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Method of Labeling Plug-Tobacco.

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Fig. 1.

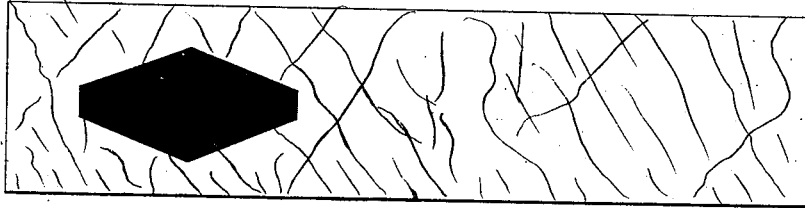
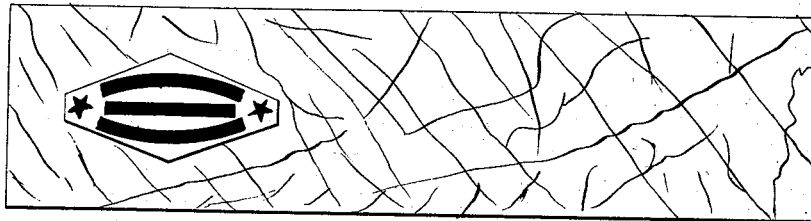


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN THE METHODS OF LABELING PLUG-TOBACCO.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAWRENCE LOTTIER, JR., of Richmond, in the county of Henrico, and in the State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Process for Labeling Plug-Tobacco; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in a process of securing thin flexible labels or tags upon plug-tobacco, the peculiarities of which will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

To enable those skilled in the art to practice this process, I will now proceed to describe it.

In the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, Figure 1 represents the plug before it is finally pressed, bearing the base of the material for sticking the tag. Fig. 2 represents the plug after final pressure with the tag or label secured to it.

After the plug is first formed, and before final pressure, I use an instrument of the shape of the tag, which I dip into a sweet sticky solution, and then apply it to the exterior of the ultimate wrapper.

This sticky solution may be composed of dissolved licorice and sugar. The licorice may predominate four or five to one; but the exact proportion is not necessary.

I may use other sweet sticky substances, such as will not be injurious to health or to the tobacco.

After the solution has been applied to the plug and becomes partially dried, I take a thin flexible label of paper, or equivalent material, which has been previously prepared upon its under side with a solution of some adhesive material, (I use and prefer glue,) and after moistening it slightly, I place said label upon the licorice or sticky base, and then place the plug in the press for final pressure. The press has the effect of securely binding or cementing the label to the plug.

It is important that a base should first be formed upon the plug, for otherwise a label simply having an adhesive substance would not adhere, as the oil of the tobacco would prevent it from sticking fast for any length of time.

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

A method for securing thin and flexible labels or tags to plug-tobacco, consisting of, first, placing a sticky base, composed as set forth, upon the plug, and then applying a label, upon the under side of which is glue or other suitable adhesive substance, and then subjecting the plug to pressure, as is herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of June, 1877.

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