METHOD OF APPLYING A CORN-SHUCK WRAPPER TO A CIGAR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES J. ROSSY, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Antonio, in the county of Bexar and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Method of Applying a Corn-Shuck Wrapper to a Cigar, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention appertains to a cigar wrapper and method of applying the same, and aims to provide a novel method of applying a corn shuck wrapper to a cigar.

The present invention contemplates the utilization of corn husks or shucks for wrapping cigars whereby the wrapper will not only be inexpensive, both in cost and application, but will also effectively serve its purposes to protect the cigar, by providing a soft or yieldable jacket therefor, and which will retain the flavor of the cigar.

The invention has been illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the wrapper prior to being applied to the cigar. Fig. 2 is an enlarged cross section of the wrapper as applied to the cigar, and being pressed within a mold. Fig. 3 is an elevation of a cigar with the complete wrapper thereon.

At the outset, it might be mentioned, although the invention is described and illustrated as being applied to a cigar, the same may be applied to cigarettes, cheroots, or the like, and it is also possible to wrap two or more cigars with the same wrapper, all of which will be obvious from the following.

In carrying out the present invention, the cigar 1 is first wrapped in tin foil, waxed paper or the like, to provide an inner water and air proof wrapper. A corn husk or shuck 3, preferably comprising the inner and outer plies 4 and 5, respectively, is then applied to the cigar 1 over the inner water and air proof wrapper 2. To this end, the corn husk or shuck 3 is first moistened or soaked in water, in order that it may be thoroughly pliable, and the corn shuck or husk 3 is then wrapped around the cigar over the inner wrapper 2. The outer ply 5 of the corn shuck or wrapper 3 is preferably longer than the inner ply 4, to inclose the outer edge of the ply 4, and to provide a single exposed edge upon the outer wrapper.

The cigar with the wrappers thereon is then placed in a suitable mold 6, the outer wrapper 3 still being moist, and the outer wrapper is then pressed tightly about the cigar while in a moist condition. The outer wrapper is thus caused to conform to the contour of the cigar, and the ends of the wrapper 3 are contracted tightly together, as at 7, to close the ends of the outer wrapper 3. The cigar is left in the mold 6, until the outer wrapper 3 has dried, in which event the cigar is removed from the mold, and the outer wrapper will hold its shape. An ornamental or trade mark band 8 is slipped over the corn shuck or husk wrapper 3, and will assist in holding the intermediate portion of the wrapper 3 upon the cigar. Prior to the removal of the cigar 70 from the mold 6, the ends of the wrapper 3 are preferably trimmed off, to present a neat appearance, it not being necessary to tie the ends of the wrapper 3, inasmuch as they being tightly contracted and being dried, 75 will remain closed, and will not fray. It will thus be apparent that the outer corn shuck wrapper 3 may be readily and inexpensively applied to the cigar, either by cheap or unskilled labor, or by a suitable machine. The corn shucks or husks may be obtained at a very low cost, so that the material will be inexpensive.

The corn husk wrapper when completed, provides an effective protective covering or jacket for the cigar, and retains the flavor of the tobacco, as well as being easily removable from the cigar.

As above indicated, the corn shuck or husk wrapper may be applied to cigarettes, cheroots, or the like, and in the same manner above described, it also being possible to wrap two or more articles with the same wrapper.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. The method of applying a protective corn shuck wrapper to a cigar, consisting in moistening the wrapper, then wrapping it about the cigar, and then pressing the wrapper upon the cigar.

2. The method of applying a protective...
corn shuck wrapper to a cigar, consisting in moistening the wrapper, then wrapping it about the cigar, then pressing the wrapper upon the cigar, and then permitting the wrapper to dry while under pressure.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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