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Fig: 1

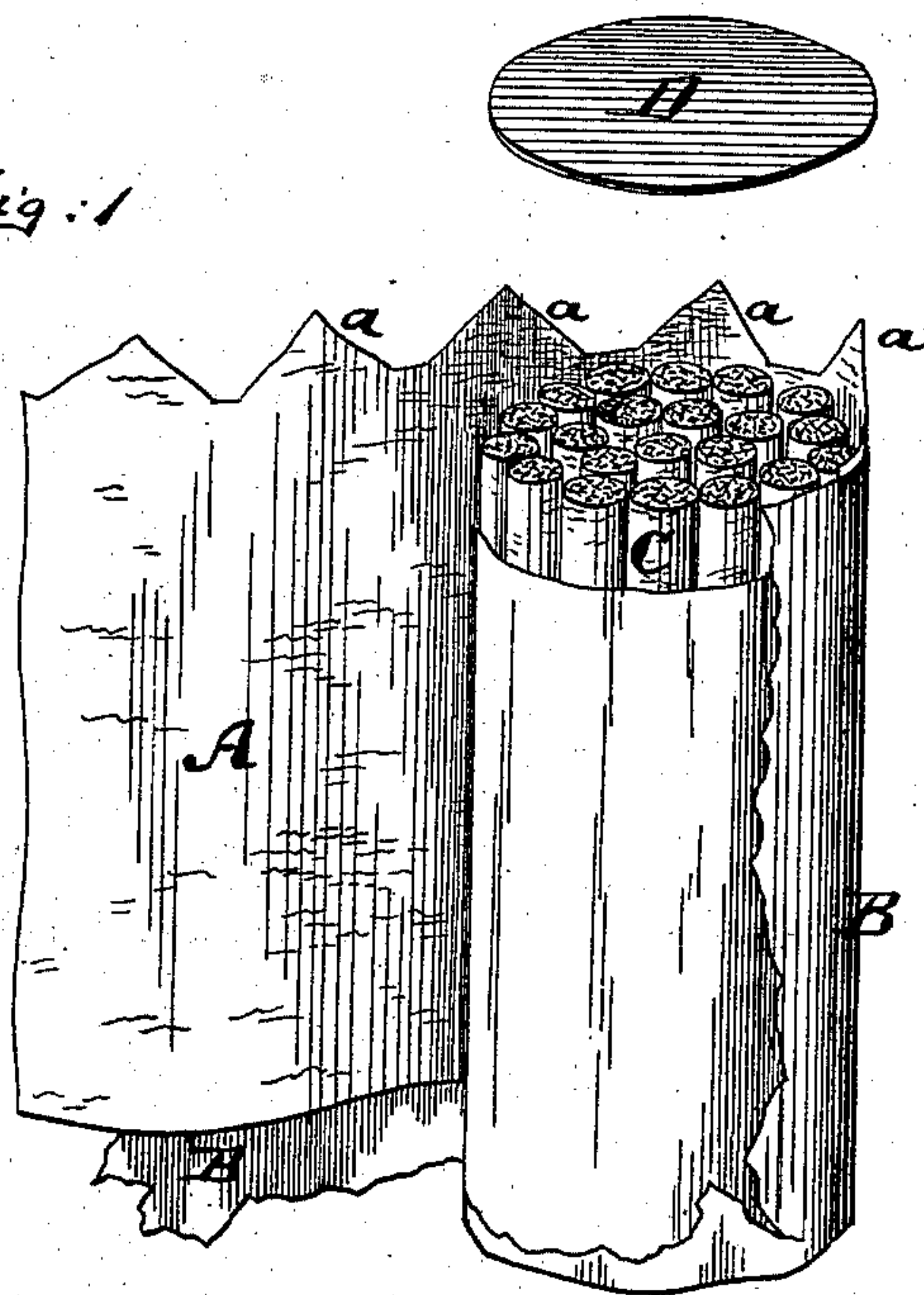


Fig: 2

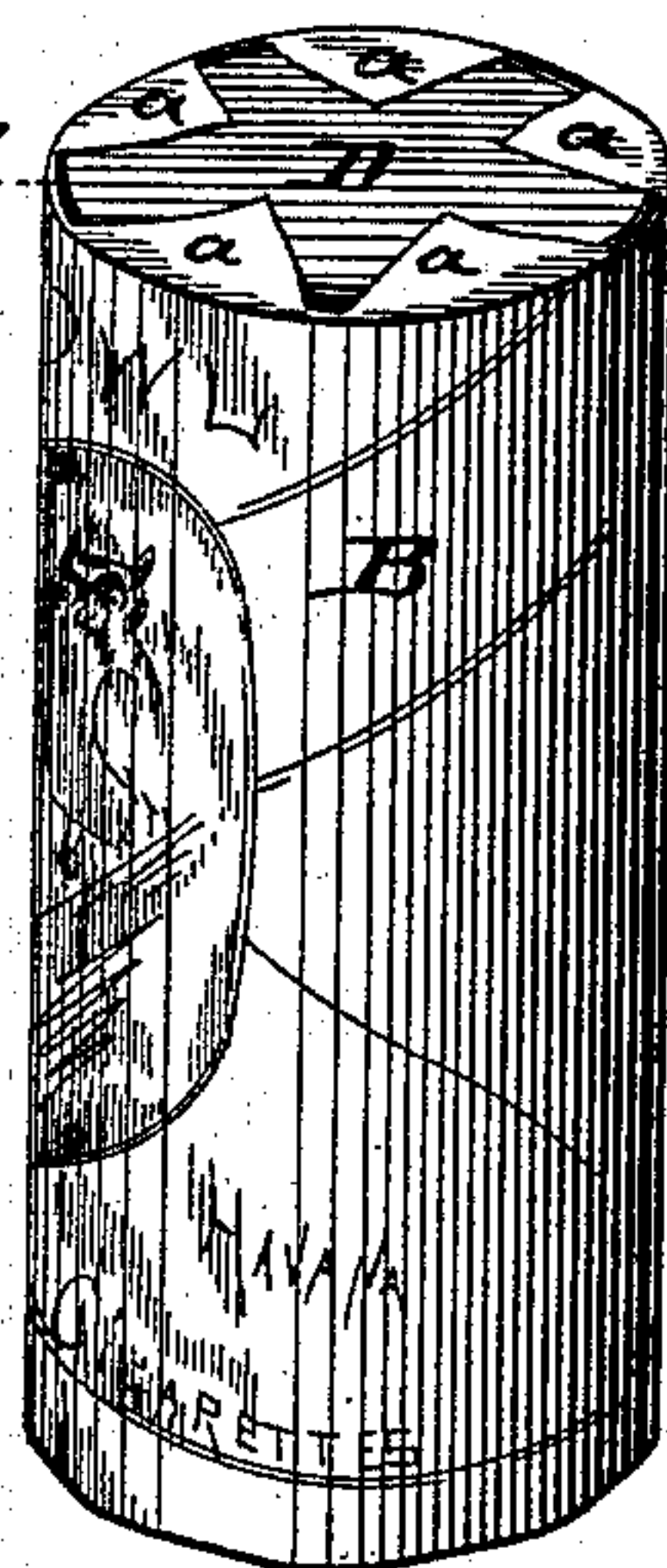
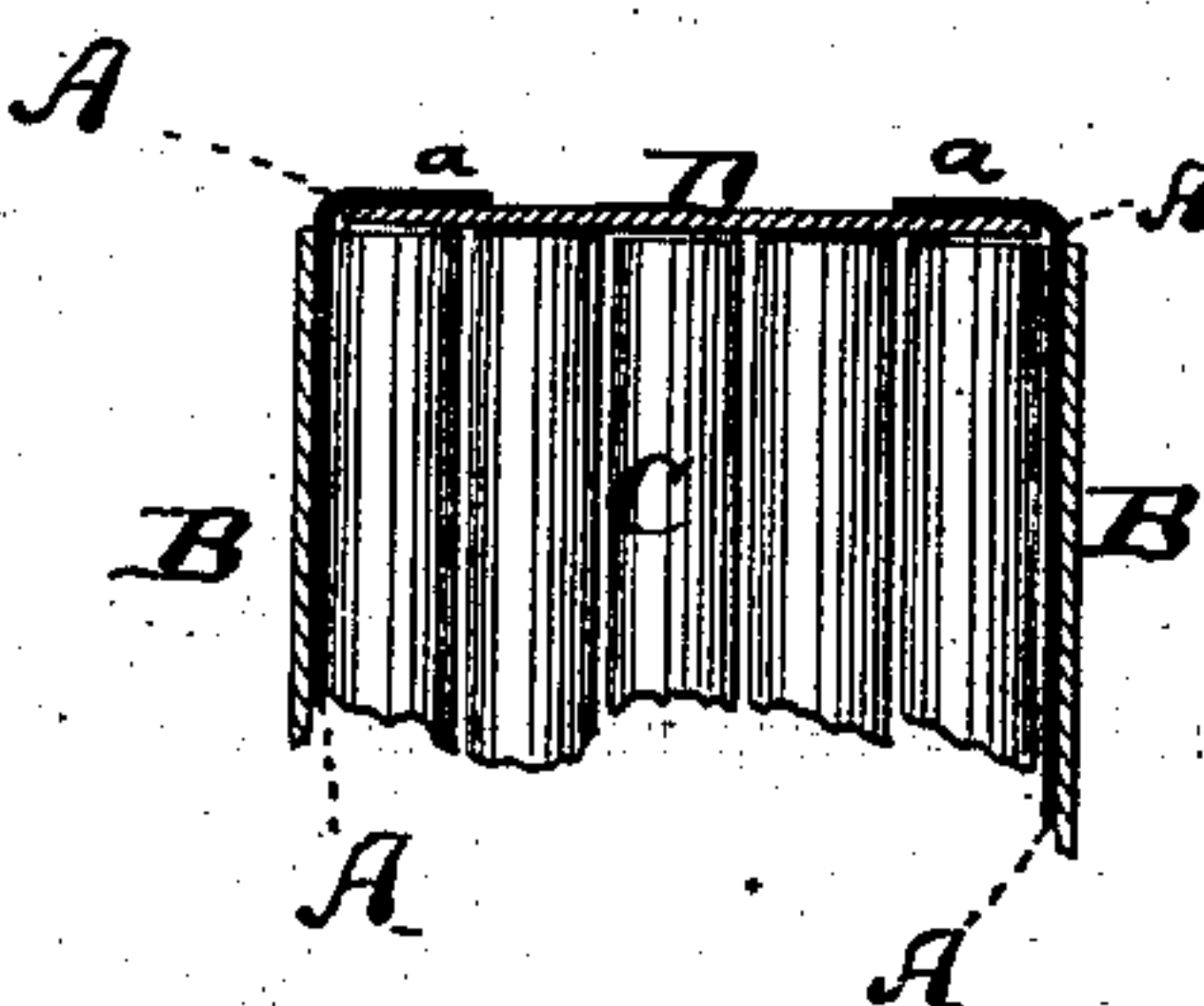


Fig: 3



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## CIGARETTE-PACKAGE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN STRAITON, of Bay Side, in the county of Queens and State of New York, have invented an Improved Package for Cigarettes, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved package, showing it partly opened. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same, showing it closed; and Fig. 3 is a central longitudinal section of the upper portion of the same.

Cigarettes have heretofore been packed in cylindrical packages that were constructed of paper or other material, and so made as either to leave the ends of the cigarettes entirely free for inspection, or so as to entirely conceal the same by a portion of the covering which was folded over the ends. In the former case the ends of the cigarettes, and the tobacco therein contained, were exposed to direct contact with the air, and liable therefore to become unduly dry, and upon handling the packages, or during transportation, this dry tobacco was apt to fall out, leaving the cigarettes open to the objection that whenever the consumer wanted to use them he would find one end of the paper tube nearly empty, besides finding the tobacco too dry. In the other case, where the covering was applied to the ends, the quality and color of the tobacco contained in the cigarettes was not open to inspection, unless their covering was first practically destroyed, which, unless the cigarettes were at once purchased after opening the wrapper, left the package in a mutilated condition, as the covering could not conveniently be replaced over the end of the package.

My invention seeks to obviate these difficulties by providing a detachable covering and means for holding the same in place. To this end my invention consists in providing the wrapper of the package that incloses the cigarettes with projecting spurs in such manner that they may be folded over a detachable piece of preferably stiff paper that is placed over the ends of the cigarettes in the package. The spurs will, when folded over this detachable cover, hold the same in place, but can be readily turned up to permit the temporary or permanent removal of said cover. Even for the consumer, after the package has been purchased, this cover will be very desirable, as it

will enable him to protect what cigarettes remain in the package, after some have been removed, from loss of tobacco and undue dryness. 55

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A represents the wrapper of the cigarette-package, which wrapper at one end, or, if desired, at both ends, has projecting spurs *a a*, of triangular or other suitable form. These spurs project beyond the length of the package when turned up, as indicated in Fig. 1. The wrapper A is preferably made of tin-foil, and inclosed, if desired, in an outer wrapper, B, of paper. But other suitable material for the wrapper A may be substituted, and the same may, if desired, be the outer covering of the package as far as the cylindrical walls thereof are concerned. C are the cigarettes inclosed in the package, and D is a detachable cover, made of more or less stiff paper or other suitable material, of circular form, for use on a cylindrical package; but for use on rectangular or other package the form of the cover D will, of course, be changed in corresponding degree. 75

In order to close the package after the covering A has been applied around the long side thereof, and while the spurs are still projecting in an upward direction, the cover D is put over the ends of the cigarettes, and the spurs *a* are then turned down upon said cover D, as is very clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The spurs now hold the cover D down in place, which prevents the loss of tobacco, and preserves the cigarettes fresh and moist. But when the cigarettes are to be inspected for any purpose it is very easy to turn the spurs *a* up, remove the cover D, inspect, and, if desired, take away some of the cigarettes, then replace the cover D, turn the spurs *a* back upon it, and restore the package to its original condition as far as the cover is concerned. 85

The invention above described is applicable, as already stated, to one end or to both ends of the package. 95

I am aware that paper boxes have had their bottoms immovably attached to their bodies by folding tongues that project from the bodies over the bottoms and gluing them fast. This I do not claim, nor would such a construction be useful in a cigarette-package which is to be reclosed after the tongues or spurs have been bent up to permit the removal of the cover and its replacement. 100



I claim—

1. A package for cigarettes, having a wrapping, A, with projecting spurs *a* thereon, and a detachable loose cover, D, all arranged so that  
5 said spurs *a*, when folded down upon said cover D, hold the same in place, but always permit its ready removal, substantially as herein shown and described.
2. A cigarette-package constructed of a  
10 wrapping-sheet, A, and of a detachable cover, D, all arranged so that said cover can be re-

moved without destroying the package, and held in place by means of turned-over projections on the wrapping A, substantially as specified.

The above specification of my invention  
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