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Fig 1

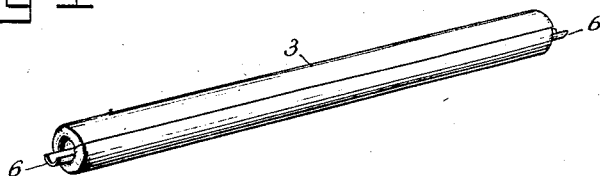


Fig 2

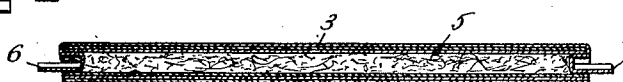


Fig 3



Fig 4

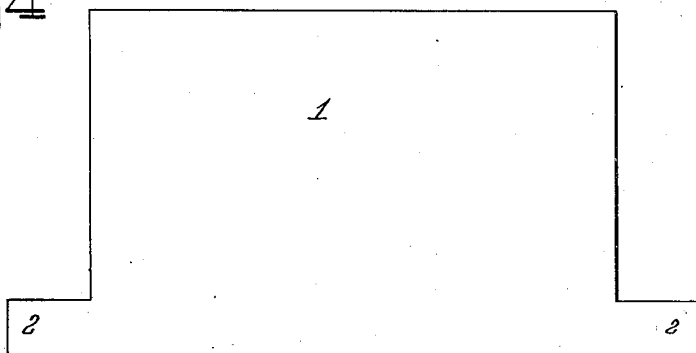
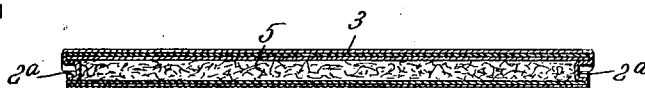


Fig 5



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN E. TEALE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cigarettes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in cigarettes and more particularly to that type known in the trade as Spanish or Mexican form cigarettes, one of the characteristic or distinguishing features of which is that the cigarette wrapper or tube is not sealed or pasted, but is left free at one end to permit the smoker to re-roll the same before smoking.

The prime object of the present invention is to provide a rolled cigarette, a portion of the wrapper of which is tucked or folded into the cigarette roll or tube at one or both ends thereof, in such manner as to prevent discharge of the tobacco; to maintain the cigarette in its rolled form during packing, shipping, and handling, and at the same time provide for easy withdrawal of the tucked-in end or ends in order that the cigarette may be easily and quickly rerolled for smoking.

Briefly and generally stated the invention comprises a rolled cigarette, the wrapper of which is provided with oppositely extending tongues at one or both ends, said tongues being tucked or folded into the opposite ends of the cigarette roll or tube in such manner that they may be readily withdrawn when it is desired to reroll the cigarette prior to smoking.

In order to enable others to understand, make and use the said invention, I will now proceed to describe the same in detail, reference being had for this purpose to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cigarette made according to the present invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the tongues before being turned into the cigarette tube. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the cigarette wrapper, and Fig. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view of a slightly different construction of cigarette made in accordance with the invention.

In the construction of cigarette illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 I employ a wrapper 1, having relatively narrow tongues 2, at one end thereof which tongues project from opposite

sides of the wrapper as shown in Fig. 4. The wrapper is preferably composed of a piece of corn-husk, although it may be made of cigarette paper, tobacco leaf, or any suitably prepared material.

In rolling the cigarette into a tube, which operation is usually performed by suitable machinery, the tobacco is deposited upon the face of the wrapper at that end opposite the end having the tongues, and the rolling operation is carried on from such end, the wrapper being rolled about the tobacco and about itself, several wrapper-convolutions 3, being formed. Each of the tongues 2 of the wrapper is of a width slightly less than the circumference of the finished cigarette roll or tube, so that at the completion of the rolling operation, the tongues will form a single-layer semi-tube 4, at each end of the cigarette as illustrated in Fig. 3, while the body of the cigarette will consist of a tube of several superposed layers or convolutions 3. When thus rolled and while being properly supported by a suitable part of the machine (not shown) these semi-tubular projecting ends 4, are turned or tucked into the ends of the cigarette tube or roll, as more clearly shown in Fig. 2, so that a portion of each tongue will embrace the convolutions of the roll not only to effectually hold the tube from unrolling, but will close the end or ends of the cigarette to prevent escape of the tobacco 5. The tongues are preferably made long enough so that the free end of each will project out of the end of the cigarette roll or tube to provide a finger grasping portion 6, whereby the tucked-in portions may be readily withdrawn when it is desired to prepare the cigarette for smoking. This is accomplished by withdrawing the tucked-in ends, tearing off that end of the wrapper carrying the tongues and then unrolling and rerolling the cigarette by hand.

The construction of cigarette illustrated in Fig. 5, is substantially like that illustrated in the other figures of the accompanying drawing and is made from the same form of blank, the only difference being in the length of the tongues 2^a, which are slightly shorter than in the previously described form of the invention, and do not therefore project out of the ends of the cigarette, as I have found that it is not absolutely necessary that the tongues shall so project or extend out of the end of the

cigarette, because owing to the fact that the tongues are relatively narrow, (being of less width than the diameter of the cigarette) they may be readily withdrawn by engagement of the finger-nail with an edge thereof.

I have shown and described the cigarette as having the inturned tongues at both ends, but it will be perfectly obvious that I may provide a tongue at one end only, and I wish it understood that such a construction is within the scope of the invention. As this construction is perfectly clear from the present description further illustration will not be necessary.

What I claim is:—

1. A rolled cigarette the wrapper of which is provided with a tongue projecting from a side edge of the wrapper; said tongue being inturned into an end of the cigarette, said tongue embracing the convolutions of the wrapper at the end of the cigarette to maintain the latter in rolled form.

2. A rolled cigarette the wrapper of which is provided with a tongue projecting from a side edge of the wrapper, said tongue being at one end thereof, said tongue being tucked into an end of the cigarette, and having a portion embracing the convolutions of the wrapper at said end to maintain the wrapper in rolled form.

3. A rolled cigarette the wrapper of which is provided with tongues projecting from the edges of the wrapper at opposite sides thereof, said tongues being tucked into the ends of the cigarette, and each having a portion embracing the convolutions of the wrapper to maintain the latter in rolled form.

4. A rolled and unpasted cigarette the wrapper of which is provided at one end with oppositely projecting tongues, each tongue having a portion thereof inturned about the convolutions of the wrapper and into an end of the cigarette to maintain the wrapper in rolled form and having its free end projecting outside the cigarette tube or roll.

5. A rolled and unpasted cigarette the wrapper of which is provided at one end with oppositely projecting tongues, each tongue having a portion inturned about the convolutions of the wrapper and into an end of the cigarette, and its free end projecting without the end of the cigarette roll or tube.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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