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Fig. 1.

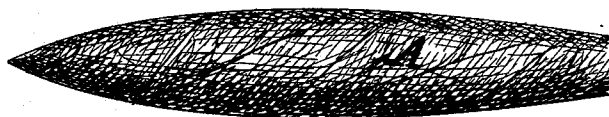
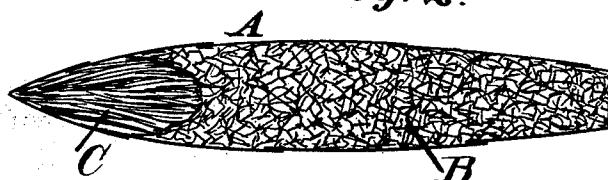


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CIGARS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MALTY GELSTON, of East Haddam, in the county of Middlesex and the State of Connecticut, have invented an Improvement in Cigars; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

My invention has for its objects to render practicable the use of Havana scrap-tobacco or other scrap-tobacco of fine quality for the fillers of cigars, and at the same time to effect a saving in the quantity of such tobacco required for the fillers by filling the head of the cigar, which is not smoked, with a much cheaper material than that used for the part of the filler which is consumed in smoking, the Havana scrap when so used for fillers producing a cigar in all respects equal to those filled with the more expensive stripped Havana leaf-tobacco.

The invention consists in a cigar the head of which is filled with straight cuttings of inferior tobacco, arranged lengthwise of the cigar, while the rest of the filler is made of scraps of Havana tobacco, or scraps of other tobacco of fine quality.

Figure 1 in the drawing represents a finished cigar made in accordance with my improvement. Fig. 2 represents a central vertical and longitudinal section of the same.

A represents the wrapper, made, preferably, of Connecticut seed-leaf tobacco. B represents that part of the filler which is consumed in smoking. C represents that part of the filler in the head of the cigar which is not consumed, but is thrown away after the cigar has been smoked.

The principal part, B, of the filler, is made of what is known as Havana scrap, or scraps of other tobacco of fine quality, and consequently of high price. Said Havana scraps, at prices now ruling, cost from seventy-five (75) cents to one (1) dollar per pound.

The part C of the filler in the head of the cigar is made of straight cuttings of Connecticut seed-leaf tobacco, or other tobacco of a grade inferior to that used for filling the rest of the cigar, said cuttings being placed lengthwise in the head of the cigar. Said Connecticut seed-leaf tobacco costs, at prices now ruling, from seven (7) to eight (8) cents per pound.

It will be seen that by the use of inferior tobacco for filling the head of the cigar an important saving is made in the amount of tobacco-scrap of fine quality required in the filler. But another important advantage is also secured by my invention. The use of the Connecticut seed-leaf tobacco in straight cuttings in the head of the cigar prevents the tobacco-scrap constituting the remainder of the filler from being drawn into the mouth in smoking, and, as the scrap is of just as fine quality as the stripped leaf of the same tobacco, I can, by my improvement, produce a cigar which will smoke as well as one entirely filled with stripped leaf-tobacco, but at a much less cost.

I am aware that a cigarette has been constructed with a thick butt-ended mouth-piece having a filling of the stems of tobacco-leaf; but such is not my invention, which consists in filling the tapering tip with straight cuttings of leaf-tobacco, whereby the tip can be readily bitten off like the tip of an ordinary cigar, and at the same time I accomplish the object hereinbefore stated.

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, a cigar having a tapering tip filled with straight cuttings of tobacco leaf, as set forth.

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