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PROCESS OF TREATING TOBACCO.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. FENDRICH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Evansville, county of Vanderburg, State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Processes of Treating Tobacco, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to processes for treating tobacco.

The object of the invention is the provision of a process for treating tobacco which will be economical in removing all objectional juices and foreign matter from the leaf-tobacco and will prepare it thoroughly for stemming and manufacturing into cigars.

First, I automatically steam and soften the tobacco, which is preferably done by placing it in an automatic softener of some suitable type. Having thus steamed and softened the tobacco, I, second, place the tobacco upon a metallic screen, where I thoroughly shake it either by hand or steam power. This second process thoroughly shakes and opens the tobacco, so that all parts of the leaf will be reached by the next process. Third, I again use another automatic softener, through which I run the leaf-tobacco, where it is resteamed, purified, dried, and reordered. Fourth, I then dip the tobacco into any preparation which I may desire. This preparation is for the purpose of confining the pure flavor of the tobacco and preventing its escape. After the foregoing has been concluded I place the leaf-tobacco in a sweat-room.

This combined process is entirely new and by its use the flavor and purity of the cigar is superior to that produced by any other method.

What I claim as new in my process is—

1. The process of treating tobacco consisting in, first, subjecting it to a steaming and softening action; second, opening the tobacco, and, third, steaming and drying the tobacco.

2. The process of treating tobacco consisting in, first, subjecting it to a steaming and softening action; second, shaking it to open the tobacco, and, third, steaming, drying, and reordering the tobacco.

3. The process of treating tobacco consisting in, first, subjecting it to a steaming and softening action; second, opening the tobacco; third, steaming and drying the tobacco, and, finally, dipping the dried tobacco.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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