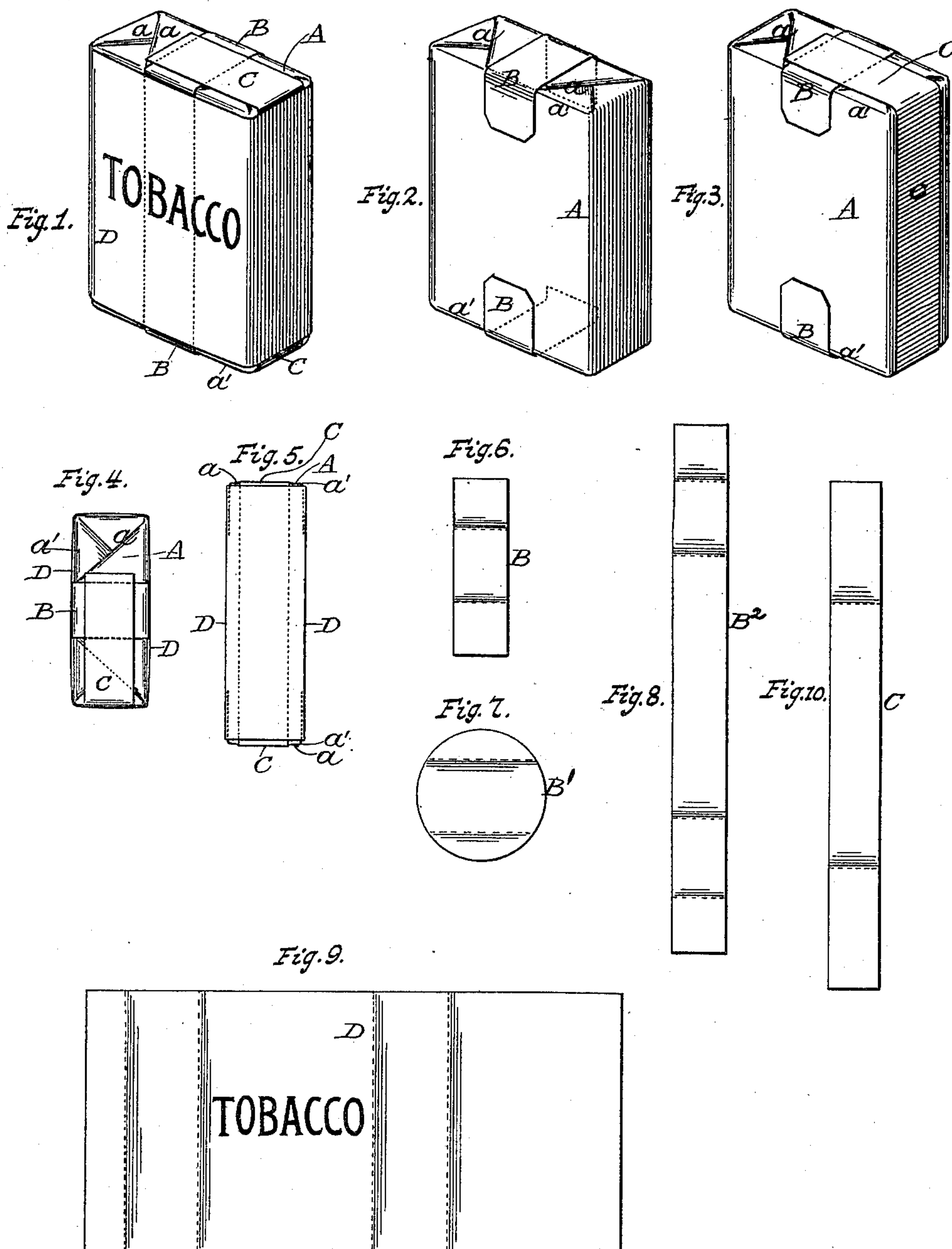


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANCIS SHIELDS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Albany, in the county of Albany and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Packages for Tobacco, of which the following is a specification.

One object of my invention is to combine a tin-foil wrapper, gum-paper seal, revenue-stamp, and outer label-paper wrapper, so that the ends of the tin-foil wrapper may be strongly closed without use of sealing-wax and the revenue-stamp be securely held applied to said wrapper by being cemented to the gum-paper seals, while the outer label-paper wrapper protects all portions of the body of the tin-foil wrapper and the seal and revenue-stamp thereon, excepting the end portions of the tin-foil wrapper and those portions of the seal and stamp which are cemented to each other and to the ends of the first wrapper.

Other objects and advantages will be clearly understood from the following description when taken in connection with the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a package of tobacco and illustrates the several elements embodied in the same. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the tin-foil wrapper when closed and sealed. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the tin-foil wrapper when closed, sealed, and having the revenue-stamp applied. Fig. 4 is an end view of the package when completed. Fig. 5 is an edge view of the same. Fig. 6 is a view of one modification of form of the gum-paper seal. Fig. 7 is a view of another form of said seal. Fig. 8 is a view of another form of the seal. Fig. 9 is a view of the outer paper wrapper with print of label omitted and before it is applied to the tin-foil, and Fig. 10 is a revenue-stamp.

The same letters of reference refer to same parts throughout the several views.

In the drawings, A is the inner wrapper, which comprises a sheet of tin-foil of size and proportions sufficient to inclose a given quantity of tobacco on all sides, edges, and ends with the latter folded and closed by foldings *a* and a suitable seal of gum-paper, which may have its outer side of any preferred color, while its inner or under side is coated with a suit-

able adhesive gum or cement adapted to adhere to the tin-foil of the inner wrapper when applied thereto and dry. These seals may be of any preferred form and dimensions, as illustrated, respectively, by B, B', and B<sup>2</sup> in Figs. 6, 7, and 8, and are applied and secured by cement to the sides of the tin-foil wrapper and the down foldings *a* of the ends of the same after said foldings have been turned down on the end-covering portion *a'* of the same, as shown in Figs 1, 2, and 3. These seals when made oblong, as shown in Fig. 6, may be of length sufficient to extend across the respective ends of the tin-foil wrapper from one side to the other and to a short distance on one or both sides of the body of said wrapper, as may be preferred, and when so applied and secured to the said end-folded portions *a* at the opposite ends of the package and to side portions *a*<sup>2</sup> by the cement provided the seals will securely bind the turned folded ends *a* close on the end portions *a'* of the tin-foil wrapper, as shown in Fig. 2. These seals may be made with circular form, as shown in Fig. 7, and be applied to the respective end portions of the tin-foil package in same manner as seal shown in Fig. 6. When the seals are made with a strip form, as shown in Fig. 8, they may be applied to the tin-foil package and secured to parts thereof by the cement provided, so as to bind both end foldings *a* on their respective end portions *a'* and have their middle portion run from one end folding *a* to the other in direction of the length of the package, as indicated by full and dotted lines in Fig. 1 and shown in Fig. 3.

C is a revenue tobacco-stamp, which is affixed to the tin-foil package by means of cement, as required by law, and has its opposite end portions turned upon the portions of the seals which are affixed by cement on the end foldings *a* of the tin-foil wrapper A and may have its body also secured on an edge portion of the said package by means of cement, if preferred or required.

D is the outer wrapper, made of paper, bearing on its outside any preferred label, trade-name, manufacturer's advertisement, and other matters preferred to be displayed on this outer wrapper and also notices which may be required by law to be printed on pack-



ages of tobacco. This wrapper is made with a length sufficient to allow it to inclose all sides and edges of the tin-foil-wrapped package and about or nearly as wide as the package is long, so as to protect the body portion of the tin-foil wrapper and middle portion of the revenue-stamp and the portions of the seals which may be secured to the side walls of the body of the tin-foil wrapper and at the same time leave exposed the two end portions of the revenue-stamp and portions of the ends of the tin-foil wrapper and the seals between the latter and the ends of the stamp cemented on said seals.

By my above-described improvements the tin-foil wrapper A constitutes a moisture-tight envelop, closing all sides and ends of the body of the tobacco in the package. The seals B, B', or B<sup>2</sup> are strongly cemented in place on the tin-foil and are made to bear relation to the down-folded portions *a a'* of the tin-foil wrapper of down-tying devices, while to the revenue-stamp they bear the relation of stamp-destroyers, and the outer wrapper D bears the relation of a protecting device to all portions of the tin-foil wrapper (except its ends protected by the seals) and to the downturned ends of the seals and middle portion of the revenue-stamp, so that access for removal of either the said seals B and the revenue-stamp cannot be effected without destruction of said wrapper D, while access cannot be had to the tobacco within the tin-foil wrapper without breakage of the paper of both the seals and the revenue-

stamp applied to the tin-foil wrapper, and thereby cause an effectual canceling of the revenue-stamp, so that it cannot be again used.

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

In a package for tobacco, the combination with the moisture-tight tin-foil wrapper A having its end-closing portions, comprising end foldings *a a'*, turned down as described, and seals applied and cemented to the said downturned end-folding portions of said wrapper and to portions of the sides of the said wrapper adjoining said downturned end-folding portions of the same, of revenue-stamp C cemented to the tin-foil of said wrapper and having its opposite end portions so cemented to the outer sides of the respective seals which tie down said end folding of the tin-foil wrapper that removal of the seals will destroy the stamp, and the outer paper wrapper D applied to the lateral sides and edges, all around said tin-foil wrapper and covering the middle portion of the revenue-stamp and the portions of the seals cemented on the lateral sides of the tin-foil wrapper, and leaving the respective end portions of the revenue-stamp and a portion of each end seal exposed to view, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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