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Fig. 1.

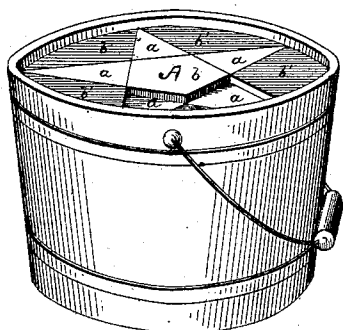


Fig. 3.

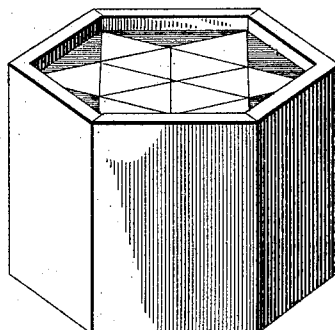


Fig. 2.

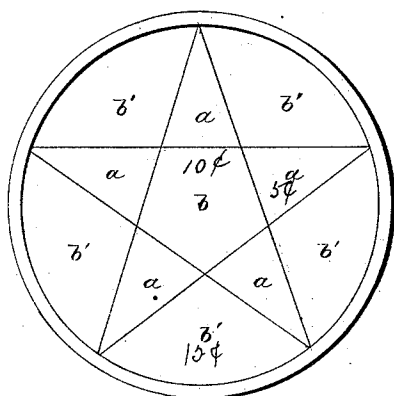
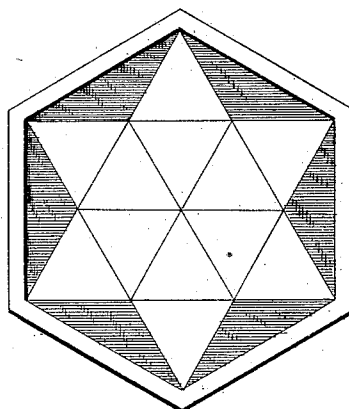


Fig. 4.



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TOBACCO-PACKAGE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, RICHARD A. EVANS and ALFRED TURNER, citizens of the United States, residing at Statesville, in the county of Iredell and State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Packages; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

Our invention relates to the packing of tobacco for sale.

The objects of our invention are to pack tobacco in such manner as to facilitate handling and sale thereof at retail to obviate the necessity of exposing several boxes or packages, in order to supply customers with different grades or quantities, and to avoid the necessity of cutting a piece every time a sale is made.

Our invention is embodied in a pail, box, or other receptacle, or in any package containing layers of tobacco, each of which is of equal thickness throughout, and each of which is divided into two or more plugs, pieces, or portions, one or more of which belongs to one of two or more differing sizes or quantities or qualities in the layer, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings we have illustrated two of the many ways in which the invention may be carried into effect, and in these drawings like letters and marks of reference indicate corresponding parts and corresponding portions.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of any suitable vessel, the package therein being in accordance with our invention. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view, and Fig. 4 a top plan view, of a vessel with hexagonal sides, showing also another way of dividing the tobacco into detachable plugs.

Like letters of reference represent parts corresponding in size and shape, while corresponding price-marks represent correspondence in quality, or where the quantities differ equivalence of price may indicate difference in quality.

We have illustrated packages having the layers divided into plugs by lines forming

stars. The rays *a* of the stars are pieces containing substantially equal quantities, and the same may be said of the pieces *b'* between the rays; but the latter are larger or contain more than the rays. The central piece, *b*, about which the rays are placed, may be of an intermediate or of a greater size. These several sizes will preferably represent pieces which sell in our market for five cents, ten cents, and fifteen cents, respectively, from the smallest to the largest. It is obvious, however, that the respective sizes may be varied in accordance with the requirements of circumstances or the option of the packer or manufacturer. It is also obvious that the star may have any practicable number of points, that the parts may be otherwise arranged, or that the layers may be cut according to any other suitable design without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In packing the tobacco the plugs are preferably wrapped in differently-colored leaves or foil, and arranged to produce a showy and attractive package. For example, those pieces which form the star may be covered with a bright leaf or foil and the parts between the rays with a dark-colored wrapper. If desired, these latter pieces may be inclosed in wrappers of the same or of different colors, in either case the effect being good. The same may be said of the rays.

The package represented in the drawings as in the receptacle is marked A. *a* indicates the rays of the star. *b* and *b'* mark, respectively, the central piece and the pieces between the rays. The marks "5 cts," "10 cts," and "15 cts" show the relative value of the pieces.

Receptacles of any practicable size and containing any desirable quantity may be employed; but it is our present intention to work the tobacco into pails or boxes of about ten inches in diameter, putting about eighteen to twenty-two pounds into each pail or box.

By putting tobacco into the form shown and described not only do we secure a very showy and attractive package, but—for example, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2—the layers are divided into eleven pieces, containing three sizes or quantities, or as many qualities as desired. It is preferred that each layer be of one grade, and, if two grades are desired in the same

package, that they be in separate layers. The different grades may be indicated either by color or other appearance, or by any suitable mark or designation, or may be left to recognition by size or weight alone.

By packing tobacco as above described it is obvious that the retailer will be able to serve the various tastes or requirements of his customers without the necessity of opening more than one package at a time, thereby avoiding the danger of any drying and spoiling of his stock, and without the necessity of cutting each time a piece is required.

We are aware that a mold has been constructed to form plugs of tobacco, which, when put together, make a layer composed of a central plug and a series of plugs arranged about it, each of the plugs in the said series being of the same shape and size.

What we claim is—

1. A receptacle containing layers of tobacco, each of which is of equal thickness throughout, and each of which is composed of two or more series of plugs, the plugs of one series differing in quantity from those of the other, as and for the purposes set forth.

2. A receptacle or package containing layers of tobacco, each of which is of equal thickness throughout, and each of which is divided into two or more plugs, pieces, or portions, one or more of which belongs to one of two or more differing qualities, as set forth.

3. A receptacle or package containing layers of tobacco, each of which is of equal thickness throughout, and each of which is divided into two or more plugs, pieces, or portions, one or more of which belongs to one of two or more differing sizes or quantities and qualities, as set forth.

4. A receptacle containing layers of tobacco, each of which is divided into two or more series of plugs and a central piece, the plugs of one series differing in size from those of the other, as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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