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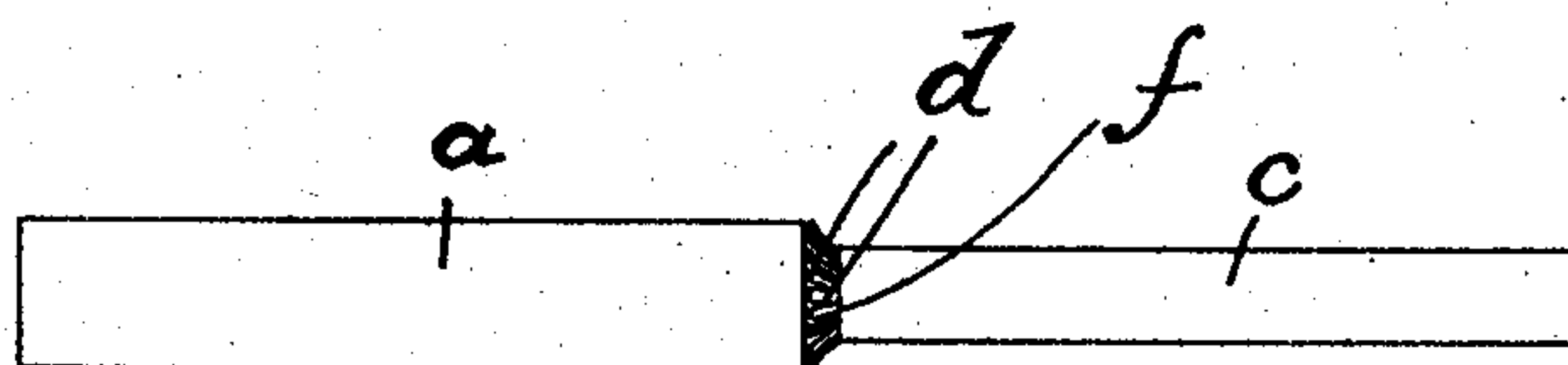


FIG. 1.

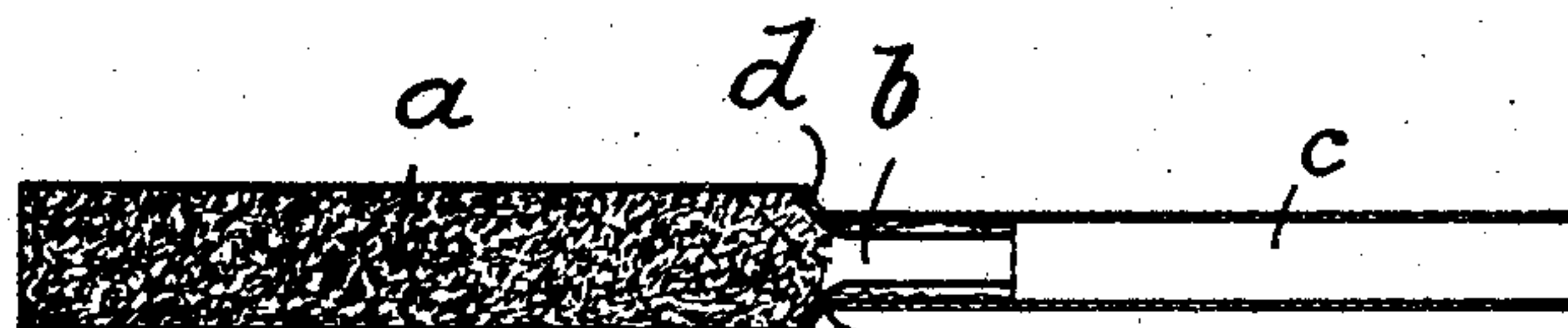


FIG. 2.

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SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 778,374, dated December 27, 1904.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOSEF PRZEDECKI and LUDWIG PRZEDECKI, subjects of the Emperor of Germany, residing at Breslau, Germany, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigarettes, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention has reference to a new and improved cigarette with a vegetable fibrous mouthpiece, preferably of unsplit straw. This straw mouthpiece is prepared and attached to the cigarette proper by means of special apparatus, for which an application for patent was filed by us on May 28, 1903, Serial No. 159,220.

The new cigarette essentially consists of the cigarette proper—that is to say, the tobacco-filled wrapper—and of a mouthpiece of unsplit straw attached thereto. The straw is slit into a number of strips at one end, and for the purpose of preventing an extension of the slits beyond the intended length the slit-off strips are weakened at the line of attachment and are then spread out angularly. The mouthpiece is then attached to the cigarette-wrapper by means of special apparatus, as fully described in the copending application.

In order to make the invention more readily understood, we have illustrated it on the accompanying sheet of drawings, Figure 1 of which represents a side elevation of the cigarette, and Fig. 2 a sectional elevation thereof.

Referring to the drawings, the letter *a* represents the tobacco-filled wrapper; *b*, the contracted end thereof.

c is the straw, *d* the slit portions, and *f* the weakening bending-line.

The cigarette proper shows a contracted end portion. After the straw is slit at one end into a plurality of strips and is weakened by being bent over in opposite directions in special apparatus the slit-off strips are bent outwardly at an angle, and the mouthpiece is then attached to the contracted cigarette portion, the spread-out strips insuring a firm hold on the tapering part thereof.

What we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A cigarette, comprising the cigarette proper having a contracted end portion, and a mouthpiece of unsplit straw secured to said contracted end portion, a weakening bending-line encircling the said straw mouthpiece, split end strips bent outwardly at said bending-line, the said split end strips clamping the said contracted end portion, substantially as specified.

2. As an article of manufacture, a cigarette comprising a cigarette proper having a contracted end portion, and an unsplit straw mouthpiece, a weakening bending-line encircling the said straw mouthpiece, a plurality of split strips bent outwardly at the said bending-line, the said split strips adapted to engage the said contracted end portion, substantially as specified.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our invention we have signed our names in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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