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Fig. 1.

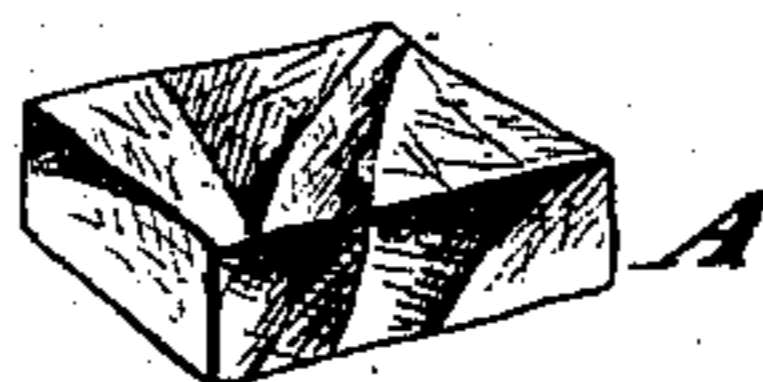


Fig. 2.

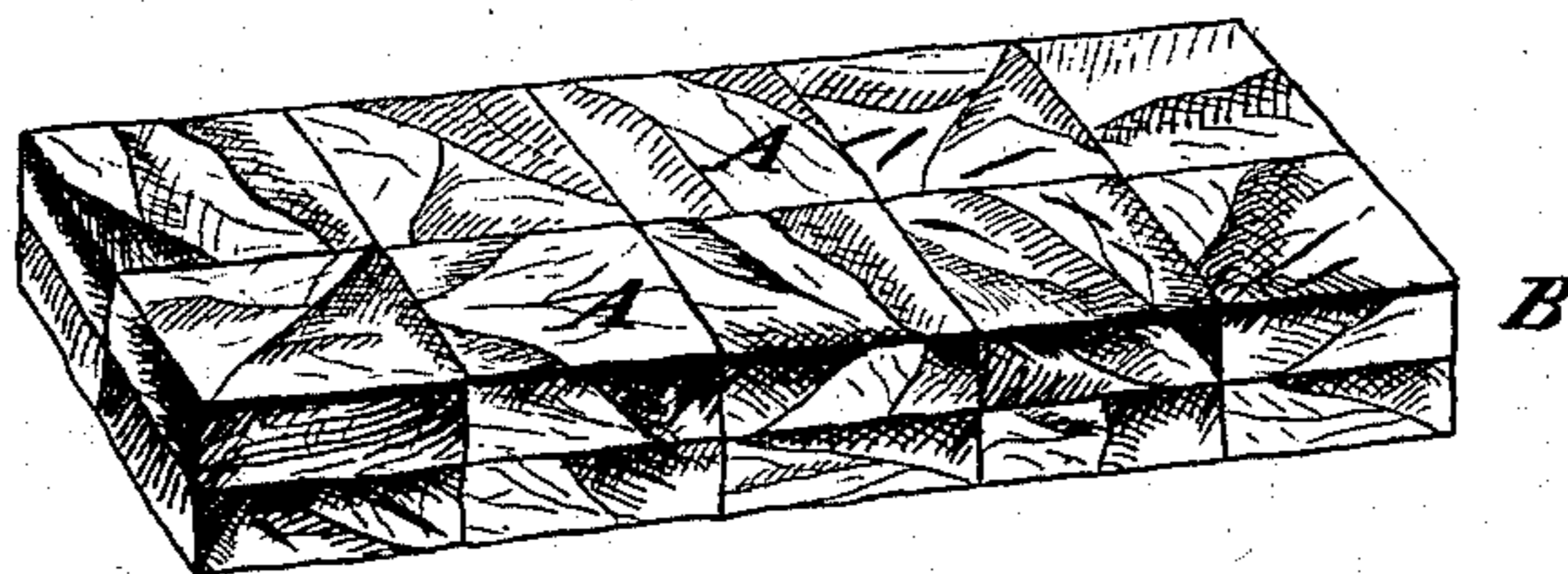
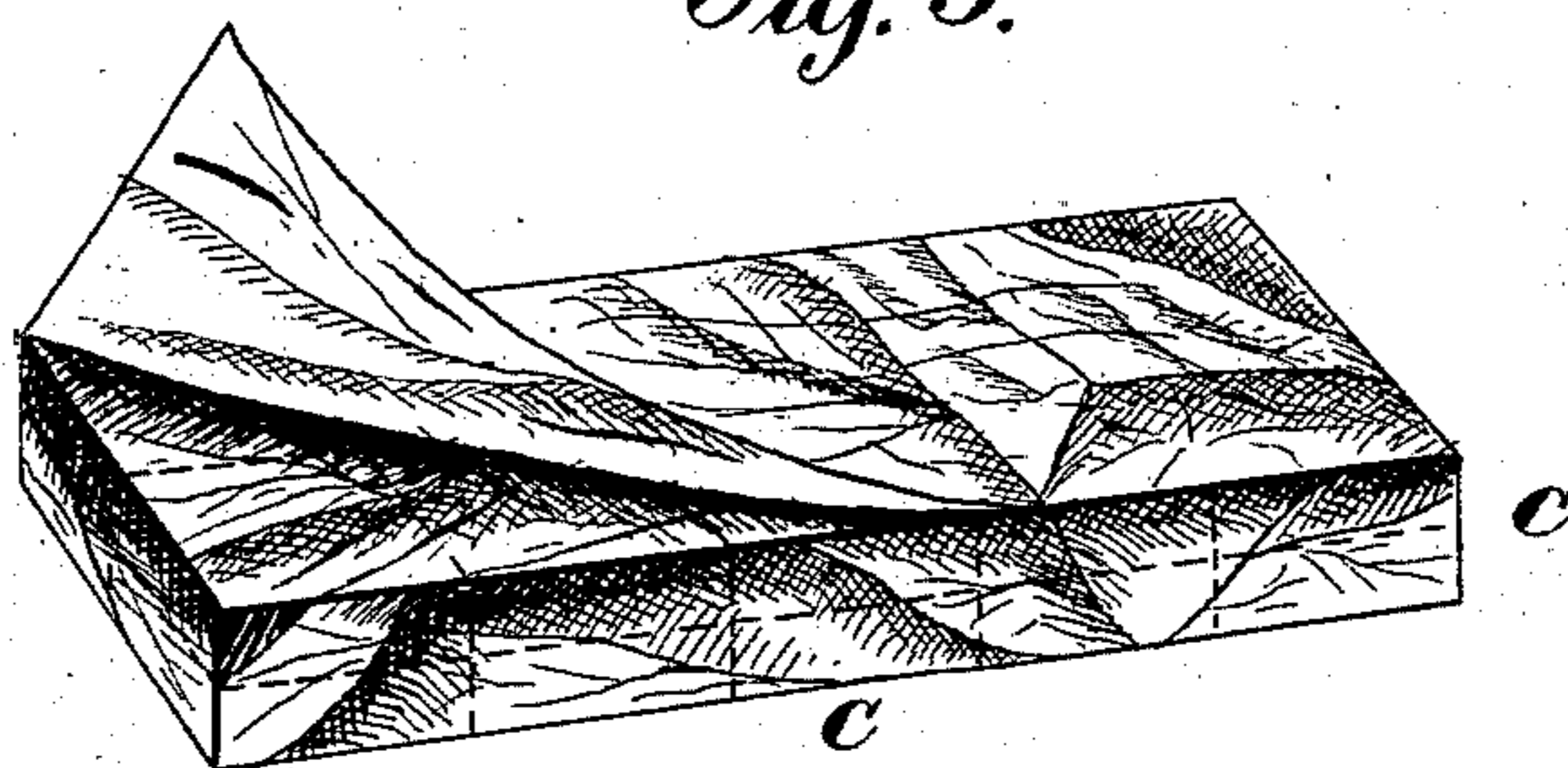


Fig. 3.



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PLUG-TOBACCO.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN NORBURN and CHARLES A. NORBURN, citizens of the United States, residing at Danville, in the county of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in the Manufacture of Plug Chewing-Tobacco; and we do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as 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 and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to an improved article of manufacture, consisting of a peculiarly-formed plug of tobacco, as more fully hereinafter set forth.

Our invention has for its object to provide certain means whereby plug-tobacco can be placed upon the market in such shape that while retaining its form of a plug of usual size it is readily separable into smaller quantities for convenience in use, as more fully hereinafter specified.

To this end our invention consists in forming, in any suitable manner, any desired number of small plugs of tobacco of suitable shape and of about the size of an ordinary chew, and in uniting these small plugs so as to form a single plug, and covering the same with a suitable wrapper, as more fully hereinafter specified.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of one of the small plugs of which our improved plug is formed. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view, showing a series of such small plugs as arranged previous to the application of the wrapper; and Fig. 3 represents a perspective view of the completed plug.

In carrying out our invention we take a quantity of leaf-tobacco, properly prepared in the usual manner for the manufacture of plug-tobacco—say about half a leaf. This is rolled or otherwise formed into a plug, A, and a number of such plugs—generally about twenty—are placed together in a suitable mold or form and subjected to sufficient pressure to cause them to adhere together and form a solid plug, B, with sufficient resistance to prevent the parts

from dropping asunder under ordinary circumstances, but still allow them to be separated when a slight strain is applied. After being thus compressed the wrapper C, which may be the natural leaf, or any artificial leaf, is applied in the same manner as the wrapper of ordinary plug-tobacco, and the plug is recompressed, which gives it its final finish.

It is evident that the small plugs of tobacco may be formed by cutting up larger plugs, and then uniting them, as before mentioned, without departing from the spirit of our invention, as the object of the invention is the convenience of the user in dividing the plug, which could be as well effected, if the plug were constructed of smaller plugs, by cutting as by forming such plugs primarily by rolling, molding, or otherwise.

We are aware that bars of tobacco have been formed of separate plugs and covered with a common wrapper, so that the plugs may be separated for retailing, and also that bars partially cut for the same purpose have been used; but these we do not claim.

We are aware that fine-cut tobacco has been mixed with mucilaginous substances and formed into wafers and lozenges, and also that fine-cut tobacco has been wrapped with tobacco-leaves and subjected to pressure, each approximating the size of a chew; and such methods are not sought to be covered in this application.

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

As an article of manufacture, a plug of tobacco for consumer's use, consisting of a number of small plugs approximating the size of a chew, pressed together and united, so as to form a single plug, and then covered by a suitable wrapper, and finally pressed to form an integral plug from which the smaller plugs may be readily separated, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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