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Fig. 1.

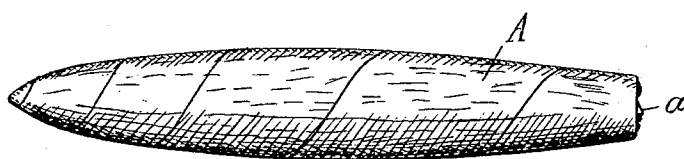
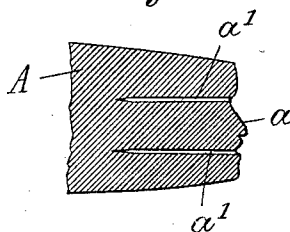


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES F. ZENKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, Manhattan, county and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cigars, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a cigar provided at its blunt or stub end with an embossed figure or character, which improves the appearance of the cigar, facilitates the lighting of the same, and enables a manufacturer to apply his trade-mark in a neat and conspicuous manner.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of a cigar, embodying my invention; Fig. 2, an end view thereof, and Fig. 3 an enlarged longitudinal section through the stub end of the cigar.

In carrying my invention into effect I provide the blunt or stub end of a cigar A with a forwardly-projecting figure or character in relief *a*. The figure is stamped on the end of a cigar by a mold having a flat base with a central depression. The base being forced against the cigar-butt compresses the latter at all points which are in contact with the base. In this way the main body of the butt-end of the cigar surrounding the embossed figure is sealed to close the pores of the filler, thereby preventing loss of moisture and aroma and causing the cigar to retain its flavor. Those parts of the filler, however, which enter the depression of the mold are not compressed and stand out in relief, as a brush, to form a suitable design at the end of the cigar. This small non-compressed portion will take fire readily and transmit the same upon being consumed to the body of the cigar, so that the lighting of the latter is greatly facilitated, it being obvious that a small filament will take a spark much more readily than a larger surface. This obviates the necessity of reduc-

ing the diameter of the entire cigar at the butt-end, as was heretofore frequently done. This figure greatly improves the appearance of the cigar end, gives a uniform and finished appearance to a package of cigars, and enables a manufacturer to apply his trade-mark in a conspicuous manner without using bands or other attachments. So, also, the embossing operation seals the stub end of the cigar back of the embossed figure, thus closing the pores of the filler and causing the cigar to retain its flavor. To still further facilitate the lighting of the cigar, the embossed figure *a* may be perforated, as at *a'*, the perforations also extending for a short distance into the body of the cigar, as shown. If the figure represents a head in relief, the perforations *a'* may with advantage be made at the eyes and mouth, thus at the same time increasing the life-like appearance of the figure.

What I claim is—

1. A cigar having its butt-end compressed around and adjacent to the wrapper and binder and formed with a loose projecting figure integral with the filler, said figure being inclosed by the compressed portion, whereby the cigar is sealed against escape of moisture and an igniting-surface provided, substantially as described.

2. A cigar having its butt-end compressed at the edges thereof, and a projecting portion surrounded by the compressed portion and provided with perforations that extend back into the body of the cigar.

Signed by me at New York city, Manhattan, New York, this 8th day of December, 1904.

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