and which will render the tobacco proof against decay when in a moist condition.

In carrying out my invention the ordinary
20 and well-known step of "casing" is employed. In lieu of simple water, however, the tobacco is immersed in a solution of carbonate of potash and water combined in about the proportion of one pound of the carbonate to five
25 quarts of water. The tobacco is then stored in a closed receptacle containing this solution for a period of from four to six days, according to the temperature, the lower the temperature the greater the period. After the
30 lapse of the time required the tobacco is removed and is in condition for use; but where it is designed to ship the tobacco it is first dried to bring it to its original state of moisture previous to storing. Cigars manufac-

tured of poor tobacco or enveloped in wrap- 35
pers of inferior burning quality may be also greatly improved by immersing them in the solution above described. In this case, however, it being impracticable to permit the cigars to soak for the period above referred 40
to, the strength of the solution is doubled to effect the desired end. By thus impregnating tobacco with carbonate of potash the quality of the same is greatly improved without the requirement of additional labor, a su- 45
perior burning quality is imparted to poor-burning tobacco, and the tobacco rendered proof against decay in a moist condition. The treatment is entirely harmless in its effect and serves to effectually improve the 50
various grades of tobacco in the various ways described.

I am aware that nitrate of potash has been employed, together with various flavoring compounds, for treating tobacco; but such I do not 55
claim.

I claim as my invention—

As an improved article of manufacture, cured tobacco impregnated with carbonate of potash, substantially in the manner and for 60
the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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