

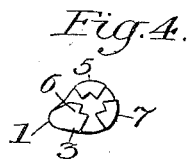
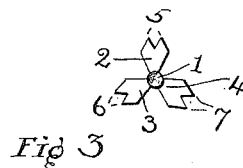
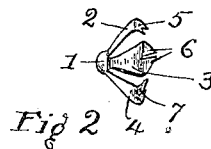
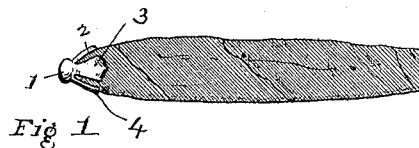
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## CIGAR-TIP PROTECTOR AND CUTTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HART BLUMENTHAL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Cigar-Tip Protector and Cutter, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to cigar-tip protectors and cutters.

My object is to provide a device light and simple in construction and neat in appearance which may readily be applied to the cigar without mutilating it.

The purposes of the device are to secure the end of the wrapper without the use of paste, to protect the tip of the cigar, and to afford means for cutting off the tip without mutilating the body of the cigar.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device attached to the cigar. Fig. 2 is a slightly-enlarged perspective view of the same ready to be attached to the cigar. Fig. 3 is a plan of the blank as first struck out by the die and before being bent into shape. Fig. 4 is a view of the tip of the cigar after being broken away, showing the cutting-points overlapping the same, with the broken portion lying between.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

As shown in the drawings, the device consists of the concave portion 1, from which radiate the members 2, 3, and 4. These members 2, 3, and 4 converge from their outer extremities toward each other to the concave portion 1. At the outer extremities of the members 2, 3, and 4 are the points 5, 6, and 7, which are bent approximately at right angles with their respective members 2, 3, and 4, so that said points 5, 6, and 7 when in position secured in the cigar, as shown in Fig. 1, lie approximately in the same plane. While these points 5, 6, and 7 cut into the cigar, enough of the body of the cigar remains uncut to retain the tip under ordinary conditions; but when the requisite pressure is applied to the tip by the fingers the same serves to cut the tip away from the cigar, carrying away that portion of the cigar inclosed within the metal tip and leaving the cigar cleanly cut.

When the cigar is wrapped, instead of past-

ing the free end of the wrapper, as is the present practice, the said free end is secured by this metal tip by slipping it over the end of the cigar and forcing the radiated arms firmly against the sides of the cigar and the points 5, 6, and 7 into the body of the same. The result is a light attractive finish to the appearance of the cigar.

The amount of metal used in the device is so slight and the mechanical method of cutting, bending, and securing the same to the cigar so expeditious that the cost of this method of finishing the cigar is probably no greater than the common method of securing the wrapper with paste.

The advantage from a sanitary point of view of dispensing with the present objectionable methods of forming and securing the tip is obvious, and the efficient and convenient means for protecting the point of the cigar in transportation and for cutting off the tip preparatory to lighting renders the device one of utility and novelty.

What I claim is—

1. A cigar-tip protector and cutter having a central concave portion adapted to receive the tip of the cigar, and a plurality of arms of pliable metal diverging therefrom, the ends of said arms being double-pointed and turned in to form cutting-points.

2. A cigar-tip protector and cutter having a small rounded concave central portion adapted to receive the tip of the cigar, and a plurality of arms of pliable metal projecting therefrom in divergent lines and being substantially on the surface of a cone to conform with the tapering or conical end of the cigar, with the ends of said arms turned in to form cutting-points.

3. A cigar-tip protector and cutter having a small rounded concave central portion adapted to receive the tip of the cigar, and a plurality of arms of pliable metal projecting therefrom in divergent lines and being substantially on the surface of a cone to conform with the tapering or conical end of the cigar, with the ends of said arms turned in to form cutting-points, said cutting-points so shaped and disposed as to lie all approximately in the same plane and to leave enough of the cigar uncut to retain the tip until force is applied thereto.

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4. In an article of manufacture, a blank  
for a cigar-tip protector and cutter consisting  
of pliable sheet metal having a central por-  
tion concave to fit over the tip of the cigar,  
5 and a plurality of radiating arms having cut-  
ting-points adapted to be bent at right angles  
therewith and to be inserted into the cigar.

10 5. In an article of manufacture, a blank  
for a cigar-tip protector and cutter consisting  
of pliable sheet metal having a central por-

tion concave to fit over the tip of the cigar,  
and a plurality of radiating arms each hav-  
ing a plurality of cutting-points adapted to  
be bent at right angles therewith and to be  
inserted into the cigar.

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