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Fig. 1

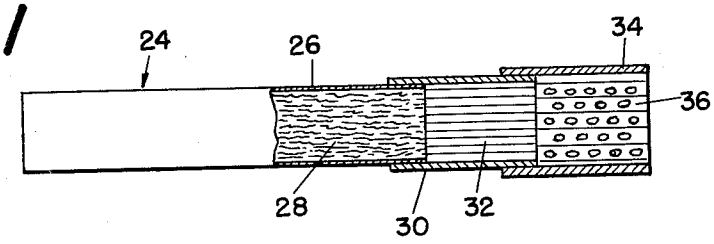


Fig. 2

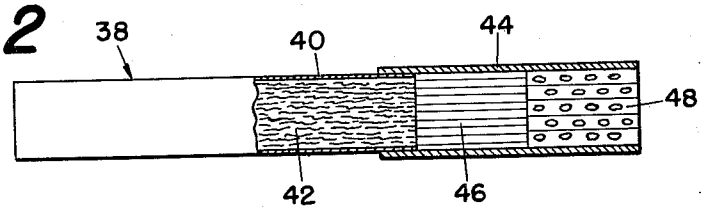


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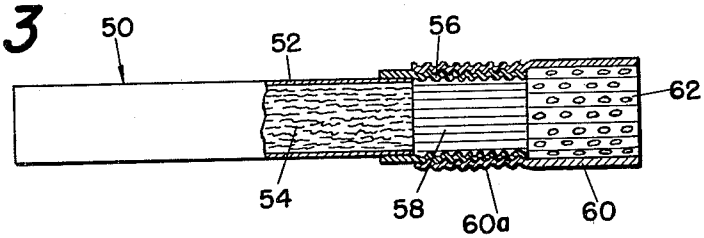
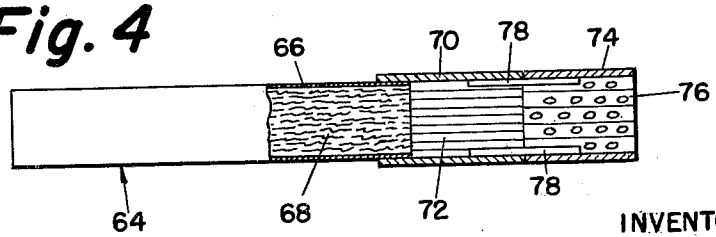


Fig. 4



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The present invention relates to a cigarette, and more particularly to a cigarette which at the selection of the user has either a plain filter, a flavored filter, or no filter at all.

Many of the cigarettes presently on the market are either of the type that have no filter, or of the type that has a plain filter, or of the type that have a flavored filter. Thus, each cigarette manufacturer must make three separate types of cigarettes in order to accommodate the various tastes of cigarette smokers.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a novel cigarette.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a cigarette which at the selection of the user will have either a plain filter, a flavored filter, or no fiilter at all.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

For the purpose of illustrating the invention there is shown in the drawings forms which are presently preferred; it being understood, however, that this invention is not limited to the precise arrangements and instrumentalities shown.

FIGURE 1 is an elevational view, partly sectioned, of an embodiment of the cigarette of the present invention.

FIGURE 2 is an elevational view, partly sectioned, of another embodiment of the cigarette of the present invention.

FIGURE 3 is an elevational view, partly sectioned, of a further embodiment of the cigarette of the present invention.

FIGURE 4 is an elevational view, partly sectioned, of a still further embodiment of the cigarette of the present invention.

Referring initially to FIGURE 1, the embodiment of the cigarette of the present invention shown therein is generally designated as **24**.

Cigarette **24** comprises a cylindrical tube **26** of cigarette paper which is filled with the tobacco **28**. A short, cylindrical sleeve **30** of a heavier paper has one end fitting around and secured to one end of the tube **26**. Sleeve **30** is filled with a plain filter material **32**. A cylindrical sleeve **34** of a paper similar to the paper of sleeve **30** has one end fitting around and secured to the sleeve **30**. Sleeve **34** is filled with a flavored filter material **36**.

If the user of the cigarette **24** desires a flavored filter cigarette, he uses the cigarette **24** as it is directly received from the package. If the user desires a plain filtered cigarette, he removes the sleeve **34** with the flavored filter **36** from the sleeve **30**. However, if the user desires a plain cigarette, he removes the sleeve **30** from the tube **26**. Removal of the sleeve **30** from the tube **26** not only removes the plain filter **32**, but also removes the sleeve **34** with its flavored filter **36**. Thus, the cigarette **24** can be used as either a plain filtered cigarette, a flavored filtered cigarette, or as a plain cigarette without any filter. Since both filters **32** and **36** are at the same end of the cigarette, the cigarette **24** has the advantage that one end of the tobacco **28** is exposed so that the cigarette **24** can be used directly from the package.

Referring to FIGURE 2, there is shown still another embodiment of the cigarette of the present invention, generally designated as **38**.

Cigarette **38** comprises a cylindrical tube **40** of cigarette paper which is filled with the tobacco **42**. A sleeve **44** of heavier paper has one end fitting around and

secured to one end of the tube **40**. The portion of sleeve **44** which is adjacent the tube **40** is filled with a plain filter material **46**. A relatively compressed body **48** of a flavored filter material is inserted in the outer end of the sleeve **44**. The flavored filter body **48** is of a diameter that it is held within the sleeve **44** by a friction fit. Cigarette **38** is used in substantially the same manner as the cigarette **24** shown in FIGURE 1. However, if it is desired to use the cigarette **38** as a plain filter cigarette, it is only necessary to slide the flavored filter body **48** from the sleeve **44** so as to provide a recessed, plain filter cigarette.

FIGURE 3 shows a further embodiment of the cigarette of the present invention, generally designated as **50**.

Cigarette **50** comprises a cylindrical tube **52** of cigarette paper which is filled with the tobacco **54**. A sleeve **56** of a heavier paper has one end fitting around and secured to one end of the tube **52**. Sleeve **56** is crimped in the form of a spiral screw thread. Sleeve **56** is filled with a plain filter material **58**. A sleeve **60**, also of a heavier paper, has one end portion **60***a* which is crimped in the form of a spiral screw thread to match the spiral thread of sleeve **56**. Sleeve **60** is secured around the sleeve **56** by threading the threaded end portion **60***a* of the sleeve **60** onto the sleeve **56**. The outer end portion of sleeve **60** is filled with a flavored filter material **62**. Cigarette **50** is used in substantially the same manner as cigarette **24** shown in FIGURE 1. However, if it is desired to use the cigarette **50** as a plain filter cigarette, sleeve **60** with its flavored filter **62** is removed from the sleeve **56** merely by unthreading the sleeve **60** from the sleeve **56**.

Referring to FIGURE 4, there is shown a still further embodiment of the cigarette of the present invention, generally designated as **64**.

Cigarette **64** comprises a cylindrical tube **66** of cigarette paper which is filled with the tobacco **68**. A sleeve **70** of a heavier paper has one end fitting around and secured to one end of the tube **66**. Sleeve **70** is filled with a plain filter material **72**. A sleeve **74**, also of a heavier paper, is filled with a flavored filter material **76**. A pair of relatively rigid prongs **78** are secured to the inner surface of the sleeve **74**, and project longitudinally from one end of the sleeve **74**. Sleeve **74** is mounted in direct alignment with the outer end of sleeve **70**, and with the prongs **78** extending into the sleeve **70**. Prongs **78** have a friction fit with the inner surface of the sleeve **70** so as to secure the sleeve **74** to the end of the sleeve **70**. Cigarette **64** is used in substantially the same manner as cigarette **24** shown in FIGURE 1. However, if it is desired to use the cigarette **64** as a plain filter cigarette, it is only necessary to pull the sleeve **74** with its flavored filter **76** away from the sleeve **70** until the prongs **78** are removed from the sleeve **70**.

The present invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or essential attributes thereof and, accordingly, reference should be made to the appended claims, rather than to the foregoing specification as indicating the scope of the invention.

I claim:

1. A cigarette comprising a cylindrical tube of cigarette paper, said tube being filled with tobacco, a cylindrical sleeve of heavier paper having one end fitting around and removably mounted on one end of said tube, a plain filter material within said sleeve abutting the tobacco in said tube, a second sleeve of the heavier paper having one end movably mounted on the outer end of said first sleeve, and a flavored filter material within said second sleeve, said sleeves being selectively removable in a direction coincident with the longitudinal axis of said tube, whereby said tobacco may be selectively

smoked with said plain and said flavored filters, with only said plain filter, and without either of said filters.

2. A cigarette in accordance with claim 1 in which the second sleeve is threaded around the first sleeve.

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