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Fig. 1.



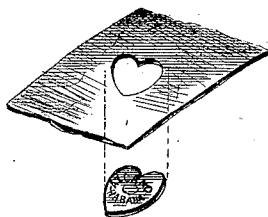
Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SEBASTIAN AZCANO Y MEANA, of Havana, in the Province of Havana, Cuba, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Processes of Marking Cigars and in Marked Cigars; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

10 Figure 1 shows in side elevation a cigar marked in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2, a similar view of a cigar with a mark differently situated; Fig. 3, a view of a longitudinal section of a portion of the cigar containing a mark, and Fig. 4 a detail perspective view showing the perforated portion of the wrapper and the piece of contrasting material to be placed under the same.

Letters of like name and kind refer to like parts in each of the figures.

The object of my invention has been to provide an improvement in processes of marking cigars and marked cigars; and to this end my invention consists in the process and the 25 marked cigar, as hereinafter specified.

The special purpose of my invention has been to enable manufacturers and others to affix to cigars any desired impressions, emblems, initials, trade-marks, or brands in such a way that they cannot be removed without injury to or destruction to the cigar-wrapper.

In carrying out my process I make within that portion of the wrapper which will be on the outside of the completed cigar a perforation of any desired shape or configuration and place under the perforated part, so that it will show through said perforation, a piece of material which in appearance will be in contrast with the color of the outside of the wrapper. 35 The shape of the perforation can be any desired one selected by the cigar-manufacturer. As shown in Fig. 1, it is of an irregular oval shape, while in Fig. 2 it appears as a heart. I have shown these two forms of perforation in order to emphasize the idea that I do not limit myself to any particular kind or configuration of the same. It will also appear from the drawings that the marking can be

done upon any part of the cigar, as desired. The perforation can be made in any desired 50 way, as by punching the wrapper with a die of suitable shape or cutting it by any desired form of cutter.

The piece of material which I place under the perforation may consist of any desired 55 fabric or substance, such as paper of any color to contrast with the wrapper, or of tobacco different in appearance from the latter. Such piece of material can also be of any shape, whether that of the perforation or not, 60 but should be larger than such perforation, so as to extend beyond its sides a certain distance in all directions.

In making up the marked cigar I first perforate such portion of the wrapper as will be 65 upon the outside of the finished article, as indicated hereinbefore, and then, during or just before the process of applying the wrapper, place the desired piece of material on the inner side of the latter under the perforation, 70 so that it will be inclosed between two folds of the wrapper and entirely concealed, except as it can be seen through the perforation.

Where it is desired that the distinguishing-mark should have a heart form or be of some 75 other specific shape, the perforation is made accordingly, and the portion of the contrasting material under the wrapper appearing through the perforation will then have the desired configuration. 80

I contemplate not only making the piece of material under the wrapper of a color contrasting with the outside of the latter, but also marking or stamping the exposed portion of such material with any desired mark, 85 trade-mark, label, or name to indicate the manufacturer, the quality, or the brand of the cigars.

It will be seen that my process of marking cigars is extremely simple and easily carried 90 out without increase in the expense of the cigars.

As the marking opening or perforation is placed in that part of the wrapper which is above and overlaps another portion of the 95 same and is closed by a piece of paper, to-

bacco, or other material placed between the two folds, it follows that the marking does not interfere with the draft on or burning of the cigar, for obviously no air can be drawn in through the opening by the smoker.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. As an improvement in the art of marking cigars, the process which consists in making a perforation in the part of the wrapper which will be on the outside of the finished cigar, placing on the inner side of the perforated part a piece of material to show through the perforation, and wrapping the perforated part over an inner layer of the wrapper, whereby the piece of material is held between the inner and outer wrapper-layers, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. As an improvement in the art of marking cigars, the process which consists in making a perforation of any desired shape in the part of the wrapper which will be on the outside of the finished cigar, then placing on the inner side of the perforated part of the wrapper a piece of thin material marked with a suitable designating-mark, and wrapping the cigar so that such piece of material will be held between an inner and outer fold or layer

of the wrapper, substantially as and for the purpose shown.

3. As an article of manufacture, a cigar having a marking - perforation of any desired shape made in and extending through an outer fold or layer of the wrapper, and a piece of thin material contrasting in appearance with the wrapper placed below the perforated part between the outer and inner folds or layers of the wrapper, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

4. As an article of manufacture, a cigar having a perforation made in and extending through an outer fold of its wrapper, and a piece of thin material marked with any desired distinguishing-mark placed below the perforated part, so that it will show through the perforation, and held between the outer and inner folds or layers of the wrapper, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of March, 1891.

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