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Fig. 1.

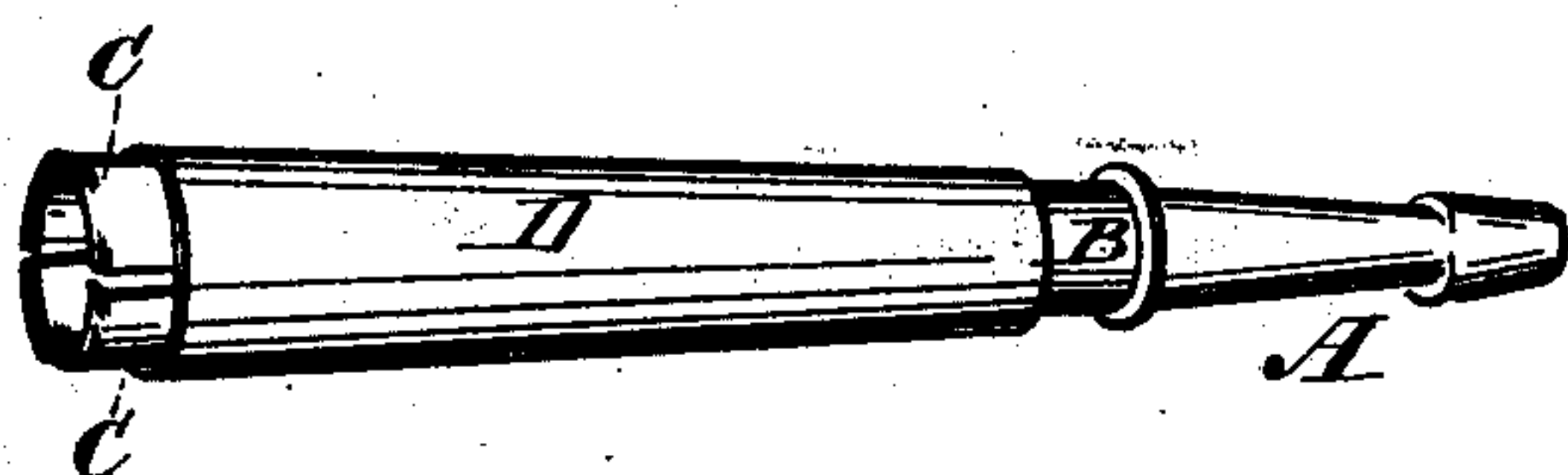
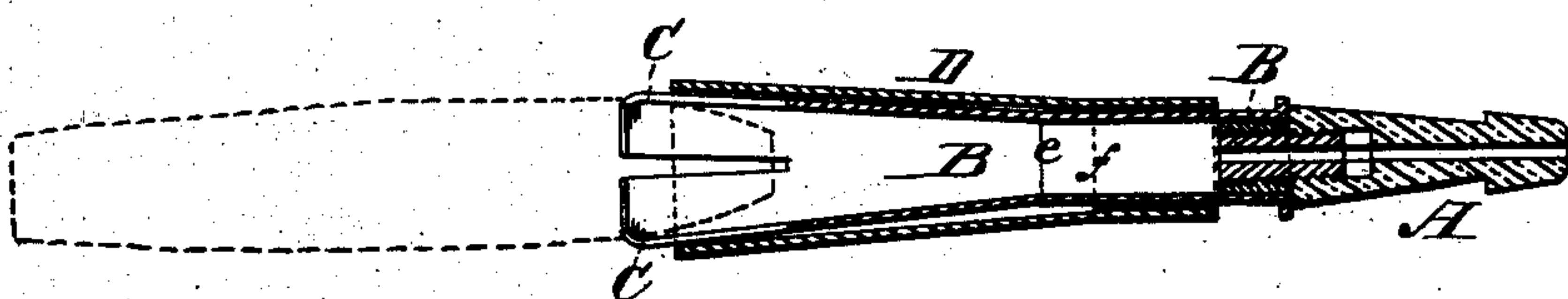


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY A. STONE, of the city of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar and Cigarette Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, that will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to a device for holding cigars or cigarettes while being smoked.

The invention consists in a novel construction of the cigar-holding tube and of a sleeve arranged to slide thereon, whereby provision is made for readily inserting the end of the cigar or cigarette and for holding it securely without injuring the wrapper, and also for accommodating the holder to the cigars and cigarettes of various sizes.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device embodying my improvement. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section of the same.

A represents a mouth-piece of amber or any other suitable material.

B is the cigar-holding tube, and D is a sleeve arranged to slide thereon, which two parts may be made of metal, hard rubber, or any other suitable material possessing a sufficient degree of elasticity.

The mouth-piece A is attached to the holder B in the usual or any suitable manner.

The outer end of the holder B is divided into branches C, for grasping the end of the cigar or cigarette, said branches being elastic, in order to allow them to yield, so as to accommodate themselves to cigars of various sizes. The extreme end of each branch C is turned inward very slightly, so that all the branches will grasp the cigar after the manner of claws, but without breaking or injuring the wrapper. The cigar-holding tube B is tapered inward from the claws C to the point designated by the line *e*, and from said line *e* to the point of attachment of the mouth-piece it is cylindrical.

The sleeve D is tapered inward from its outer

end to the point designated by the line *f*, and from said line *f* to its rear or inner end it is cylindrical. Thus it will be seen that the cylindrical portion of the sleeve D is shorter than the cylindrical portion of the holder B, so that provision is made for allowing the sleeve to slide longitudinally on the holder, and at the same time remain air-tight, as the cylindrical portion of the sleeve fits tightly on the cylindrical portion of the holder.

The diameter of the outer end of the sleeve D is smaller than that of the circle described by the claws or branches C when they are expanded, so that when the sleeve is moved backward the branches are free to expand or spring outward to receive the end of the cigar. Then by sliding the sleeve forward the claws or branches are compressed simultaneously, so as to clamp the cigar on all sides and hold it sufficiently tight without bruising it.

By the construction and arrangement of parts above described the holder may be expanded so as to receive the end of a large cigar, or compressed so as to firmly hold a small cigar or cigarette.

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

1. The combination, with the mouth-piece A, of the holding-tube B, having spring-arms C and the sliding sleeve D, said holding-tube and sleeve having corresponding cylindrical portions, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination of a mouth-piece with a holding-tube provided at one end with spring-arms, and with a sleeve similar in form to said holding-tube, adapted to slide thereon and compress said spring-arms, said holding-tube and sleeve being formed with closely-fitting cylindrical portions, whereby a practically air-tight joint is afforded between said portions at any point of adjustment, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of November, 1880.

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