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Cigar-Tuck Protector.

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Fig. 1.

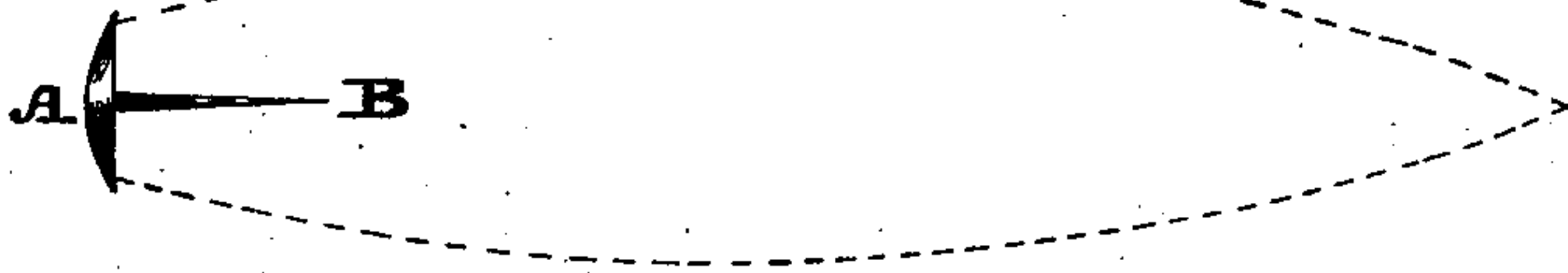


Fig. 2.

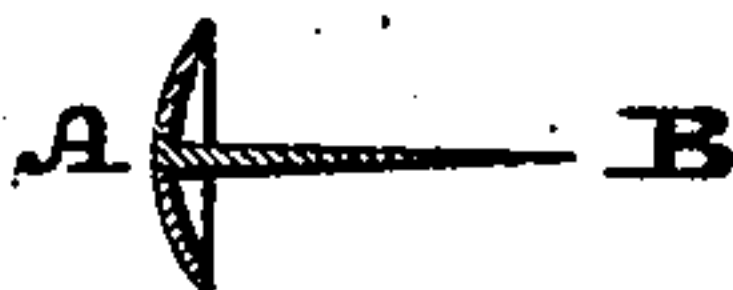


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CIGAR-TUCK PROTECTORS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GUSTAV E. GUMPERT, of the city and county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Cigar-Tuck Protectors, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the protector embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section thereof. Fig. 3 is a face view thereof.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

It is well known that the tucks of cigars often break in transportation and handling, and the value of the cigars is accordingly impaired.

My invention has for its object the protection of the tucks; and it consists of a disk fitted to the tuck of the cigar, so as to provide a guard therefor. The disk overlaps or overhangs the edge of the tuck, and completely envelops said edge, whereby the edge is protected from thrusts or strain in both the longitudinal and transverse directions of the cigar.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a disk, and B a pin projecting centrally therefrom. The pin is inserted into the cigar at the tuck thereof, so that the disk comes in contact with the tuck. This provides a guard for the tuck, the disk receiving blows and strain that otherwise fracture and break the cigar.

The circumferential edge of the tuck is overlapped or overhung by the disk, so that said edge is enveloped or covered, both from in front and laterally. Consequently, while the cigar is being carried in a bag, box, or pocket, thrusts, blows, or pressure on the front end of

the same will be harmlessly exerted on the disk instead of the tuck, which, being isolated, as it were, will not be crushed or broken.

The outer face of the disk may be curved, so as to increase the strength of the disk, ward off blows, and prevent crushing in of the tuck.

The protectors are applicable to cigars packed in boxes or carried in the pockets or elsewhere, and when they are not required they may be readily removed.

It will also be noticed that as the pin penetrates the tuck end of the cigar the opening thus formed cases the operation of lighting the cigar.

If desired, the name of the manufacturer and brand, size, and other feature of the cigar may be stamped or otherwise marked on the disks.

I am aware that it is not new to apply fulminates or lighting means to the tucks of cigars by means of stems which enter the cigars; but the materials of which the fulminates are composed are not of a nature or construction to protect the tuck; hence I disclaim the same.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with a cigar, of a protector for the tuck thereof, the same consisting of an edge overhanging disk A and an attaching-pin, B, combined and operating substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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