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CIGAR.

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FIG. 1.

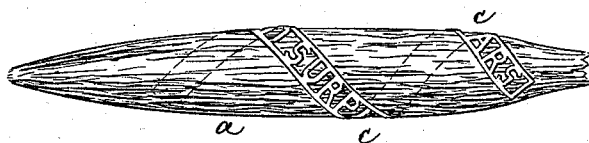


FIG. 2.

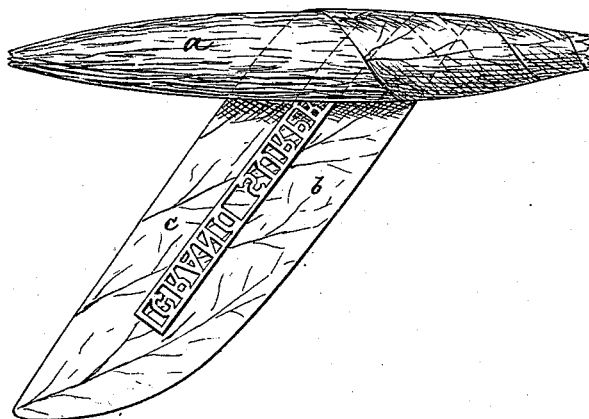
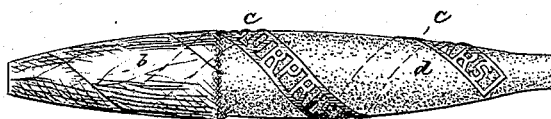


FIG. 3.



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## CIGAR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE MINCK, of New York city, New York, have invented an Improved Cigar, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a cigar provided with a concealed non-combustible strip or inclosure which is gradually exposed to display the brand of the cigar as the latter is being consumed, and which may also be utilized to support the ashes.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of a cigar-bunch provided with my improvement. Fig. 2 is a perspective showing the cigar in the process of manufacture, and Fig. 3 a side view of the cigar when partly consumed.

The letter *a* represents the binder of a cigar, and *b* is the wrapper. Around the binder I place a strip *c* of metal or other non-combustible material, which contains the brand of the cigar, the name of the manufacturer, or similar matter, which is applied to said strip by stenciling or otherwise. The strip *c* should be flexible, and is coiled spirally around the binder before or while the wrapper is being applied. I prefer to lay the strip *c* upon

the inner face of the wrapper and to wrap both strip and wrapper simultaneously around the bunch, as illustrated in Fig. 2.

In the completed cigar the strip *c* is entirely concealed by the wrapper; but as the cigar is being consumed the strip *c*, will be gradually uncovered to display the brand or the manufacturer's name in a conspicuous manner. At the same time the strip *c* when coiled around the binder, will embrace and support the ashes *d*, so that the latter cannot drop off until the entire strip is exposed.

What I claim is—

A cigar provided with a non-combustible flexible strip spirally coiled around the binder, and inclosed by the wrapper, said strip being adapted to hold the ashes of the consumed part of the cigar, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 4th day of February, 1895.

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