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Fig. 1.

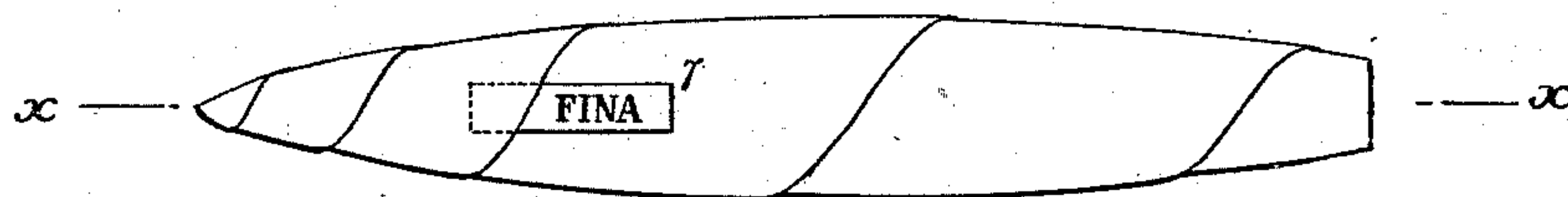


Fig. 2.

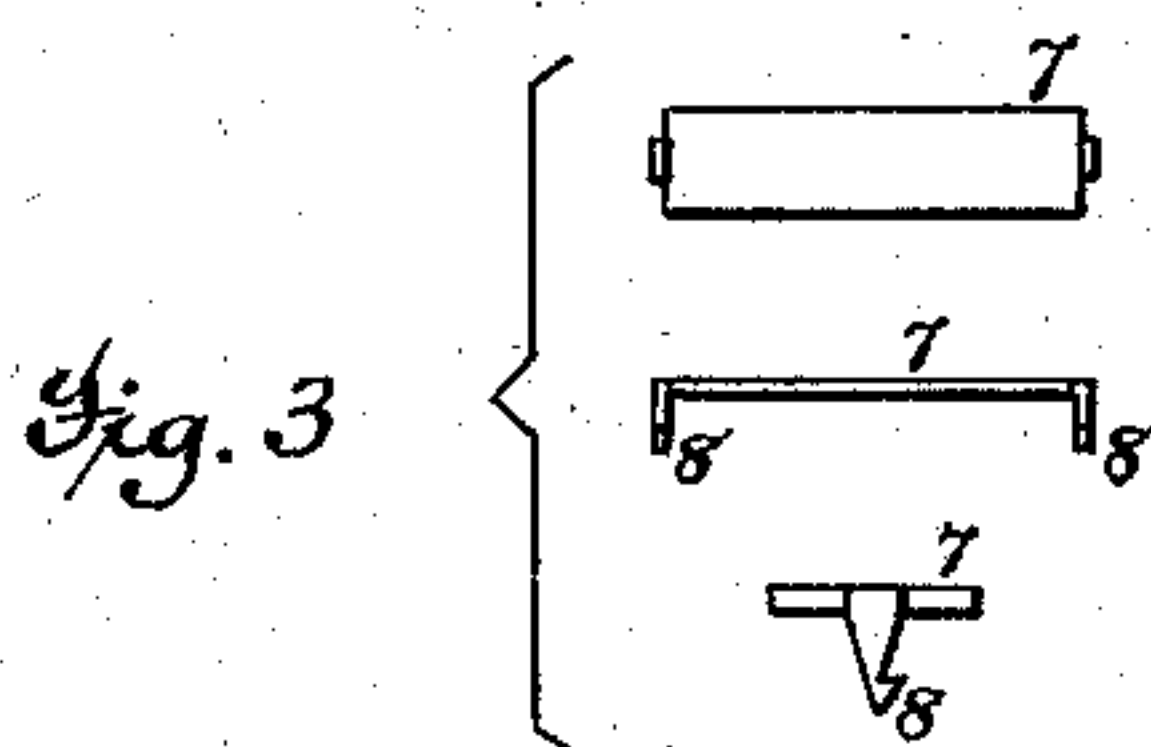
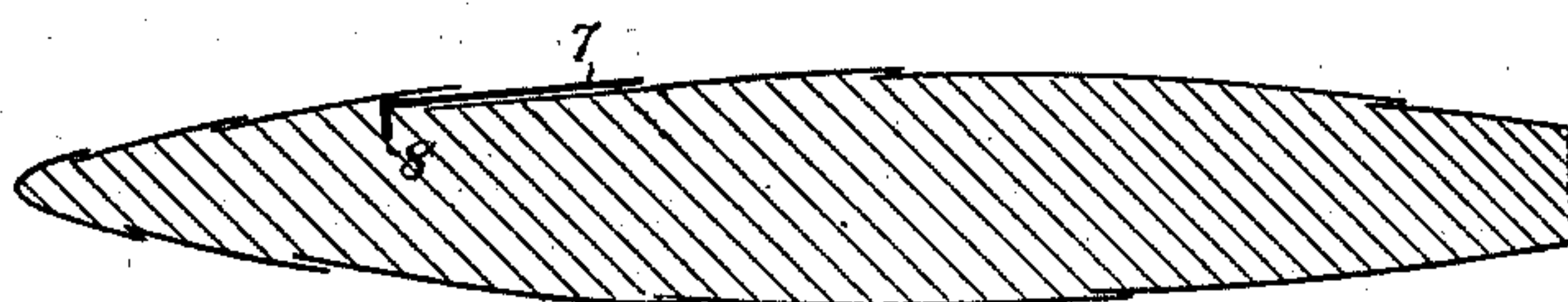


Fig. 5.



Fig. 6.

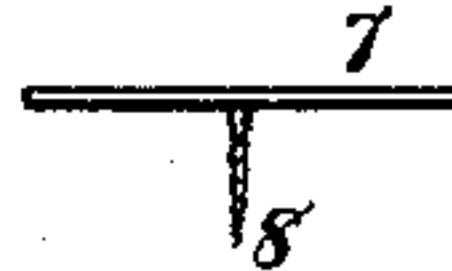
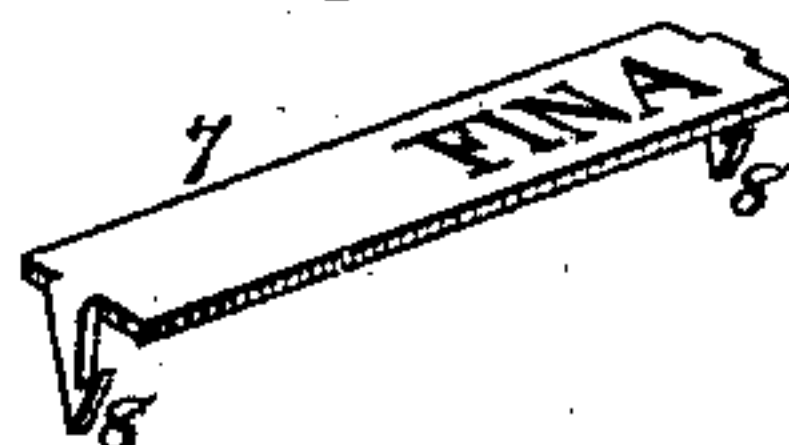


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that, I FRANCIS S. KINNEY, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of New Brighton, county of Richmond, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigars, fully described and represented in the following specification and the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the same.

Prior to my invention it was common to label cigars by means of a band of paper pasted together and slipped over the same, carrying a trade-mark, symbol, or word. This was expensive to make and apply, was liable to become detached and lost before the cigar was used, and was frequently removed from a superior and placed upon an inferior cigar in fraud of the manufacturer or dealer.

The object of my invention is to mark cigars by a device that is not liable to become detached or lost before the cigar is used, and which cannot be removed without injuring or destroying the cigar; and it consists in a cigar having a label attached thereto by means of one or more prongs pressed or forced through its wrapper, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a cigar with a label attached containing my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of the same on the line xx of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 represents a plan, a side, and an end elevation of one form of label and means of attaching to the cigar. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the same, and Figs. 5 and 6 represent modifications thereof.

As shown in the drawings, 7 is a label provided with one or more prongs, 8, projecting therefrom. Each prong may be barbed, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, or plain, as shown in Fig. 5, or screw-threaded, as shown in Fig. 6, or may be serrated, and should be made of sufficient size so that if the tag is removed the hole or holes left in the wrapper will destroy or seriously injure the cigar. For greater security it is preferable to provide each label with two prongs, one at each end, and to have them barbed, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. On account of cheapness I prefer to provide each

label with one prong at one end, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The prong, however, may be at or about the middle of the label, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6.

To attach the label provided with one prong at the end to the cigar, I prefer to press the prong into the cigar, so that a part of the label will rest on top of a part of the wrapper and a part of it beneath the wrapper, the latter being wound upon that part that is beneath after the prong has been forced into the cigar, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2. This mode of attaching the label necessitates the defacing or destroying of a part of the wrapper, if an attempt should be made to remove the label.

The label with one prong at the end may be attached to the cigar by pressing such prong into the same and through the wrapper.

The label with a prong either plain, barbed, screw-threaded, or serrated near the middle or at each end is attached to the cigar by pressing said prong or prongs into the cigar; or if a screw-threaded prong is employed near the middle of the label it may be screwed into the cigar. The label may be provided with more than two prongs constructed in any of the modes indicated, if desired.

These labels I prefer to attach near the end of the cigar opposite that to be lighted, so that they need not be removed to permit the cigars to be smoked without the fire touching them. They may, however, be attached to any part of the cigar desired.

The material of which I prefer to make the labels and their prongs is tinned iron, though they may be made of other material with their prongs sufficiently hard and strong to be pressed or forced into the cigars.

These labels may carry on their exposed faces any trade-mark, number, symbol, character, or word desired, which may be either sunken or otherwise placed upon them, and they may be ornamented in any desired manner.

By the use of my invention a label can be made and attached to a cigar at a very small cost, and which is not liable to be removed by any ordinary cause, and when removed a hole is left that prevents the cigar from drawing,

thus preventing the labels from being removed from cigars and used in fraud of the manufacturer or dealer.

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

A cigar having a label attached thereto by
means of one or more prongs pressed or forced
therein through its wrapper, substantially as
10 described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand in the presence of two subscribing
witnesses.

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