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OUTER CIGAR WRAPPER AND COVER.

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Fig. 1.

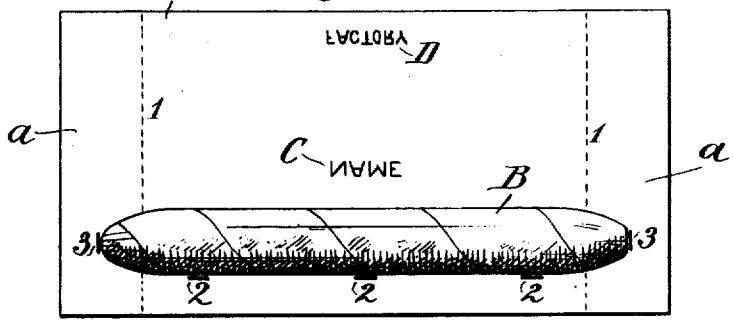


Fig. 2.

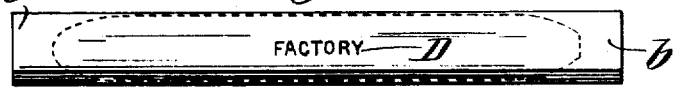


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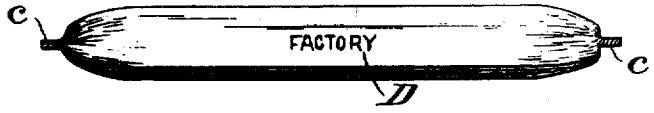
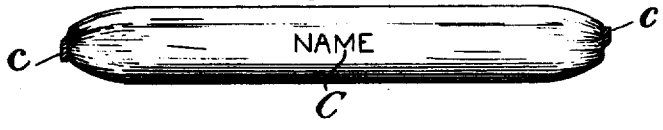


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, VINCENT M. PLANCO, a citizen of the United States, and resident of New York city, county of New York, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Outer Cigar Wrappers and Covers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to outer cigar wrappers and covers; the principal objects thereof being to provide efficient protective means for safeguarding the cigar against deleterious atmospheric influences and preventing breakage.

Further objects are to conserve expense, by employing wrappers of proportions requiring no wastage of material and time, by providing means facilitating the method and operation of placing the wrappers on the cigars, the same being fixed in perfectly smooth, parallel and uniform relative arrangement.

The above-named and other objects I attain by employing a wrapper composed of transparent, flexible paper of a character adapted to retain any folded, bent or twisted shape, and containing gage-means for guiding an operative whereby the horizontal edges of the wrappers may be fixed parallel with the horizontal sides of the cigar, all as will be hereinafter fully described, and specifically set forth in the annexed claim.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification Figure 1 is a back view of the wrapper spread out in flat condition and having a cigar placed thereon in its initial relative position. Fig. 2 is a side elevation showing the wrapper coiled around the cigar. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing a further step in the method of attaching the wrapper; and Fig. 4 is a side view showing the finished product.

In the example of my invention illustrated by the accompanying drawings, A indicates a rectangular sheet of transparent paper of flexible character adapted, when bent, twisted or folded, to retain any bends or folds that may be applied thereto, as waxed paper. The wax may be applied to the entire sheet or only the end parts *a*, between the dotted lines 1 and the end edges of the sheet (the parts to be twisted and folded) may be waxed. The composition of the entire sheet itself, however, may be of such character as to retain any bends, twists or folds, given thereto.

The sheet A, being transparent, when viewed from its back as shown in Fig. 1 of drawings will disclose any markings contained on the face thereof. I, therefore, print on the face of the sheet a gage comprising a plurality of dashes 2, located adjacent to and parallel with one horizontal edge of the sheet A, and dashes 3, arranged at right angles to the dashes 2, and equidistant from a lateral central line of the sheet. These dashes, in conjunction, act as a gage for determining the initial position of the cigar B, and they enable an operative to place the cigar in proper position having its sides parallel with the horizontal edges of the sheet, and its ends equidistant from the end edges whereby said sheet may be smoothly folded, or coiled around the cigar without liability of canting, or displacing, the essential parallel relative arrangement of the cigar and its wrapper and the extended parts to be twisted and folded are of equal length. The face of the sheet A, is further provided with a brand or trade name C, and other suitable printed matter D, as the name of a manufacturer or factory. These printed designations all being on horizontal lines parallel with the horizontal dashes 2, and the horizontal edges of the sheet A, whereby when the wrapper is fixed to the cigar it is maintained parallel with the horizontal sides of the cigar and uniformity of position thereof between the ends of the cigar is assured.

The wrappers may be manually applied to the cigars or a machine for the purpose may be employed.

In the method of enveloping, a cigar as B, is placed on the back of the sheet A, in register with the dashes 2 and 3, as shown by Fig. 1 of the drawings; thus it is in such position as to lie parallel with the horizontal edges of the wrapper, and also parallel with the printed designations C and D; further, the parts *a*, of the wrapper which extend beyond the ends of the cigar are of equal length. Having placed the cigar in position, described above, the wrapper is tightly rolled therearound, as shown by Fig. 2 of the drawings, thus forming a substantially cylindrical casing having open-ended extensions, *b*, which are of equal length. These end parts *b*, are then crimped to conform to

the shape of the ends of the cigar and tightly twisted into horizontal extensions *c*, shown by Fig. 3 of the drawings; the twisting operation forming short rope-like extensions of equal diameter throughout their length, which may be bent at right angles to the horizontal plane of the cigar, as shown by Fig. 4 of the drawings, and respectively forming a cushion for the end of the cigar adjacent thereto.

Owing to the character of material composing the wrapper the extensions *c*, retain their final positions, and their relatively short and uniform length obviates the necessity of wastage of wrapper material by clipping away parts thereof, thus conserving expense and providing an effective envelop for the cigar.

When it is desired to remove the cigar it is simply necessary to bend the extensions *c*, back into their initial horizontal positions and untwist them, whereupon the wrapper may be readily unfolded and the cigar removed.

It is especially noteworthy that by my method of employing a gage for placing the cigars in uniform relative arrangement with their wrappers said wrappers may be of comparatively short length, whereby no clipping of the twisted ends is required and economy in the use of wrapper-material is effected; further, the twisted ends, or cushions are of uniform size and all markings on the face of the wrappers are in uniform position on their respective packages, thus a plurality of the packages may be uniformly packed into a box in such manner as to have their markings all in perfect register and alinement.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

The combination, with a cigar, of a protective wrapper comprising a sheet of flexible, transparent material slightly longer than the cigar and of a character adapted to retain bends and twists imparted thereto, and having gage-means thereon for registering with a cigar, whereby the cigar may be placed equidistant from the ends of the sheet and parallel with its sides, said wrapper rolled around the cigar and having extended ends of equal length, said ends twisted into short, rope-like extensions, said extensions bent at right angles to the horizontal plane of the cigar.

In testimony that, I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name in presence of two witnesses, this twenty-eighth day of June 1916.

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