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Cigarette.

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Fig. 1.

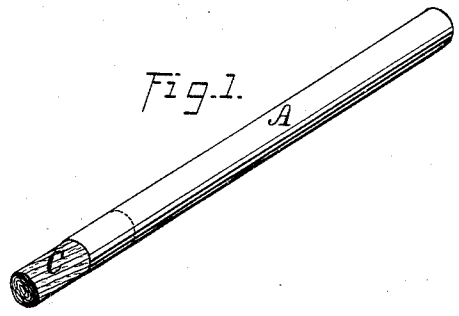


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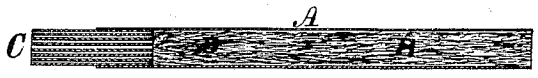
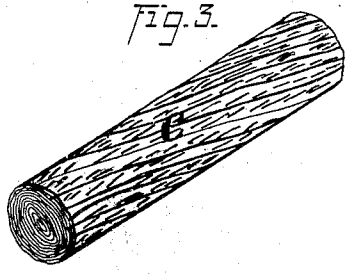


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CIGARETTES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **205,345**, dated June 25, 1878; application filed June 22, 1877.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. BOVEE, of Convent, in the parish of St. James, and in the State of Louisiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigarettes; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved cigarette as constructed for use. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section of the same; and Fig. 3 is an enlarged perspective view of the mouth-piece detached from the cigarette.

Letters of like name and kind refer to like parts in each of the figures.

In the manufacture of cigarettes many expedients have been employed to prevent the end which is inserted within the mouth from becoming broken or injured by use, among which are mouth-pieces constructed from wood, metal, bone, paper, &c.; but in each instance such mouth-pieces have been provided with central openings, through which all of the smoke was compelled to pass, the result being that the cigarettes to which they were attached were rendered less easy to smoke.

To remedy this difficulty, and enable mouth-pieces to be furnished more cheaply than heretofore, is the design of my invention, which consists, as a new article of manufacture, in a cigarette provided with a mouth-piece which is constructed from corn-husk, banana-leaf, or other like substance that has a roughened or irregular surface, rolled loosely into the form of a cylinder and secured to or upon one end of said cigarette, substantially as and for the purpose hereinafter specified.

In the annexed drawing, A represents the wrapper of my cigarette, composed preferably of rice-paper, and filled with tobacco, B, in the usual manner. Within one end of the wrapper A is secured a mouth-piece, C, which closely fills said wrapper and extends outward beyond the same to any desired length. Said mouth-piece is constructed from corn-husk, banana-leaf, &c., which is loosely rolled into the form of a cylinder.

In consequence of the roughened or irregular surface of the material, which prevents two layers from being in close contact, the mouth-piece C, thus constructed, is so open as to permit smoke to pass as freely between its layers as through the filling B, while, from the nature of the material of which it is composed, moisture will not affect said mouth-piece, nor will it give to the mouth an unpleasant taste.

As suitable material for mouth-pieces can be had at a nominal price, their cost will be governed by the expense of the labor required for their production, and is so small as to not increase appreciably the cost of the cigarette.

Having thus fully set forth the nature and merits of my invention, what I claim is—

As a new article of manufacture, a cigarette provided with a mouth-piece which is constructed from corn-husk or other like substance that has a roughened or irregular surface, loosely rolled into the form of a cylinder and secured to or upon one end of said cigarette, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of June, 1877.

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