A CIGAR BOX'S STAMPS.

THEY GIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE CIGAR INSIDE.

If You Buy Imported Cigars It Will Pay You to Take Heed of the Various Brands and Labels—What Most of the Colored Posters Mean—Home Brands.

The interior wrappings and lithographs tell about the cigar when the box is opened, but more can be told about it from the outside. It requires somewhat close observation to note all the marks on a cigar box. On a box of imported cigars, for instance, there is branded the name of the manufacturer. That is usually the name of some factory and the place where the factory is. The name of the factory gives an indication about its location. The brand "Campa Gral de Tabaco del Filipinas" shows unmistakably where the cigars that were put in that box were made, unless the brand is a counterfeit. It is seldom that counterfeit brands are found on imported cigars, as the import stamp is a guarantee that the cigar has gone through the custom house. This stamp is put on first. Each of the Havana factories has its stamp, the Garcia, the Clay, the Carolina, or whatever it may be, on the lid of the box. It may be hid afterward by the revenue stamp and lithographs, but the first thing done is to brand that name on.

The Havana cigars frequently have stamped on them also "Habana," with the Spanish abbreviation designating the quality of tobacco or the size. This is put on when the boxes are sorted out to be filled; the stamp of the factory is put on them in the first place. This stamp also is not branded like the factory stamp, but is put on with a stencil. The name of the factory can not be taken off without planing into the lid, but the brand of the quality and color can.

Before the cigars are put in the box is further branded with the color, "claro," "colorado claro," "colorado," "colorado maduro," "maduro," or, as known to Americans, very mild, mild, medium, fairly strong and strong. These are not enough grades to mark the various distinctions in color and strength, but they are generally approximated. Some brands of colorado claro cigars are milder than the claro cigars of other brands, but the mildest ones are always put into the claro boxes. There has been some change in the strictness of marking in recent years caused by the fact that the American trade prefers colorado claro and claro to the maduro and colorado maduro.

When the box has been marked in this way it is filled and the final tacks are put in. The manufacturer usually then pastes some advertisements on it in order that the box may not be opened and other cigars substituted without its being evident to the purchaser. Manufacturers have labels which they paste over the seams, which contain advertisements and notices of various kinds. If the manufacturer has taken prizes at any international exhibition facsimiles of the medals will probably be found on the labels. Usually there is a picture of the factory, with the firm name, coat-of-arms and other designs. In this shape the box is ready to be sent here.

It arrives with tens of thousands of other boxes and is examined by an inspector. He pastes over it the import stamp so that the box cannot be opened without destroying the stamp. The import stamp certifies to the number of cigars in the box and that the tax is paid. Besides that there are blank spaces on the stamp which the inspector fills out with a stencil.

When filled up the stamp shows not only that the cigars went through the custom house, but the steamer in which they came, the port at which they were entered, the date on which they were received and stamped, and the name of the inspector who stamped them. This is an unfailing certificate of the length of time the cigar has been in the country. The stamps are finely made, in order to prevent counterfeit; there is more tracery and vignette work than on the ordinary revenue stamp.

When the import stamp has been pasted on the box the internal revenue stamp is put on before the cigars can be sold. The internal revenue stamp is a cheaper affair on bluish-green paper. It is canceled at the same time that it is put on, and with a stamp which, if it were plain, might show the date; but this stamping is done much more hastily, and does not aid in the history of the cigar.

A cigar box with an internal revenue stamp on it and no import stamp does not once in 50,000 times contain imported cigars, smuggled or otherwise. Some of the fictitious smugglers who go around among downtown offices and peddle cigars which they say are imported produce them in boxes with only the internal revenue stamp on. Smuggled cigars have no stamps whatever. Any cigars that go through the custom house have the imported stamp and the internal revenue stamp both.

A cigar which has only an internal revenue stamp has been stamped at some domestic factory. If it was smuggled it was taken to a factory to be stamped, which would be foolishness and waste of money on the part of the smuggler, and besides he would run a great deal of risk, as the internal revenue officer who stamped the box could readily tell, if he was an expert in his business, the difference between the boxes used in the Havana trade and the boxes used in the domestic trade. There are details in the way of packing, lithographing and branding which show unmistakably, unless they are very cleverly counterfeited.

A man who is going to buy cigars and wants to be sure of what he is getting can tell by the box if it has not been opened. It is more risk to take an opened box, for some unscrupulous dealers will put cheaper cigars into a box which held high grade cigars and sell them as imported cigars. Still these dealers often make mistakes, as it is hard for them to get the same size of domestic cigars and the same color. If a man is buying what is said to be an imported cigar, and sees that the cigar is dark while the box is marked claro, he may be sure that there is some imposition somewhere, probably that the dealer in refilling the box was not careful enough to put in cigars of the same color. But the best way to do is to examine the box first and then to have the dealer open it afterward to see if the cigars are what is wanted.

The age of the cigar can be told from the import stamp, the color from the brand on the back of the box, the factory from the factory brand and the shape from the size of the box. Almost everything about cigars which go through the standard Havana factories can be told without opening the box. A cigar box with the blue label of the Cigarmakers' International union does not hold imported but domestic cigars. Domestic cigars can further be told by an examination of the box and the stamp and the warning not to use the box again, which has on it the district and the number of the factory. According to law the warning must be on the box; it is a sure sign of a domestic cigar.—New York Sun.

Poisonous Eel Blood.

Professor Mosso, of Turin, finds that the blood of eels is poisonous when injected into the veins of dogs and other animal, and that an eel weighing five pounds contains poison enough to kill ten men. The blood of the eel is inert, however, when taken into the stomach, and the poisonous properties are destroyed by heat.—Traveler and Hotel Record.

The C. L. S. C.

The letters C. L. S. C. stand for the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. This is really one of the most notable and interesting features of the assembly. It was organized in 1878 for the purpose of promoting habits of reading and study in nature, art, science and literature in connection with the routine of daily life, and is more especially intended to be helpful to those whose means are limited and whose advantages are circumscribed.

When this plan of home study was first unfolded at a meeting held in the amphitheatre 700 persons joined the society at once. Now there are 17,000 local circles, as the groups of students are denominated, and they are literally all over the face of the earth. Even in South Africa there have been several hundred members enrolled, and Miss M. E. Landfear, who is the secretary for South Africa, with her headquarters at Wellington, Cape of Good Hope, is here at the assembly, and gives a cheerful report of the immense good wrought in that region by the C. L. S. C. Japan has its circle also, but in that country it has been found necessary to arrange a special course.

The secretary of the C. L. S. C. is Miss Kate F. Kimball, one of the youngest women among the leaders at Chautauqua. She has been a worker in the society for twelve years. She said of it:

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Scientific Shoplifters.

You want me to tell you some yarns of shoplifting? said a detective. Certainly. Here on my record book I have the name of an old lady who kept a small shop or notion store in a town within a few miles of Boston. I caught her one day in a store standing near a jewelry counter, busily engaged in purloining small articles of that nature. I wondered where she was putting it all until I managed to go a little closer, when I saw she had a picture rolled up and into one end of which she was putting the jewelry. A fine hiding place she had for it, too, as the bottom was closed, and when I searched her I found eighty-four different articles of jewelry. I asked her what she intended to do with it all, and she replied that she kept a little notion store and intended to place the things in her stock.

I had a doctor's wife and her sister from Lawrence on a shoplifting case once. They were cool hands, too. They came in early in the morning, went to a half dozen different stores, so that by noon they were pretty well loaded down. They collected all their goods, took them to a large store and had them checked, then went and ate their dinners, returning for the goods in the afternoon. I was waiting for them and arrested them. The case made quite a stir, as they were prominent people. It was carried to the supreme court, where they were convicted. It cost them over $100 all told.—Exchange.

Compliments.

We have heard of the lady of rare beauty who said upon a certain occasion that the only real, disinterested compliment she ever received was from a coal heaver who asked permission to light his pipe in the gleaming of her eyes.

Another compliment, true and genuine, according to a good old school story, was paid by a sailor who was sent by his captain to carry a letter to the lady of his love. The sailor, having delivered the missive, stood gazing in silent admiration upon the face of the lady, for she was very beautiful.

"Well, my good man," she said, "for what do you wait? There is no answer to be returned."

"Lady," the sailor returned, with humble deference, "I would like to know your name."

"Did you not see it on this letter?"

"Pardon, lady; I never learned to read. Mine has been a hard, rough life."

"And for what reason, my good man, would you know my name?"

"Because," answered the old tar, looking honestly up, "in a storm at sea, with danger of death afore me, I would like to call the name of the brightest thing I'd ever seen in life. There'd be sunshine in it, even in the thick darkness."—New York Ledger.

Education Under Control of the Church.

In 1567, during the reign of James VI of Scotland, it was thought expedient that the Reformed church should have jurisdiction over the schools, and this was provided for by having the teachers approved by church authority. Here is the old law: "Item, Forsameikle as be all Lawes and constitutionis it is provided that the youth be brocht up and instructed in the feare of God and gude maneris: and gif it be utherwise it is tinsel baith of their bodies and saules gif God's word be not ruted in them. Quheirfoire our Sovereigne Lorde, with advice of my Lorde Regent and the three estaites of this present Parliament hes statute and ordained that all schulis to Burgh and land, and all Universities and Colleges be reformed: And that nane be permitted nor admitted to have charge and care thereof in time cumming, nor to instruct the youth privatlie or openlie, but sik as sall be tryed by the superintendentes or visitouris of the Kirk."—J. W. Hallock in Christian at Work.

The Stock of a Cigar Store.

The order from the inland revenue department requiring the destruction of cigar boxes as soon as their contents have been sold was loudly complained against by the small dealers, their plea being that the empty boxes were used by them to fill up vacant shelves and give the appearance of carrying a large stock. Several of these having complained to the commissioner that the order was rather a hardship to them that official replied, "Well, just knock the bottoms out of the boxes and keep them if you wish." Mr. Miall informed your correspondent that this treatment of empty cigar boxes would be considered a compliance with the law.—Ottawa Cor. Toronto Empire.

Various Ways of Mourning.

When Rome was an empire males wore black for mourning, while the women indicated their grief by wearing white garments. In Turkey, at the present day, the mourning hue is violet; in China, white; in Egypt, yellow; in Ethiopia, brown; in London and America, black. The mourning color in Spain was white until changed by the laws of 1498.—Chatter.

A Hundred Thousand Trains a Day.

It is unlikely that any one who leaves a station of the elevated road has any idea that more than 100,000 trains pass over the various switches of the road within twenty-four hours or what continuous vigilance is necessary in order to avoid the most serious of accidents. But these men in the switch towers do the work most effectively.—New York Herald.

Four Years on Crutches.

For fifteen years I was afflicted with rheumatism, four years of which I was compelled to go on crutches. Words are inadequate to express the suffering I endured during that time. During these fifteen years of existence (it was not living), I tried every known remedy without receiving any benefit. I finally began on Swift's Specific (S. S. S.), which from the first gave me relief, and today I am enjoying the best of health, and am a well man. I candidly believe that S. S. S. is the best blood purifier on the market today. J. D. TAYLOR, Cuba, Mo.

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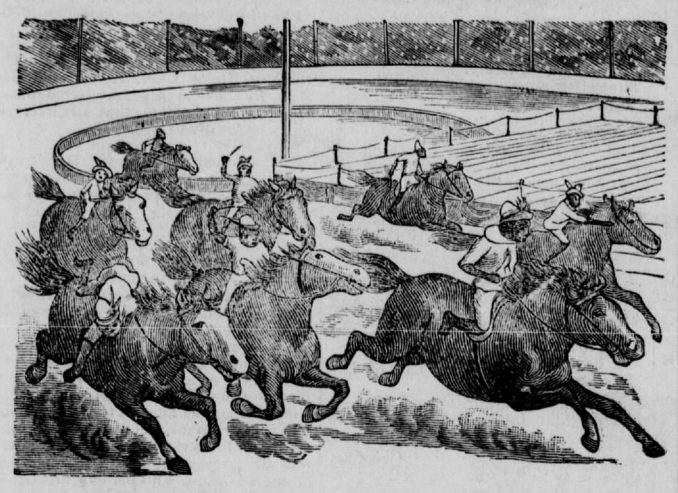

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