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Fig. 1.

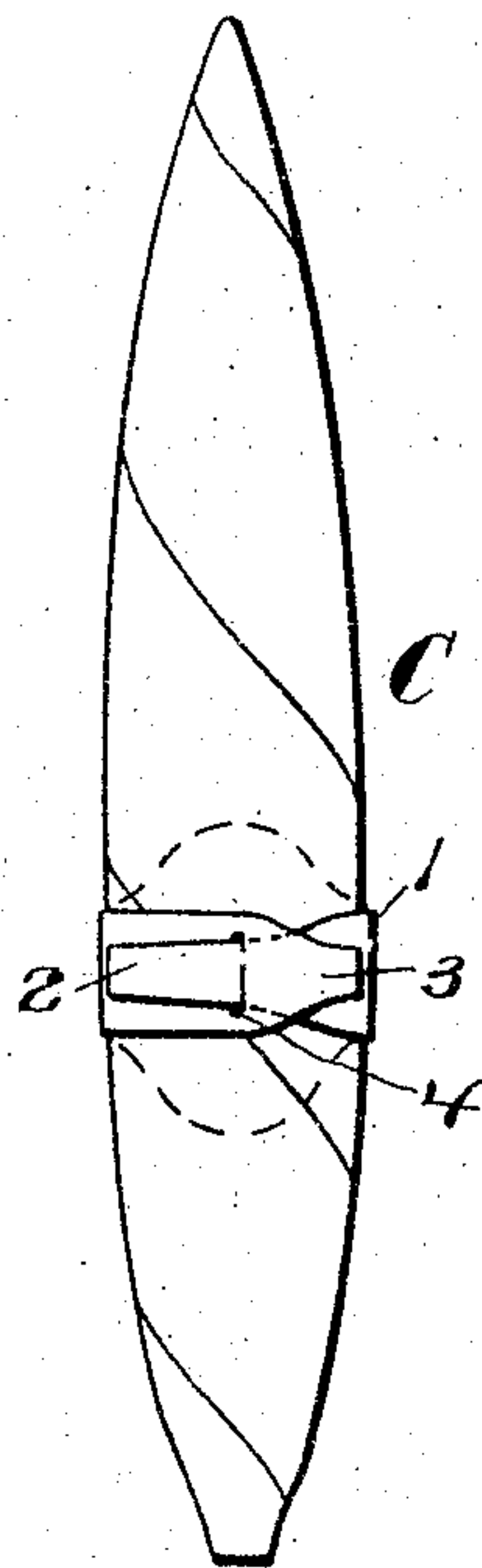


Fig. 2.

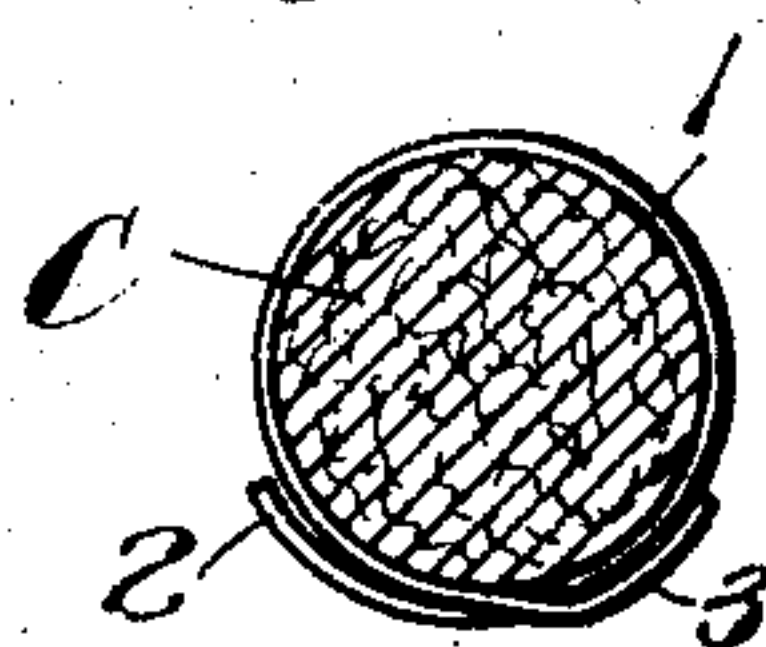
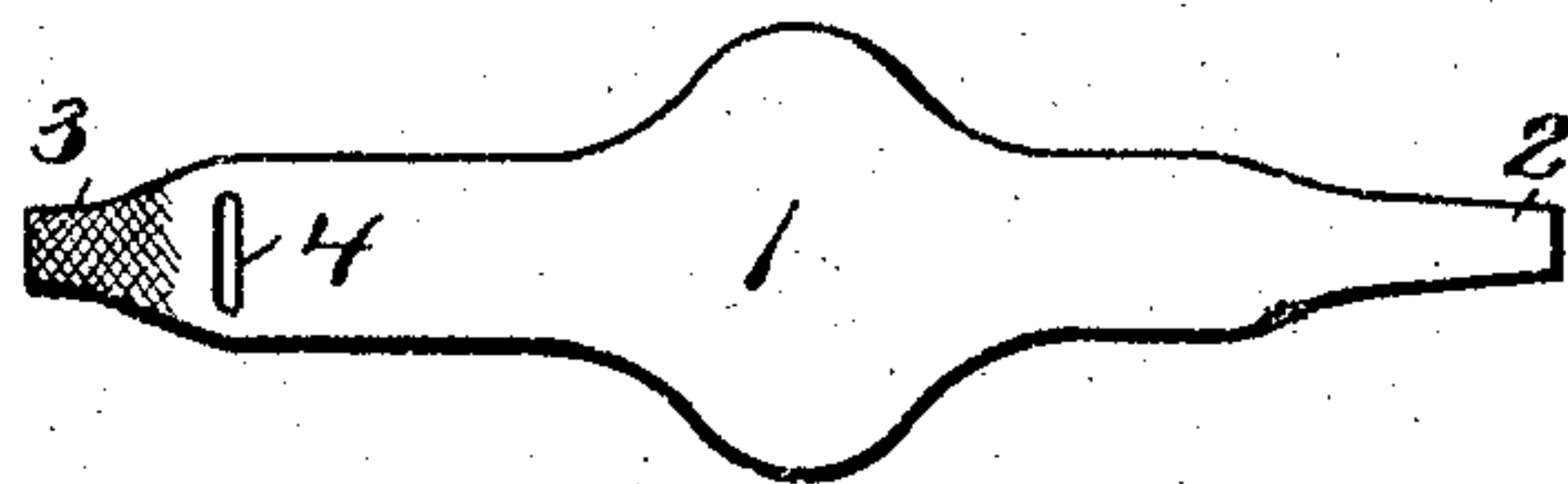


Fig. 3.



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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 cigars in the form of a strip, the ends of the strip being overlapped and the overlapping portions being caused to adhere to each other for substantially their entire length by suitable adhesive. 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 tearing or digging into the wrapper. The difficulty in removing the band is further increased by the fact that the adhesive used to secure the overlapping portions of the band frequently exudes from between the plies of the band when the same are pressed together, and the band is thus pasted to the cigar-wrapper.

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 which is not liable to become attached thereto when the band is applied.

With this and other objects in view the invention consists in certain constructions and improvements, as 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 applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the cigar, showing the band in elevation; and Fig. 3 is a view of the band before it is applied to the cigar.

Referring to the drawings, C indicates a

cigar having a band 1 applied thereto. While the ends of the band may in some instances be the same width as the major portion of the body of the band, in the preferred construction the ends will be narrowed to form tongues 2 and 3. The band is applied to the cigar by interlocking the overlapping ends. This may be accomplished in any desired manner. As shown, the end of the band on which the tongue 3 is formed is provided with a slit 4, which is a closed slit, although it might be open at one end and extend in from the side of the band, if desired. In applying the band the tongue 2 is tucked through the slit 4, the tongue being of a width to pass freely through the slit, and one of the overlapping tongues is then preferably secured to the body of the band by a suitable adhesive. Either tongue may be so secured. In the construction shown the tongue 3 is thus secured, the tongue 2 being left free to form a tearing-tab. By making the tongues narrower than the body of the band the danger that the band will become attached to the cigar by the adhesive used is obviated, and it will be seen that the band can be readily torn from the cigar by means of the free tongue which forms a tearing-tab. Furthermore, it will be seen that since the tongue which passes through the slit is of a width to pass freely therethrough the band may be snugly fitted to cigars which vary in size.

It is possible to form the band in other ways than that illustrated, and the invention is not, therefore, to be confined to the specific form of band illustrated.

What is claimed is—

1. A band for cigars comprising a strip of material having one of its ends passed freely through a slit in the other end, one of the ends being secured to the body of the band by paste and the other end being left free to form a tearing-tab.

2. A band for cigars and other articles comprising a strip of material having its ends shaped to form tongues which are narrower than the body of the band, said tongues being interlocked and one of them being secured to

the body of the band by suitable adhesive, substantially as described.

3. A band for cigars and other articles comprising a strip of material having its ends
5 shaped to form tongues which are narrower than the body of the band, one of said tongues being passed through a slit in the band and one of the overlapping tongues thus formed being secured to the band by suitable adhe-

sive, the other being left free to form a tear- 10 ing-tab, substantially as described.

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

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