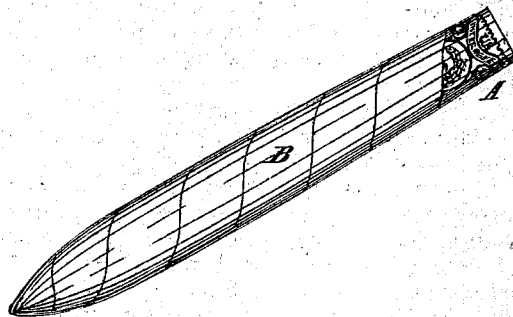


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IMPROVEMENT IN APPLYING REVENUE-STAMPS TO CIGARS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADDISON C. FLETCHER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improved Mode of Applying Revenue-Stamps to Cigars and other like articles in which the consuming of the article effects the destruction of the stamp, of which the following is a specification:

The accompanying drawing represents the application of a stamp to a cigar as contemplated by my invention; which consists in the introduction of the stamp A, during the process of manufacturing or putting the wrappers B upon the cigar, by interfolding said stamp with the wrapper near the end to be lighted, whereby the adhesive stamp is secured, by the dampness of the wrapper, so effectually that it cannot be extracted without destroying the stamp, or a considerable portion of the cigar, and by which, when the cigar is smoked, wholly or partially, the stamp will be inevitably consumed and destroyed, thus effectually preventing its fraudulent reuse.

In manufacturing cigars, I propose also to insert the revenue-stamp within the folds of the wrapper, so that it shall be visible in part on the outside of the cigar, and its combustion will not communicate with the filling to injure the flavor of the cigar.

What I claim as my invention is—

The described method of stamping cigars, to insure the more certain collection of the Government tax thereon, by means of an adhesive stamp rolled in under the folds of the wrapping-leaf, at the cut or burning end of the cigar, during the process of manufacture, while the tobacco is moist, and so incorporated with the cigar as to be irremovable without mutilation of such stamp or cigar, and certain destruction by the combustion or smoking of the cigar, or any part thereof, substantially as described.

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