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TOBACCO MIXTURE

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My invention relates to a tobacco mixture and has for its principal object, to combine with tobacco used in the manufacture of cigarettes, the granular form of tobacco usually smoked in pipes, also the filler portion of cigars, the dried and flaked blossoms of a tree or shrub in order to impart to the tobacco a pleasing, fragrant, aromatic odor.

Further objects of my invention are, to add to smoking tobacco and the tobacco used in the manufacture of cigarettes and cigars, the dried and flaked blossoms of a tree or shrub that will produce pleasing and beneficial effects on the tissues of the mouth, also the tongue and gums, and which added product or ingredient has properties that function to preserve the teeth and to counteract tendency of discoloration thereof by the nicotine resulting from the smoking of tobacco.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, my invention consists in combining with tobacco and particularly the flaked or shredded tobacco that is utilized in the manufacture of cigarettes and cigars and as pipe tobacco, the dried, flaked blossoms of a hybrid tree or shrub that is a cross between the wild cherry and wild plum that grows extensively in Dalmatia and adjacent territory in southeastern Europe. The trees or shrubs are known in the territory where they grow as Translovina, also as Raseljka, and the growth belongs to the family Rosaceae, genus prunus.

Various poisonous glucosides occur in the seed-kernels, in the bark, leaves and other tissues, but repeated tests show that no alkaloidal or poisonous glucosidal matter exists in the blossoms. For example, phloridizin occurs in the bark of apple, plums and cherry trees; amygdalin in the seed-kernels, and prulaurasin is found in the leaves of *Prunus laurocerasus*, but only non-poisonous pigment glucosides have been isolated from the blossoms.

In producing my improved tobacco mixture, the blossoms of the Translovina or Raseljka are gathered while in full bloom, then thoroughly dried and the dried blossoms after being flaked are mixed with the tobacco.

Where the tobacco mixture is to be used in the manufacture of cigarettes or as pipe smoking tobacco, I prefer to combine the dried, flaked blossoms with the tobacco in proportions of ten per cent by weight of the dried, flaked blossoms with each one hundred per cent of the smoking mixture, in other words, ten per cent Translovina or Raseljka and ninety per cent tobacco. To produce a stronger aroma in the mixture twelve per cent to fifteen per cent of Translovina or Raseljka is used.

As above stated, the addition of the dried blossoms to tobacco brings about a pleasing, fragrant, aromatic odor when the tobacco is burned and at the same time a pleasing and refreshing effect is produced on the exposed tissues of the mouth, tongue, and gums, and the tendency of discoloration of the teeth by the nicotine in the tobacco is counteracted.

I claim as my invention:

1. A tobacco mixture composed of ninety per cent pure tobacco and ten per cent dried blossoms picked while in full bloom of a hybrid plant that is a cross between wild cherry and wild plum.

2. A tobacco mixture composed of ninety per cent pure tobacco and ten per cent dried blossoms picked while in full bloom of a plant belonging to the family of Rosaceae, genus prunus.

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