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Revenue Stamp.

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Fig. 1



Fig. 2.

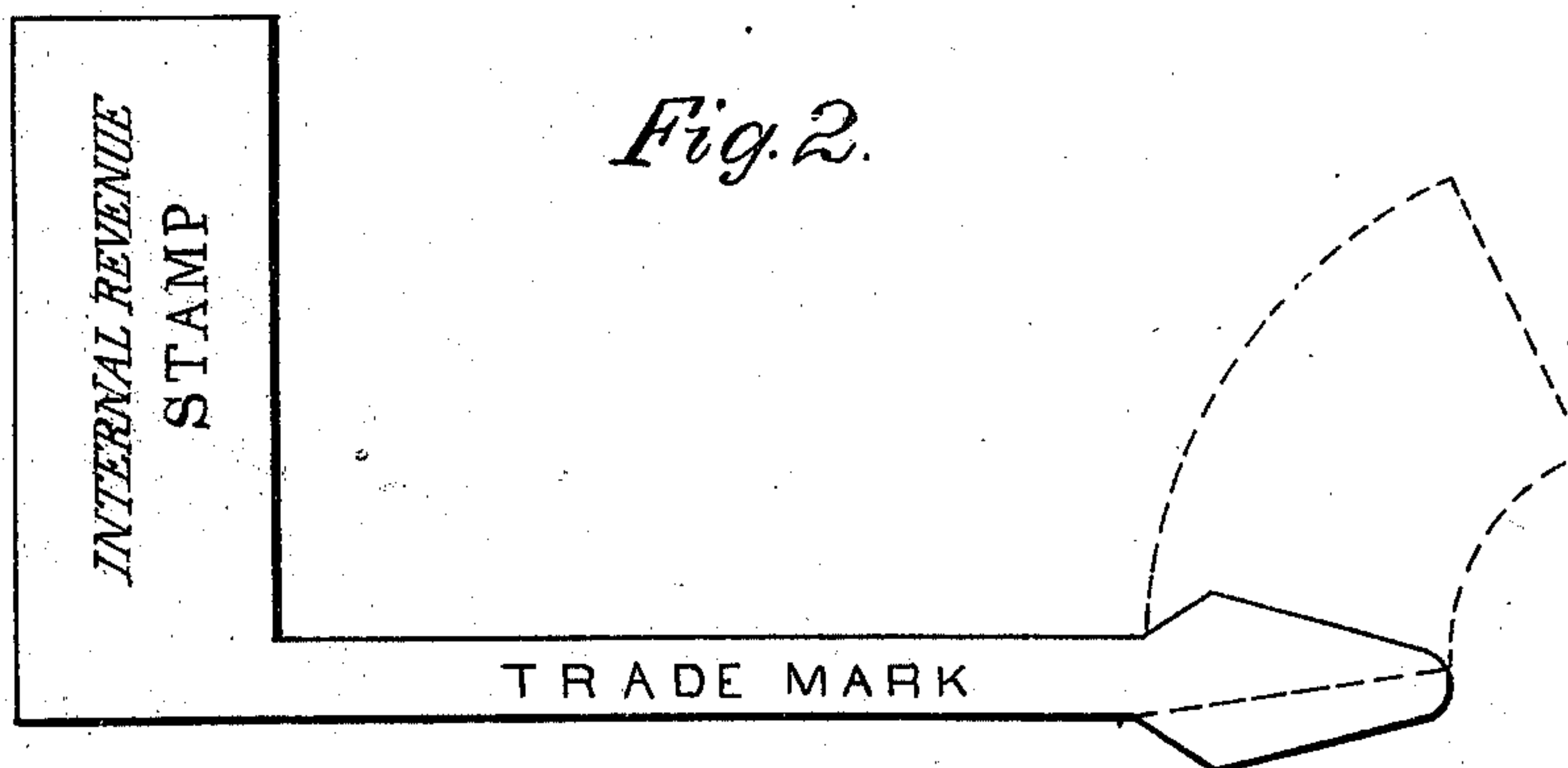
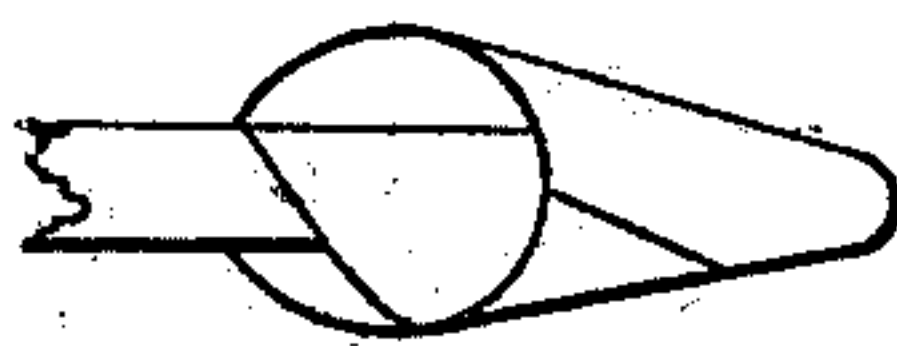


Fig. 3



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IMPROVEMENT IN REVENUE-STAMPS FOR CIGARS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANSON ATWOOD, of the city of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Device for the Packing or Putting up, Labeling, and Stamping Cigars or any similar article; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in making a cap or shield in which to insert the small end of the cigar, and from which runs a strip of paper or splint of the length of the cigar or article to be labeled, stamped or otherwise marked, and at the other end is a band of paper long enough to reach round the cigar or article to be labeled or marked or stamped, and lap sufficiently to fasten with mucilage or any other adhesive material, without in any manner fastening to or injuring the cigar, which wrapper and stamp consist of one or more pieces of paper or other material, as shall best meet the demands of manufacture and protection.

With this device the cigar is protected from injury by packing or handling, while the manufacturer has an opportunity of affixing his trade-mark to each cigar, while upon the bands at each end, and which go around the cigar or other article, and the connecting-strap, can be printed the internal-revenue stamp and the manufacturer's trade-mark, and the whole in a compact form, not expensive in manufacture, and impossible of second use, thereby preventing a fraud upon the manufacturer as to trade and the Government in collecting the revenue.

This long-desired means of some more effectual, cheap, and compact form of placing an internal-revenue stamp on each cigar, cigarette, or like article, without in any manner injuring the article, and which must be destroyed by use, I consider the most essential part of this device.

In this device every cigar has its own internal-revenue stamp around it, but not attached to it, and which cannot be removed from it or the cigar smoked with it without its most complete cancellation. In this manner the revenue is collected on every cigar used, and the only way it can be done.

The cap, connecting-strap, and base-band, which are made of one or more pieces of paper, or a combination of paper and splint of wood, or other suitable material, when removed, make the best and most desirable cigar-lighter, while the same cannot be removed without destruction, or any part destroyed and not destroying the whole.

The simplicity of this device is such that it needs but little explanation to enable any one to make and apply it.

Figure 1 is the cap or shield for the small end of the cigar, and the splint of wood or strip of paper, with the band or end wrapper, applied to the cigar as contemplated, with the evidence on them that the revenue has been paid. Fig. 2 represents the shield, connecting-strap, and band when constructed in one piece of paper, on which can be printed the revenue-stamp and trade-mark in such manner as will best protect against fraud and counterfeit, and prevent the removal or destruction of any part without destroying the whole. Fig. 3 is the cap or shield for the small end of the cigar, made of paper or any other suitable material, with the strip of paper or splint of wood, or both combined, attached.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The several parts of the device, for the purposes set forth and described, and the combination of the same, for the purposes and in the manner herein described.

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