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It is true as the Examiner says in rejecting 6 claims that flavorant may be added to cigaret paper instead of to the tobacco, but ordinarily this limits the amount of flavor that can be introduced. It was the recognition by the inventor in the present case that the important effect of the salts of glutamic acid, aspartic acid, or the like in a smoking article is to improve the subjective response to sidestream smoke, and that this could best be realized by placing the additive in the wrapper, resulting in a much more effective and efficient use. This improvement over Wagner is not at all suggested by Leffingwell (and certainly not by Schur) because Wagner does not bring out that the major benefit is in making the sidestream smoke milder and less objectionable (that is, the smoke emanating while the smoker is not drawing on the cigaret). Moreover, the present invention is directed to improving the smoke flavor and sidestream odor of cigaret paper specifically.

I appreciate that Claims 5 and 6 to aspartates are available at this stage, but I believe we should attempt to recoup broader coverage.

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