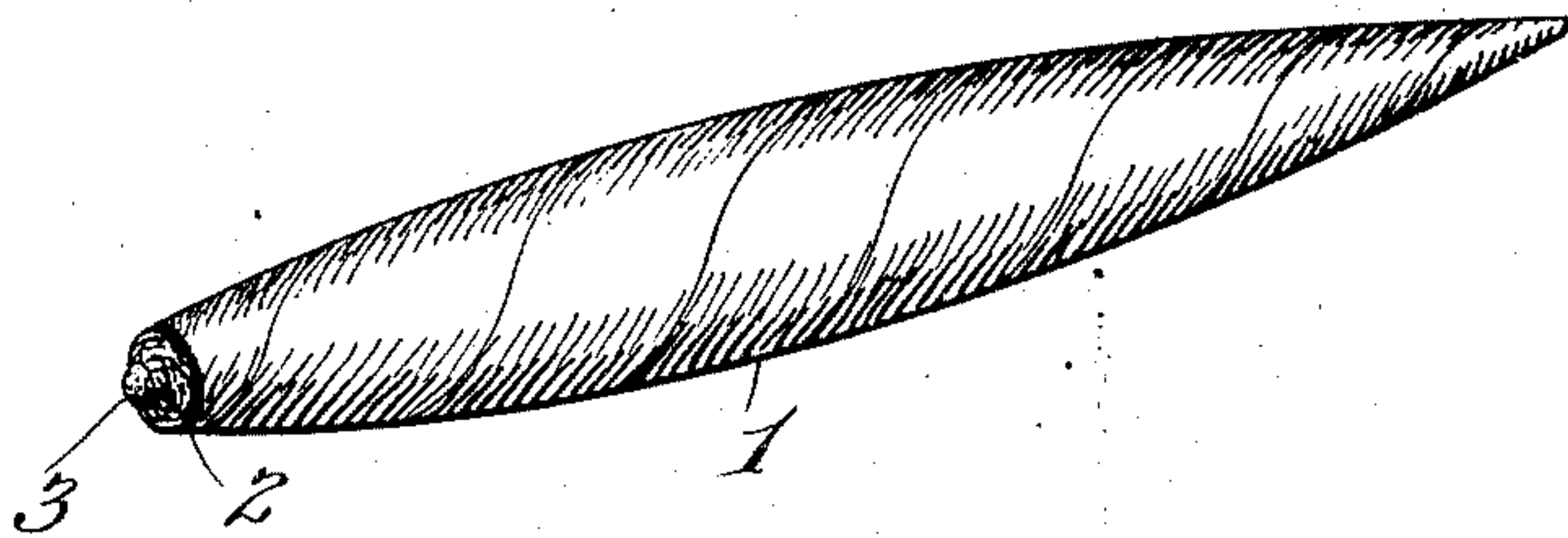


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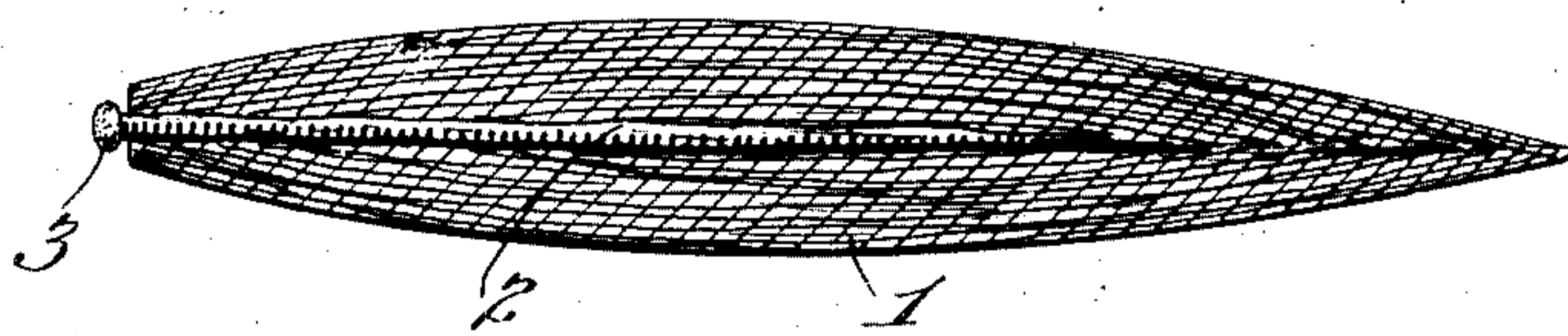
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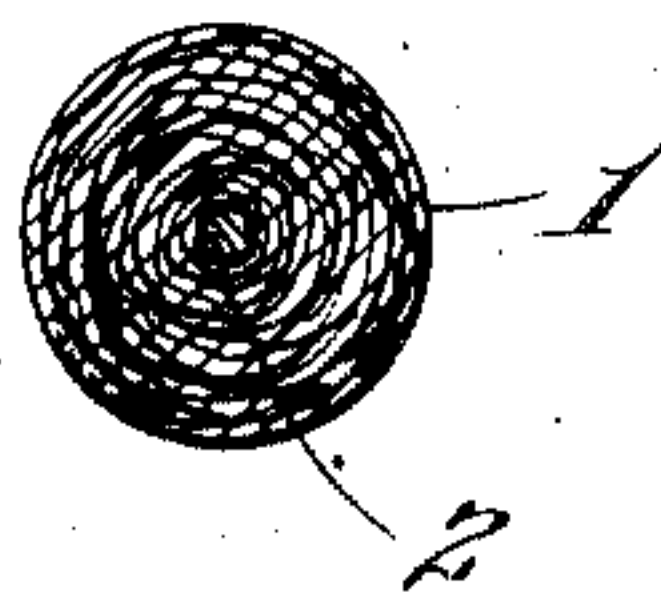
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN H. HOOVER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Self-Igniting Cigars, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved self-igniting cigar, the object of the invention being to provide a cigar, in one end of which, an igniting device is held, and composed of sulfur or other igniting medium located upon the end of a tobacco leaf stem, the latter held centrally within the cigar and forming a part of the same.

A further object is to provide improvements of this character which will enable the owner to light his cigar by simply rubbing the sulfur end and puffing upon the other end of the cigar, thus doing away with the necessity of carrying separate matches for lighting the cigar.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, and combinations, and arrangement of parts as will be more fully hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1, is a view in elevation illustrating my improvements. Fig. 2, is a view in longitudinal section, and Fig. 3, is a view in cross section.

1 represents the cigar proper, 2 my improved tobacco leaf stem secured within the cigar, and 3 an ignition head on said stem, composed of sulfur or other igniting material.

The tobacco stem 2 is preferably rolled within the filler at the end of the cigar, and when the cigar wrapper is in place, the stem 2 will form a part of the cigar itself. It is of

course understood that the stem 2 would be dipped in sulfur or other igniting material before constructing the cigar, and hence be ready for assembling with the cigar filler.

I am aware that cigars have been made self-igniting, but all of said cigars have been so constructed that the odors from foreign matter would ruin the cigar. By constructing the cigar as shown and described, it is made entirely of tobacco, with the exception of the igniting material 3 at the end of the stem 2, and hence when the igniting material is consumed, there is nothing left but tobacco, and hence the flavor of the cigar will not be affected, and the purchaser is insured a smoke which would be just as satisfactory as one would be lighted from an outside source.

The stem 2 is the ordinary stem of a tobacco leaf which is ordinarily used for smoking tobacco, and form no part of good cigars, but with my improvements can be utilized to good effect.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

As an article of manufacture, a cigar comprising a wrapper and a filler, a tobacco leaf stem constituting a permanent part of the filler, and extending throughout the greater portion of the length of the center of the cigar, and protruding at one end beyond the igniting end of the cigar, and igniting material upon the protruding end of said stem.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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