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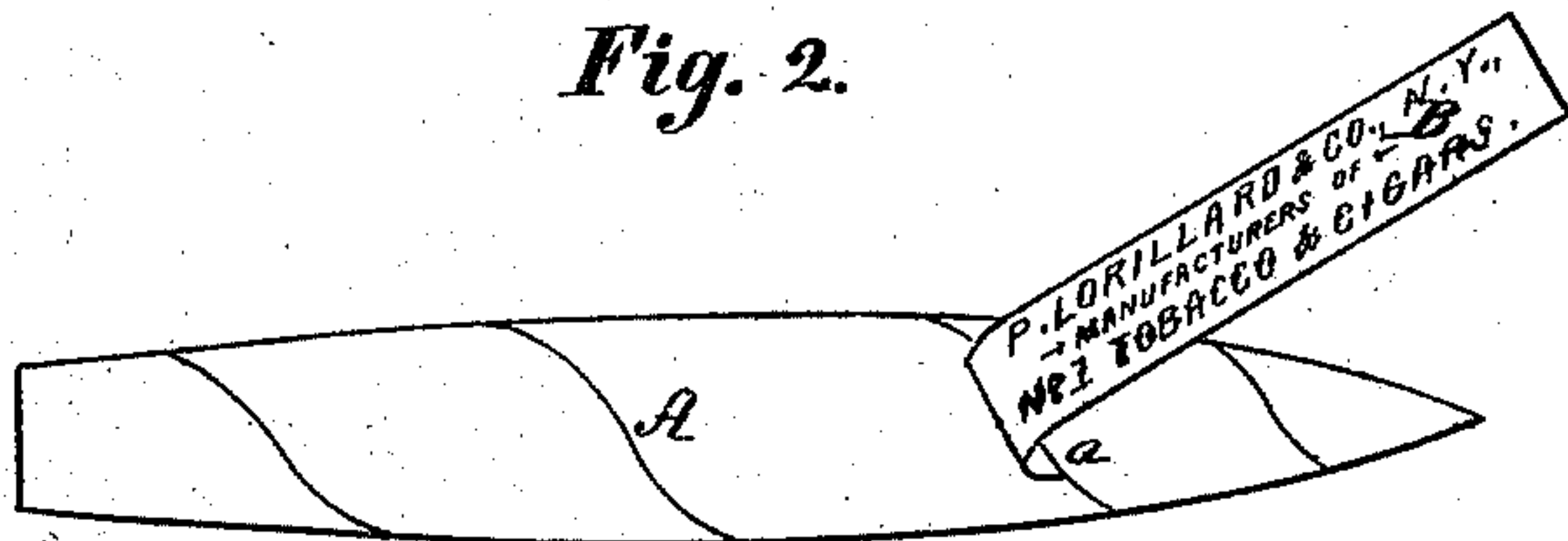


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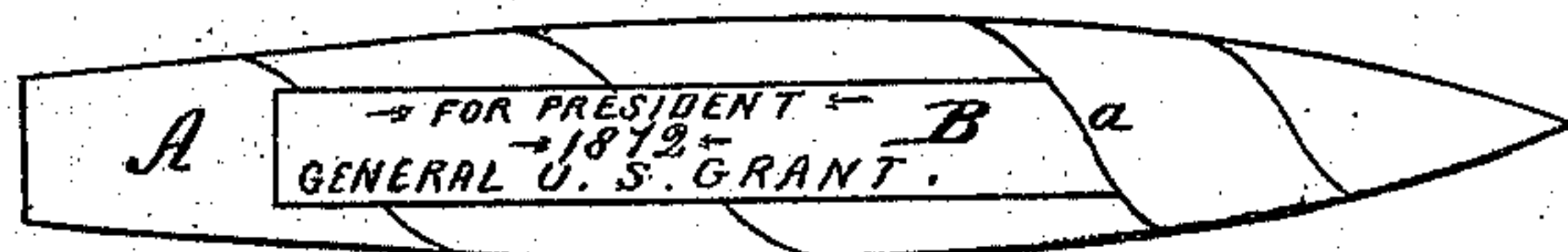


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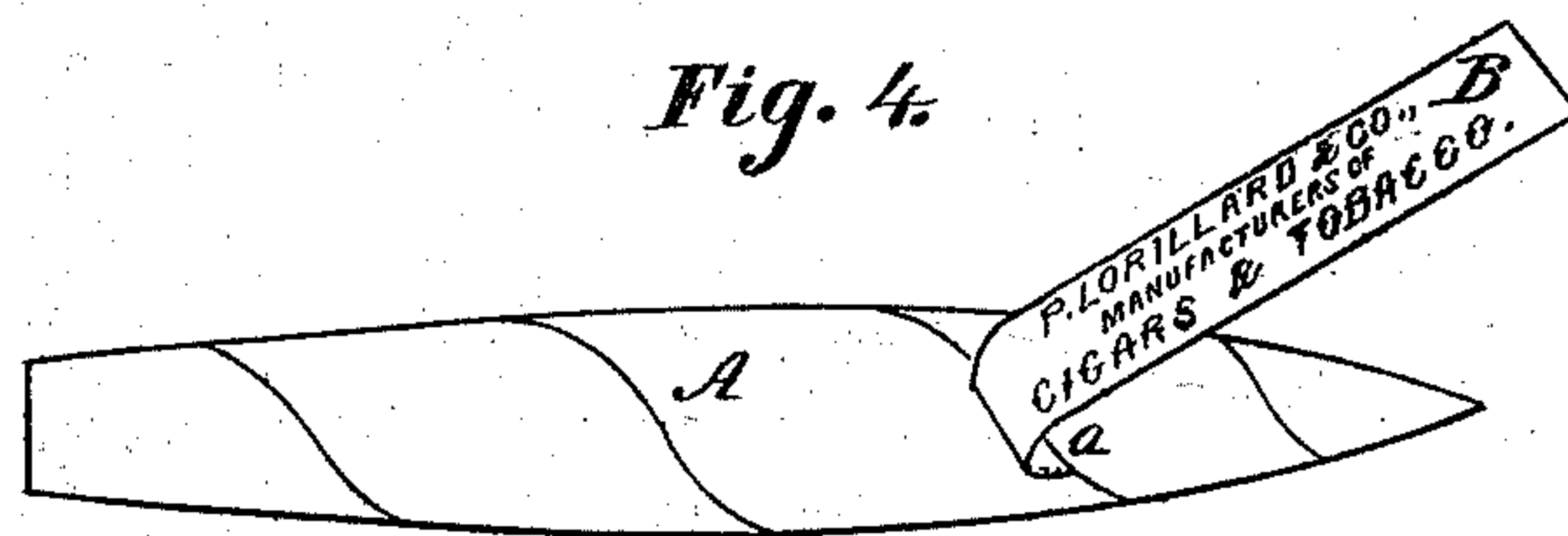


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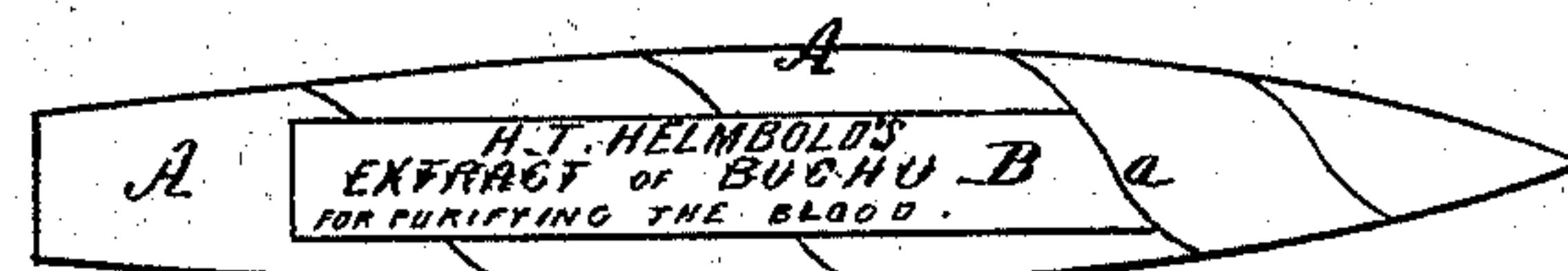
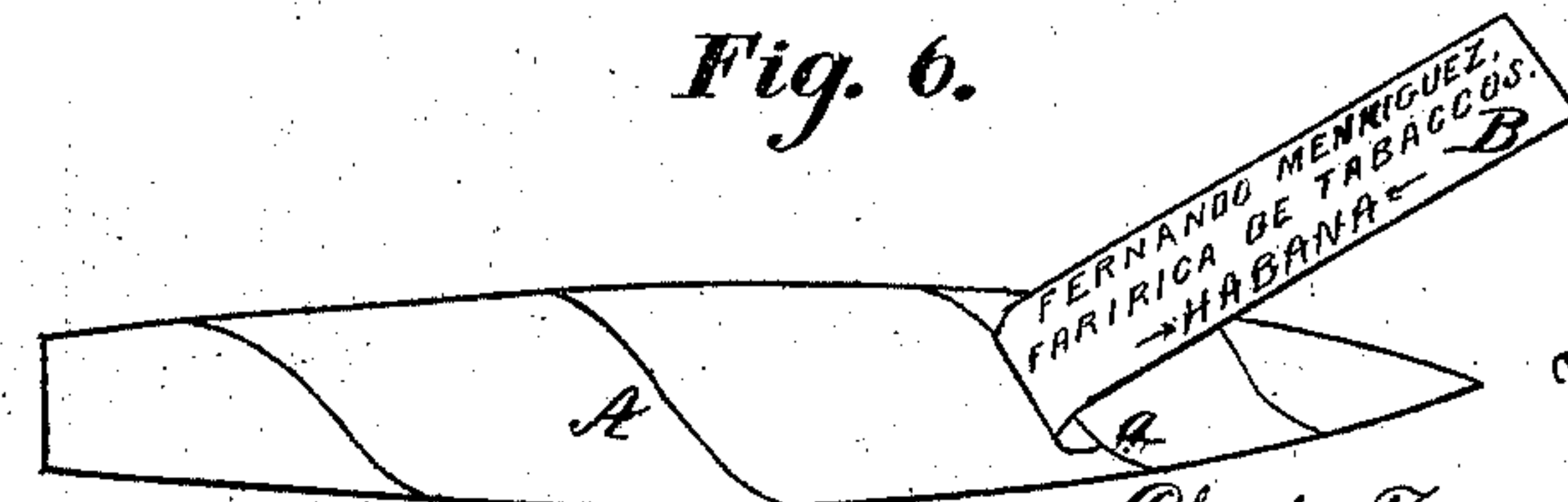


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IMPROVEMENT IN REVENUE-STAMPS FOR CIGARS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 131,693, dated September 24, 1872.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES FEDERICI-MARTORANA, a subject of the King of Italy and now residing at Baltimore, in the county of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented a new and useful Improvement, being a Revenue and Advertising Cigar-Stamp, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists in the attachment to a cigar, while it is being finished in its manufacture, of a revenue-stamp and advertising-slip, which, when the cigar is finished, is firmly connected to the same in such a manner that the removal of said strip from the cigar will cancel the stamp.

This revenue-stamp may also serve as an advertising medium in having one surface contain or bear the device for a revenue-stamp, while the other may bear any advertisement, trade-mark, or other device, as may be desired; or the entire strip may be used for one or the other purpose separately.

In the accompanying drawing, Figures 1, 3, and 5 represent cigars having such stamp attached and lying flat against the body of the cigar, thus showing one surface of the stamp-strip; and Figs. 2, 4, and 6 are similar views, the strip being turned back so as to show the other surface.

A in the drawing represents a cigar, from under one of the folds *a* of the wrapper of which protrudes a stamp-strip, B, made of paper or any other suitable material, but preferably paper, as this will tear or burn, and thus the stamp can be easily canceled. This stamp-strip may be firmly attached to the cigar under one of the folds of the wrapper of the same, while it is being manufactured, by means of the same paste which is used in securing the tip of the wrapper in forming the point of the cigar, or by applying a strip previously gummed; but I do not confine myself to attaching the stamp-strip at one end only, as I may so roll the strip over the cigar with the wrapper that only one face of the same is visible, the two ends being held under opposite folds of the wrapper in such a manner that a portion of the stamp-strip is only visible, but that the same cannot be removed without spoiling both stamp and cigar; or the stamp-strip may be so arranged that it can be removed without destroying it and the cigar, but that it is destroyed by the lighting of the cigar. In fact, the stamp-strip can be ar-

ranged in many different ways without departing from the spirit of the invention. The surface or surfaces of the strip B may be provided with any suitable device or imprint, or other marks and signs indicative of the value of the revenue-stamp; or the brand, quality, or price of the cigar; or it may be used for advertisement or electioneering purposes, as clearly shown in the drawing. In using the strip only for advertising it can be secured between the wrapper of the cigar without pasting it, as above described for internal-revenue stamp.

The advantages of my invention are that the revenue is extended to every cigar separately, and that the consumer is made the canceler of the stamp thereof, and its universal use would increase the revenue from this source to the Government to an amount much more than double that now derived from stamping the box, in which it is impossible to prevent fraud; but, by my improvement, each cigar carries with it the evidence of the proper tribute having been paid to the Government.

Another great advantage of my invention is that the price or value of the cigar is also indicated by the amount of the stamp, so that while the invention serves as a means for collecting the revenue it also serves as a means of determining the brand and price of the cigar, and affords great facility to the consumer in asking for the particular brand by the number or the stamp thereof.

As a means of advertising it is universal, cheap, convenient, and attractive, and enters into every place, and at all hours of the day and night—the cigar being an article of constant and universal use by all classes of the people.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A revenue-stamp or advertising-label attached to a cigar, substantially in the manner and for the purpose described.

2. A revenue-stamp and advertising-slip secured to a cigar, as described.

The above specification of my improvement, being a revenue and advertising cigar-stamp, signed this 19th day of June, A. D. 1871.

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