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Cigarette.

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Fig. 4.



Fig. 1.

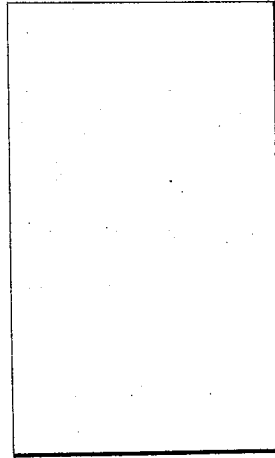


Fig. 2.

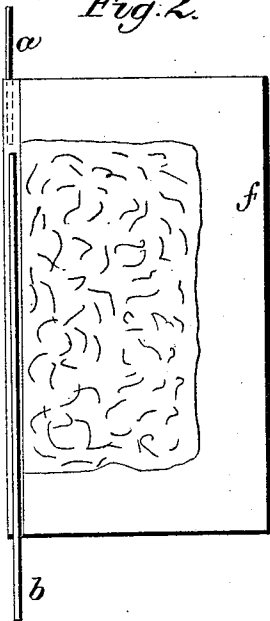


Fig. 3.

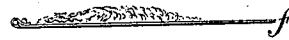


Fig. 5.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CIGARS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 19,746, dated March 30, 1858.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS BLANCHARD, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Cigaretta or Paper-Wrapped Cigar, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, and which will be referred to hereinafter.

Cigarettas are manufactured of the broken tobacco which is nearly useless for other purposes and commands a very small price compared with the "wrapper" or "filling tobacco." On account of the difficulty in making such cigars "draw," it has heretofore been necessary to unroll each one just before it is smoked to loosen the tobacco, and reroll it, and if not rolled properly the tobacco falls out or is drawn into the mouth of the smoker.

My invention has for its object to obviate these inconveniences; and it consists in making the cigaretta with a hollow tube through its center; the tube being formed out of the wrapper itself, as will now be more fully described.

Paper or other wrappers should be chosen the smoke of which is not pungent. That which I prefer comes from Manila. It is cut in pieces of a suitable size, Figure 1, and the edge is turned over by means of two wires, *a* *b*, Fig. 2. The fine tobacco is then applied to the paper, Fig. 3, and the whole is wrapped

up, the edge at *f* being pasted. The wires are then withdrawn, and the ends are rolled up for the purpose of preventing the escape of the tobacco.

The finished cigaretta is seen in Fig. 4, and in Fig. 5 is an enlarged section through it.

The cigarettas thus formed have the following recommendations: First, they may be made much cheaper than cigars, as the cost of the material is not more than one-half of that of tobacco of the same quality when in a form fit to be manufactured into cigars; second, the tube through the center causes the cigaretta to draw perfectly free, and it may be used without first being unrolled. On this account, also, it may be pasted and rolled up hard, and thereby becomes far less fragile than the ordinary cigaretta.

On account of this cigar being properly rolled up and pasted it will draw freely, and there is no danger of the tobacco falling out or of its being drawn into the mouth.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent as a new article of manufacture, is—

The within-described cigaretta or paper cigar, made in the manner substantially as set forth.

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