

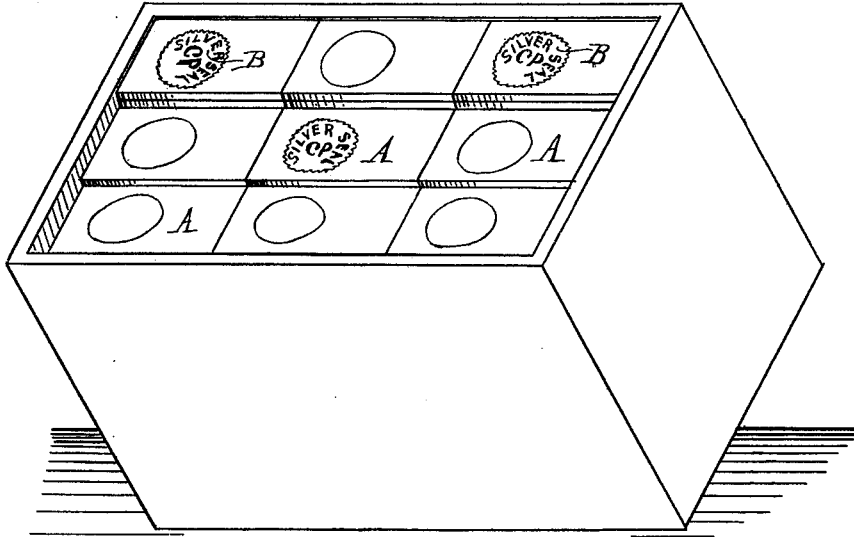
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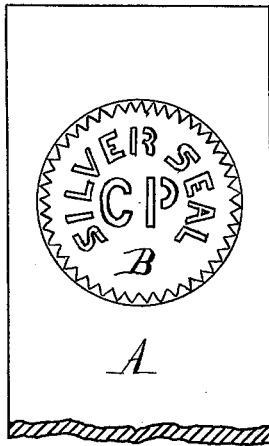
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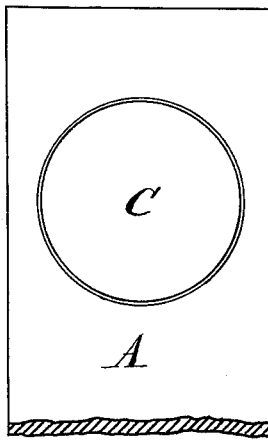
*Fig 1.*



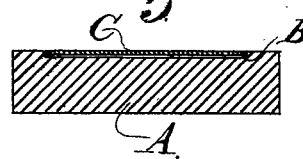
*Fig 2.*



*Fig 3.*



*Fig 4.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN MARKING PLUG-TOBACCO.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHRISTIAN PEPPER, of St. Louis, in the county of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented an Improved Device to Secure and Protect Trade-Marks for Tobacco, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to a novel manner and means to impress, secure, and protect my trade-marks upon the tobacco that I manufacture.

My two trade-marks consist of the words "Silver Seal" and "Golden Seal," the letters of each of which are stenciled in paper faces, respectively, having silver and golden faces. Each of said trade-marks, in application and for use, is impressed upon the face of each plug of tobacco, (or upon the article manufactured;) and my present invention, as stated, has its novel nature consisting in the peculiar means, as will hereinafter be pointed out in the claim, for impressing, retaining, securing, and protecting my said trade-marks upon the face of the manufactured article.

Of the drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a box containing plug-tobacco, showing the trade-marks, as well as the mechanical device I employ, covering the faces of the trade-marks, (not seen in said figure.) Fig. 2 is a face view, showing the trade-mark as applied. Fig. 3 is a face view, showing the device as applied to the trade-mark. Fig. 4 shows the trade-mark, mechanical device, and tobacco in section.

A represents a plug of tobacco, (or the face upon which the trade-mark is applied.) B represents my trade-mark.

As stated, for use, my trade-marks are upon paper, a feature of great importance, for frequently cases have arisen where the purchaser and user of a plug of tobacco, having, for instance, a metal face for trade-marks, has received serious injuries, involving the manufacturer in extra expense, loss, and damages.

My trade-marks, by preference, therefore, being upon the face of paper, and, further, in order to apply the same so as not to deface it, I avail myself of a device, C. (See figures.)

The device C can consist of a plate or tin-scrap, or of a piece of pasteboard, card, or similar surface, shaped in accordance with the circle of the paper or trade-marks B. (See Fig. 3.)

As the tobacco is being prepared for the press for packing, I place on the face of each plug my trade-mark. (See Figs. 1, 2, 4.) This done, I immediately place top of the trade-mark the device C. (See Figs. 1, 3, 4.) The parts are then ready for the action of the press, and, when pressed, the device C (paper trade-mark) is embedded in the face, as shown in Fig. 4. Thus, without defacing, tearing, or injury, the trade-mark is impressed, and also is sufficiently retained and secured upon the face until removed by the purchaser or user.

The device C is easily removed. Each box or package during shipment and storage, or before use, has its trade-mark upon the tobacco protected by the device C, and this latter can be made to drop off or be removed when the box is opened, as per Fig. 1, or when the tobacco is privately used. The device C, therefore, facilitates the applying of the trade-marks, adds security to the same, and specially acts as a protector until the trade-mark should be disclosed.

What I claim is—

A label, B, impressed into a plug of tobacco by a superimposed plate, C, which remains on the surface, between the plugs in a package, until removed for use, substantially as described.

In testimony of said invention I have hereunto set my hand.

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