

ABSTRACT

(FIG. 4)

IMPROVEMENT IN CIGARETTE MAKING

A method for making cigarettes includes heating the cut filler, which has a moisture content of greater than 12.4% by weight to a temperature greater than 35°C prior to making the cigarettes therefrom. Apparatus for use in the method is a modified conventional maker, in which winnowing of the filler is achieved by entraining the particles of filler in hot air. The hot air is provided by a fan 44 which blows air through a heat exchanger 52 and along ducting 54 to the jet block 34 of the maker. Hot air is also supplied to the flotation chamber of the maker from heating coil 66 through ducting 68.

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