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Cigarette-Package.

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Fig. 1.

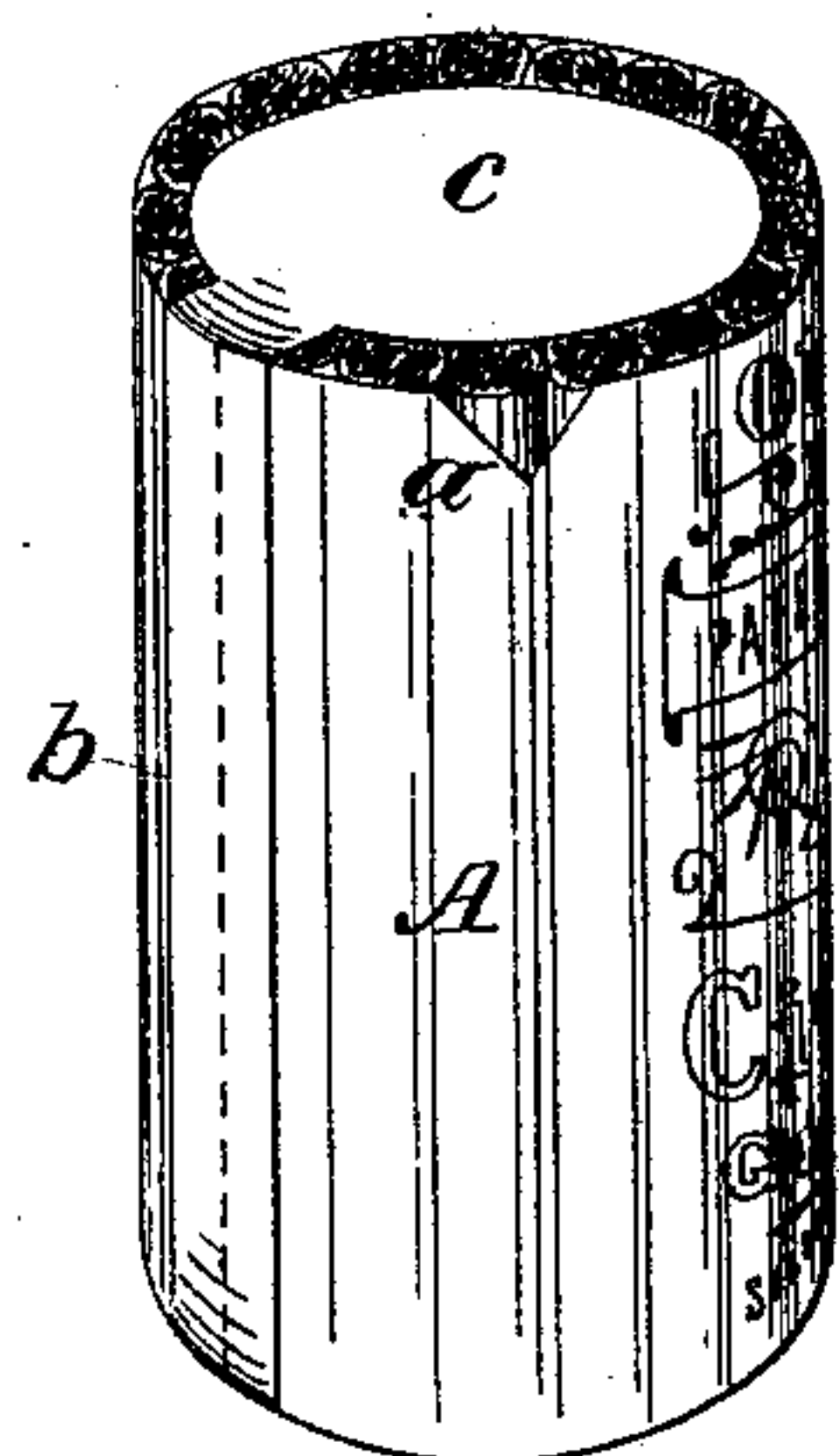


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

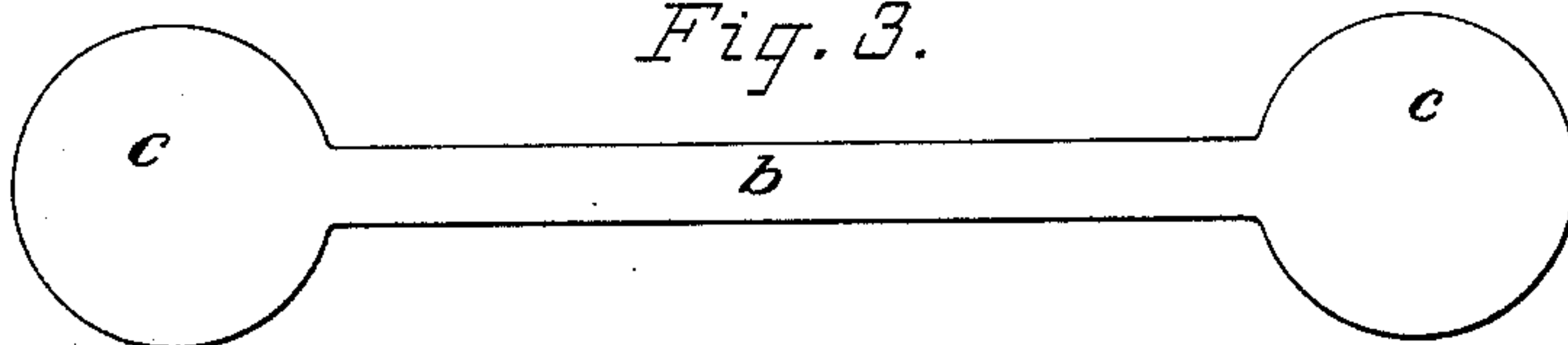
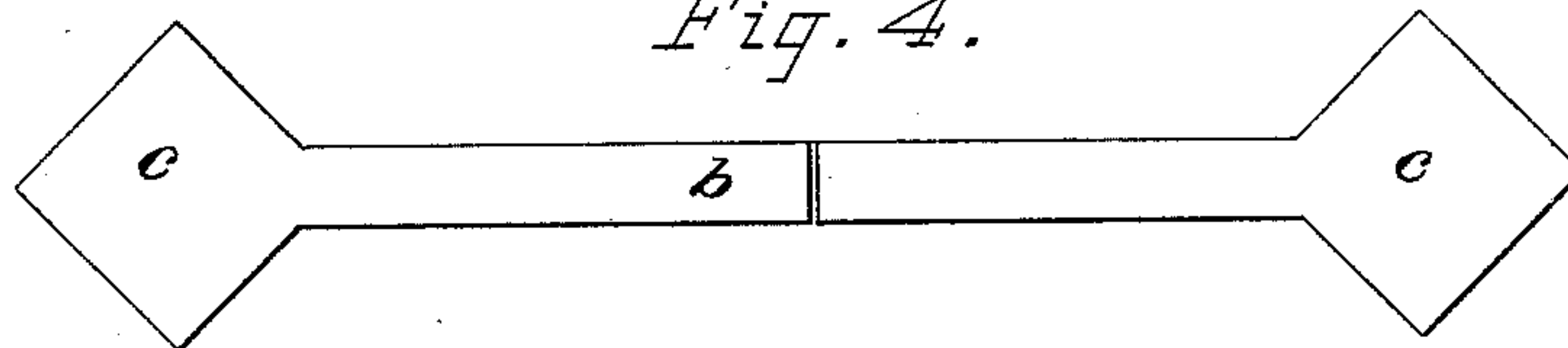


Fig. 4.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CIGARETTE-PACKAGES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES G. EMERY, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Packages for Cigarettes, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to the wrapper or receptacle which surrounds a bundle of cigarettes, and serves to form a package of them for the convenience of the trade and the consumer; and the invention consists in a strip of paper or some other suitable material, of peculiar shape, arranged to cover the folded bottom of the package-wrapper, to re-enforce and strengthen the side lap and joint, and to form a free flap to protect the otherwise exposed ends of the cigarettes at the top.

In the drawings, Figures 1 and 2 are perspective views, showing a package of cigarettes illustrating my invention, the former showing the top and the latter the bottom of the package. Figs. 3 and 4 show different forms of the strip.

Let A represent a wrapper for a cigarette-package, open at the top so as to expose the ends of the cigarettes, closed up and down the side by a lap of the edges, and folded or tucked over the ends of the cigarettes at the bottom.

In the ordinary construction of these packages, paste or gum is used to close the side joint or lap; but the bottom is simply tucked in. This envelope is usually made of a depth equal to the length of the cigarettes, so that they will be flush at the top, and the latter are packed in so closely that it is quite difficult to withdraw one. To remedy this I cut a scallop or indentation, *a*, in the upper edge of the envelope, which enables the consumer to readily remove one or two cigarettes, after which the rest are loosened and may be readily got out.

A piece or pieces of paper are cut to approximate the shapes shown in Figs. 3 and 4, having a narrow central strip, *b*, and enlargements *c c* at the ends. One enlargement is pasted or gummed down over the tuck in the bottom, to secure it and improve the finish, the strip *b* is gummed or pasted up the side of the package, and preferably over the lap, (which is indicated by dotted lines,) and the other enlargement is folded over the top to form a free hinged flap to protect the otherwise exposed

ends of the cigarettes, but not to prevent or obstruct their free expulsion or removal.

I prefer to make the strip *b* and enlargements *c c* of one piece of bright-colored paper; but this is not essential. They may be of separate pieces and of different colors, so long as they serve the purposes intended. The enlargements may be of any desired configuration, round—square, oblong, notched, &c. In some cases it may be preferable to make the strip *b* as wide, or nearly as wide, as the ends.

The strip and flaps provide a surface for printing on, if it is desired to do so.

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

1. In an improved cigarette-package wrapper or envelope, a side strip of paper or other similar material, pasted or gummed to extend from top to bottom and connect with a free flap over the top and a flap gummed over the tuck in the bottom, substantially as set forth.

2. An improved receptacle for cigarettes, consisting of the ordinary tubular wrapper or receptacle, having a tucked bottom, with the addition of a strip of paper or other similar material pasted or gummed thereon to extend down the side or sides and across the tuck in the bottom, substantially as set forth.

3. An improved package-wrapper for cigarettes, having a strip extending up the side and gummed or pasted over the lap or joint, and connected with or forming a part of a free flap over the top, arranged to protect or cover the exposed ends of the cigarettes, substantially as set forth.

4. An improved package-wrapper for cigarettes, having a strip, *b*, gummed or pasted down over the lap or joint in the wrapper, with terminals or prolongations *cc*, one of which is gummed or pasted over the bottom tuck or fold, and the other of which is left to fold freely over the exposed ends of the cigarettes, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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