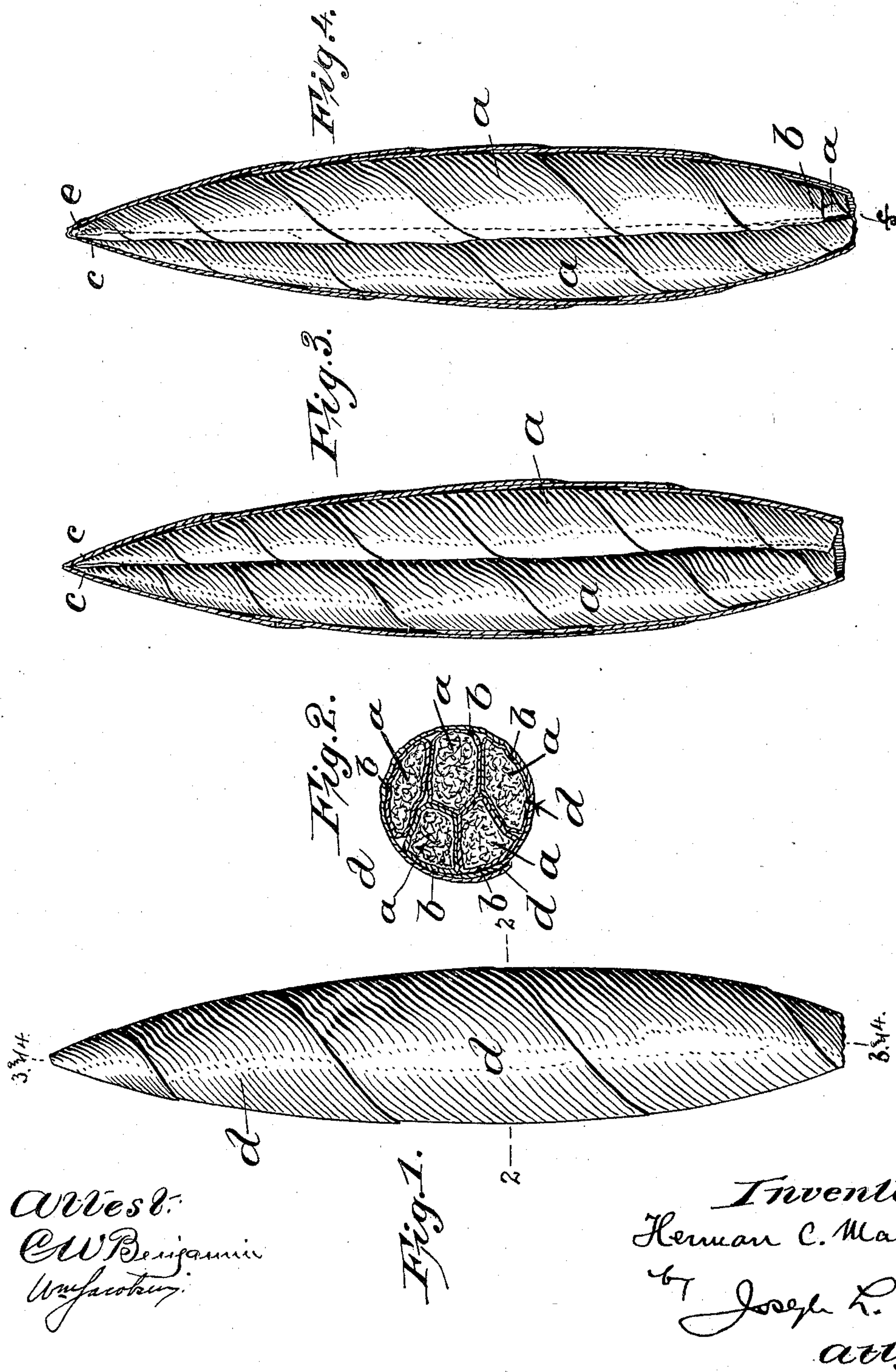


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMAN C. MAHRT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dayton, in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Packages for Cigars and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a novel package for cigars and the like, which is easily conformable to the cigar's shape and will preserve the freshness of the cigars and form a natural incasing medium therefor.

In the drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a plan view of the package complete. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation on the line 2 2, Fig. 1. Figs. 3 and 4 are each right and left hand longitudinal sections of the packages, disclosing the position of the contained cigars, taken on the lines 3 4, Fig. 1, Fig. 3 corresponding to the left-hand side and Fig. 4 to the right-hand side.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

In proceeding to carry out my invention I produce the cigars *a* of the desired shape, except that instead of forming the tip in the usual way I continue the wrapper *b* beyond the head of the cigar and pinch or roll it to a comparatively fine or attenuated extension, as shown at *c* in Fig. 3. By so doing the tips of the cigars form a conformable filling for the incasing wrapper.

When a sufficient number of cigars have been so produced and while still in the "fresh" or damp state, I cut from a leaf of tobacco of the desired size, which should preferably be of a tough, coarse, though elastic, texture, a wrapper *d*, corresponding in shape to the conventional wrapper of a cigar. The cigars are then ready to be incased. They are then taken in hand and laid, as in the example illustrated, lengthwise together, one of the cigars being extended farther forward than the others, bringing the tip of the extended one, as indicated at *e* in Fig. 4, in advance of the others and the "tuck" end *f* within the others. The object of this arrangement is to provide a filling for the casing at the tip and reduce the diameter of the

bunch of cigars at the butt or tuck end, so as to form the usual tuck shape at one end and the conformable filling of completed cigars at the tip. The bunch of cigars is then rolled in the wrapper *d* in the same manner as the cigar is rolled, commencing at the tuck end, making the tuck, the reduction in diameter of the bunch of aggregated cigars at this point, as before explained, allowing of the desired contraction, and continue the spiral rolling to form the tip of the casing, the tips of the contained cigars making the gradually-pointed filling therefor, as before described, the end of the wrapper being secured in the usual way, as with gum or the like, the exterior of each of the incased cigars partaking of a segment of the transverse configuration of the package. In this way I provide an incasing medium for a cigar or an aggregation of cigars which is easily conformable to the cigar's shape, will preserve the freshness of the cigars, and form a novel and natural incasing medium therefor much more superior to tin-foil, paper, or the like, and also providing a novel package and disposition of the cigars in bulk.

I do not limit myself to the configuration of the package illustrated, but prefer the same.

Having described my invention, I claim—

1. As a new package, the combination with a plurality of aggregated cigars, each complete in itself, and a sheet of tobacco spirally disposed about said aggregation, and partaking approximately of the form of a cigar, substantially as described.

2. The combination with an incasing medium consisting of a sheet of tobacco, of a plurality of cigars aggregated to form a bundle simulating a complete cigar, each of the contained cigars having those portions of their surfaces which are on the exterior conformed to sections of the configuration of the incasing medium, substantially as described.

3. A plurality of cigars aggregated to form a bundle simulating a complete cigar, each of the contained cigars having an attenuated tip, combined with an incasing medium consisting of a sheet of tobacco, said attenuated

tips forming a filling for the tip of the casing, substantially as described.

4. A plurality of cigars aggregated to form a bundle simulating a complete cigar, and an
5 incasing medium therefor consisting of a sheet of tobacco, one or more of the contained cigars being longitudinally staggered relatively to the others to form an extended fill-

ing for the tip end, and to reduce the diameter at tuck end, substantially as described. 10

Signed at Dayton, county of Montgomery, State of Ohio, this 19th day of August, 1896.

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