To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEON RIGGS, a citizen of the United States, residing at 210 North Twenty-first street, in the city of St. Joseph, in the county of Buchanan and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tobacco-Pipe Stems, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in pipe-stems by means of which the user thereof, while smoking an inferior quality of tobacco may obtain the flavor of a superior quality. I obtain this object by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the pipe-stem, Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the pipe-stem, and Fig. 3 is a side view showing the stem in use in a pipe.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The pipe-stem is made of metal and cylindrical in shape, the walls being of sufficient thickness to insure solidity. There is a small hole at the end E and also at the end F, and the end F is flattened suitable for use as a mouthpiece. The stem is in two sections A and B, one of which slides over the other for a short distance, forming the joint G. The end E of the section A is inserted into the bowl (H) of a pipe in the ordinary manner. The stem is then opened at the joint G, and a cigar placed inside the stem. This cigar is first prepared for use by having a small hole drilled through it from end to end so that it may draw freely. The bowl, H, of the pipe is then filled with smoking tobacco, the tobacco lighted, and the pipe smoked in the usual manner. The smoke in passing through the pipe-stem is compelled to pass through the cigar, C, and will acquire the flavor of said cigar irrespective of the flavor of the tobacco being burned in the bowl of the pipe. The same cigar may be left in the stem and used a number of times.

If preferred, the pipe-stem may be used without the bowl, H, for the purposes of a cigar-holder, enabling the cigar therein to be smoked in wet or windy weather without being affected thereby. To use it in this manner the cigar should be first lighted and then placed in the stem.

When used as a cigar-holder the cigar which is to be smoked should have a few small cuts, D, made in its mouth end and should not have any hole extending through it.

I am aware that prior to my invention pipe-stems containing various receptacles have been made. I therefore do not claim such invention broadly, but I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

In a pipe, the combination with the bowl having a combustion chamber and an opening communicating with said chamber, of a stem for said pipe, said stem comprising a tobacco roll holder portion, a cap member fitting on the end of said holder and having a reduced end for engagement in the opening in the bowl, and a roll of tobacco centrally perforated contained in the chamber formed by the holder and cap to facilitate the passage of the smoke from the combustion chamber therethrough.

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

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Witnesses:

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