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Fig. 1

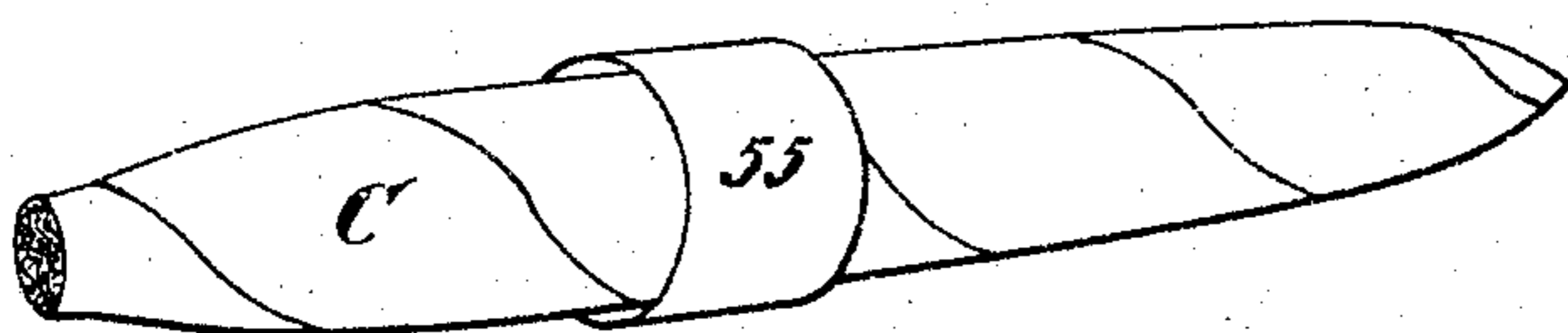


Fig. 2

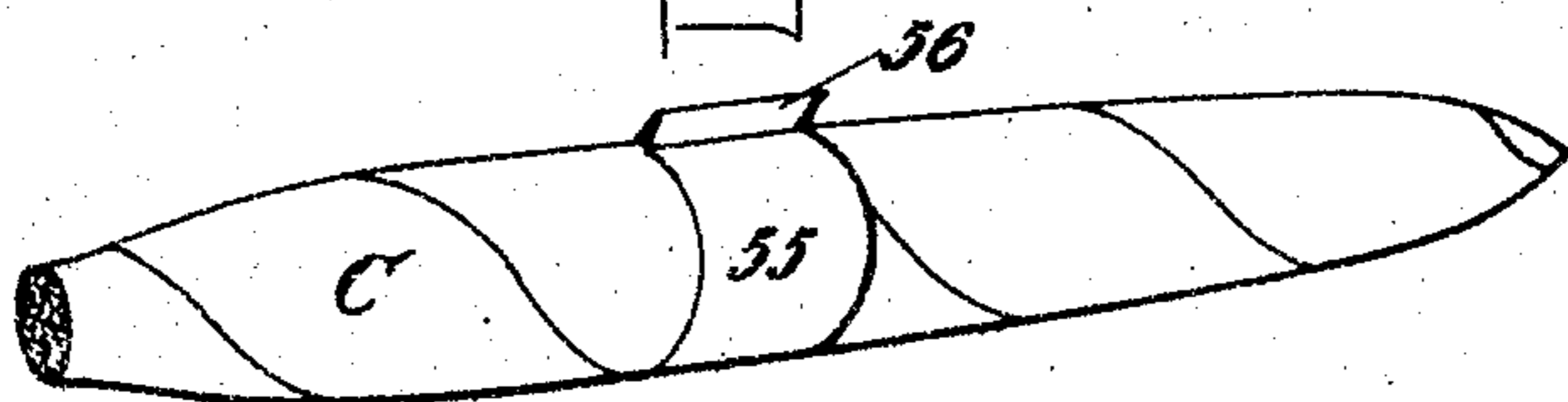


Fig. 3

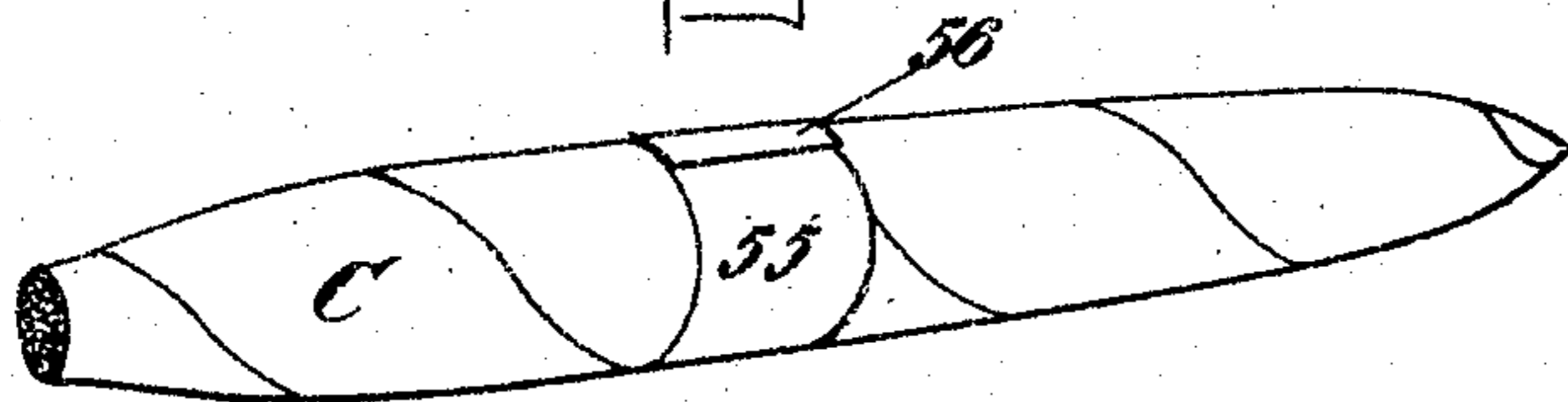
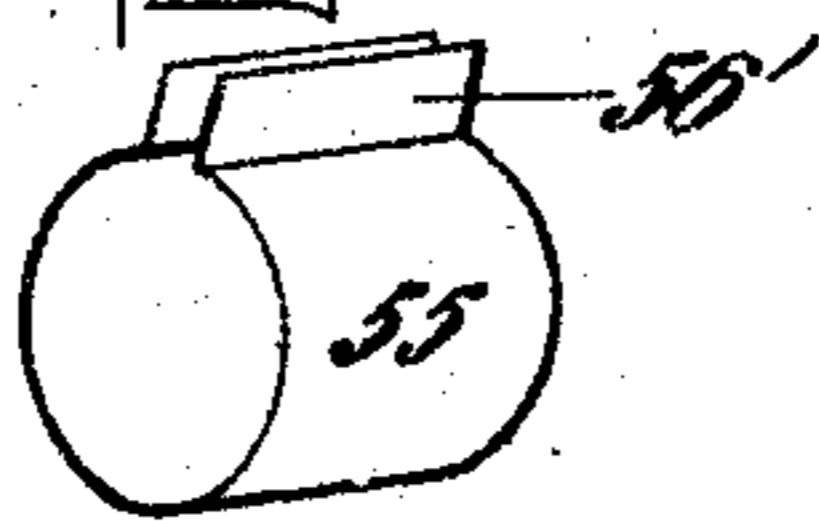


Fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE ARENTS, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, county of New York, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bands, fully described and represented in the following specification and the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the same.

10 This invention relates to certain improvements in bands such as are used as distinguishing-marks on cigars or similar articles.

The distinguishing-bands ordinarily used on cigars are usually applied to the cigar in the form of a strip, the ends of the strip being overlapped, the overlapping portions being caused to adhere to each other through substantially their entire length by gum. The band is intended to snugly fit the cigar or other article to which it is applied, and for this reason it is difficult to remove the band, which is usually done before the cigar is smoked, without digging into or tearing the wrapper. The difficulty of removing the band is further increased by the fact that the gum used to secure the overlapping portions of the band frequently exudes from between the plies of the band and causes the band to become attached to the cigar.

30 It is the object of this invention to produce an improved band for cigars or similar articles which can be readily and easily removed from the article and without injuring the article.

With this and other objects in view the invention consists in certain constructions and improvements, which will be hereinafter fully described and then specifically pointed out in the claims hereunto appended.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a cigar having one form of the improved band in position to be completely applied thereto. Fig. 2 represents a cigar having a band applied thereto, said band being fitted to the cigar and creased to form the tab or projection. Fig. 3 represents a cigar having a band applied thereto and the tab or projection bent down to lie snugly against the

band. Fig. 4 illustrates a modified form of band.

Referring to the drawings, C indicates a cigar having a band 55 applied thereto, which band may be formed of paper or any other suitable material. In the preferred form of the construction this band will be completely formed before it is applied to the cigar and will be larger in diameter than the cigar. After the band has been positioned on the cigar, as shown in Fig. 1, it will be strained about it to snugly fit it, the surplus portion of the band being formed into a projection 56, the material of the band being preferably creased, as shown, so as to cause the projection to hold its shape. While the projection may be allowed to extend from the cigar, as shown in Fig. 2, it will preferably be bent down, as shown in Fig. 3, so as to lie closely against the material of the band, thus presenting a more sightly appearance.

A modified form of the band is illustrated in Fig. 4. In this form of the invention the band consists of a strip which is somewhat longer than the circumference of the cigar, and the meeting ends of the band are brought together and bent upward to form the tab or projection, which is marked 56'. When this form of the band is employed, the meeting ends will be preferably secured by paste, though they might be secured by simply overlapping the ends. Preferably, also, the tab or projection formed by these meeting ends will be bent over so as to lie snugly against the material of the band, as is the case with the form of band shown in Fig. 3.

It will be seen that the band may readily be removed by seizing the tab or projection and tearing it off, which will rupture the band.

It is possible to form the tab or projection in other ways than those illustrated, and the invention is not, therefore, to be confined to the specific forms of band illustrated.

What is claimed is—

1. The combination with a cigar, of a band fitted to the cigar and normally larger than the circumference of the cigar, said band

when fitted to the cigar having the surplus material squeezed together to form a tab or projection by which the band may be torn off the cigar, substantially as described.

- 5 2. The combination with a cigar, of a band fitted to the cigar and normally larger than the circumference of the cigar, said band when fitted to the cigar having the surplus material squeezed together to form a tab or
10 projection by which the band may be torn off

the cigar, the tab or projection being bent down to closely overlie the material of the band, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing 15 witnesses.

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