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Fig. 1.

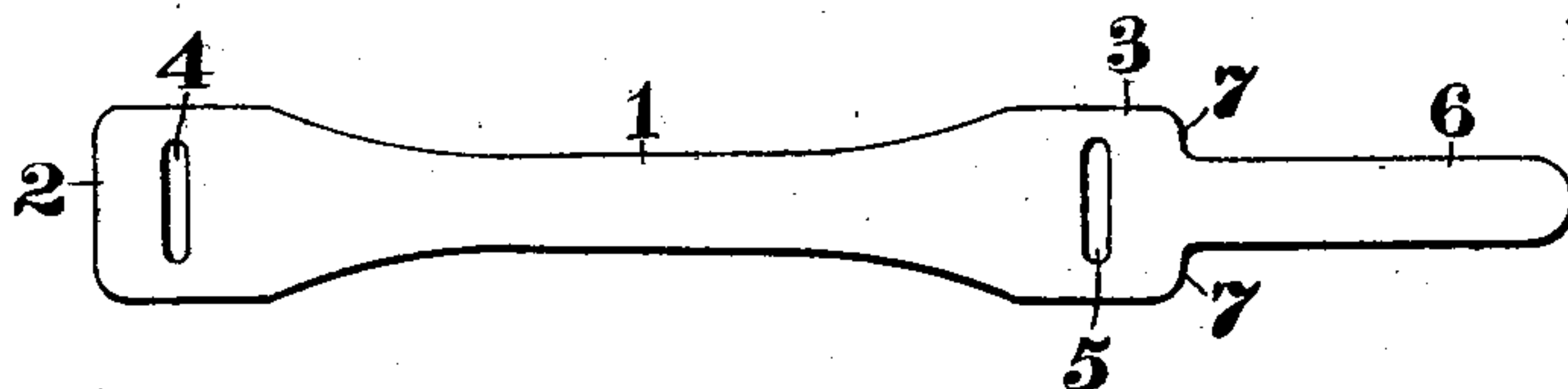


Fig. 2.

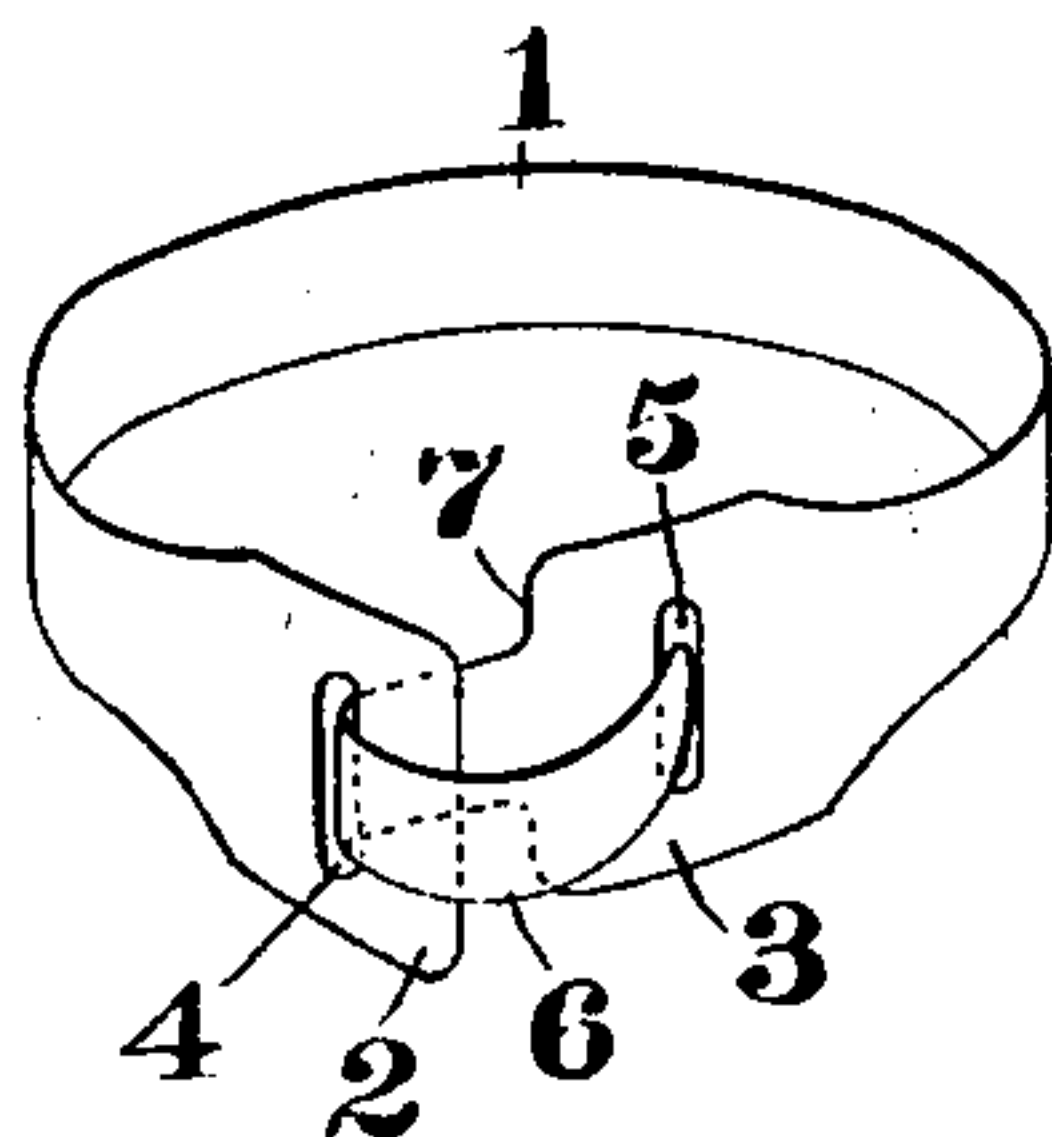
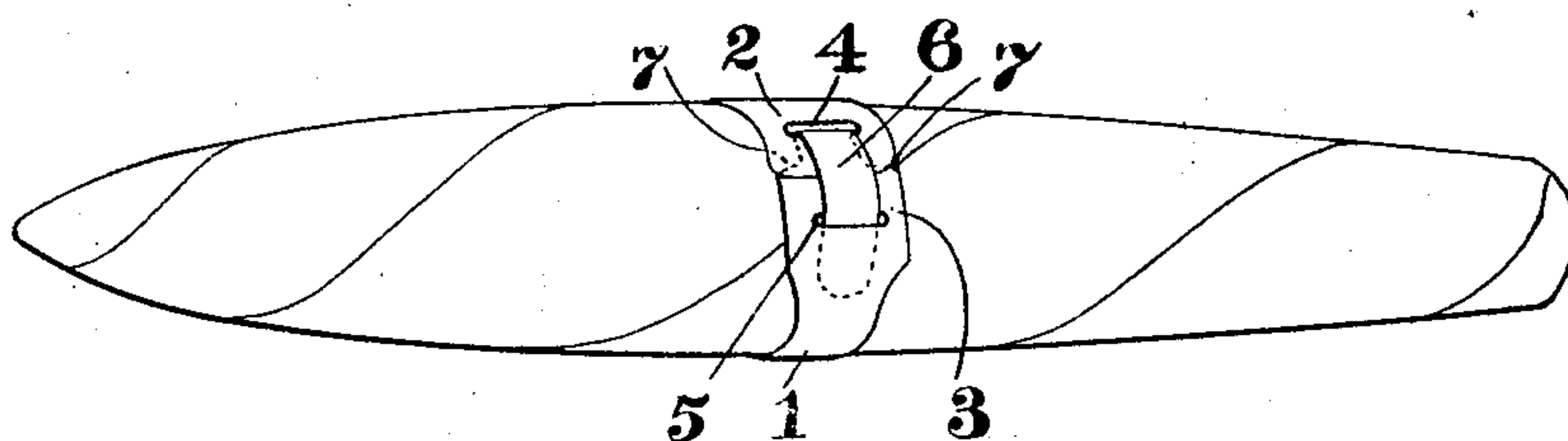


Fig. 3.



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## BAND FOR CIGARS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS ENGLEHARDT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Nashville, Davidson county, State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bands for Cigars, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to bands for cigars; and my objects are to provide a band for cigars which will be simple and inexpensive to make and capable of ready application to the cigars, and, further, to provide a band which will obviate the present necessity of using paste or other adhesive to stick the ends of the bands together, thereby avoiding many objections to the use of the present paste-secured bands. By the use of my improved band all these objections are avoided.

With the objects stated in view my invention consists in the improved band for cigars hereinafter described with reference to the accompanying drawings and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my improved band. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same, showing how the ends are secured together; and Fig. 3 is a view showing the band applied to a cigar.

Referring to the drawings, in which the same reference characters relate to the same or corresponding parts in all the views, my improved band consists, essentially, of a body portion 1, having, preferably, an enlarged end 2 of suitable or desired shape provided with a slot or opening 4, and a similarly-shaped end 3, having a similar slot or opening 5 and having two shoulders 7, adapted to contact with the end 2 on each side of the slot or opening 4 when the band is in place. From the end portion 3 extends a securing-tongue 6, sufficiently narrower or less in width than the slots or openings 3 and 5 to permit the said tongue to pass through the openings and make a neat and compact joint, said tongue uniting with the end portion 3 at the shoulders 7.

In applying the band to a cigar the tongue 6 is first passed through the slot or opening 4 and drawn until the shoulders 7 at the juncture of the end portion 3 with the tongue 6 preferably engage the surface of the end 2 on each side of its slot or opening 4, thence

doubled back over the crossed or overlapping ends 2 and 3 and passed through the slot or opening 5, the end of the tongue passing toward and around the cigar, and by pressing the tongue against the cigar a snug joint will be formed with the underlapping tongue securely binding the band in place on the cigar. Thus without the use of paste or other adhesive substance a band is provided which is cheaply made, easy of application or removal, and which can be slipped around to the desired point to show the label or brand printed thereon, and one which will avoid all objections of paste-bands.

The band may be made of any suitable flexible material; but it is preferably made of the paper, which may be embossed or ornamented, as desired, and printed with any desired label or trade-mark.

It is obvious that in addition to the use as a band for a single cigar my improved band may be used with like beneficial results for binding together a plurality of cigars.

I claim as my invention—

1. The herein-described band for cigars, consisting of a strip of flexible material comprising a body portion having at each end thereof an end portion provided with a slot and a narrow tongue extending from one of said end portions and adapted to be passed through the slot at the other end of the body portion, thence over the crossed or overlapping end portions and through the other slot and adapted to be confined by the body of the band, thereby binding the band in place without paste or other adhesive substance, substantially as described.

2. The herein-described improvement in bands for cigars, consisting of a band of suitable flexible material having a body portion flanked at each end by an end portion provided with a slot, a narrow tongue extending from one of said end portions, and shoulders formed at the junction of said tongue therewith, said tongue being adapted to be passed through the slot at the other end of the body portion of the band with the shoulders resting against the said end portion on each side of the slot, thence over the overlapping end portions and through the other slot toward and around the inclosed cigar or cigars, substantially as described.



3. As a new article of manufacture, a cigar  
provided with a band consisting of a body por-  
tion flanked at each end by an end portion,  
each having an opening or slot therein, a  
5 tongue extending from one of said end portions  
narrower than the said end portion and pass-  
ing through the opening or slot at the other  
end, thence over the overlapping end por-  
tions of the band through the other opening

or slot, and toward and around the inclosed ro  
cigar, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my  
name to this specification in the presence of  
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