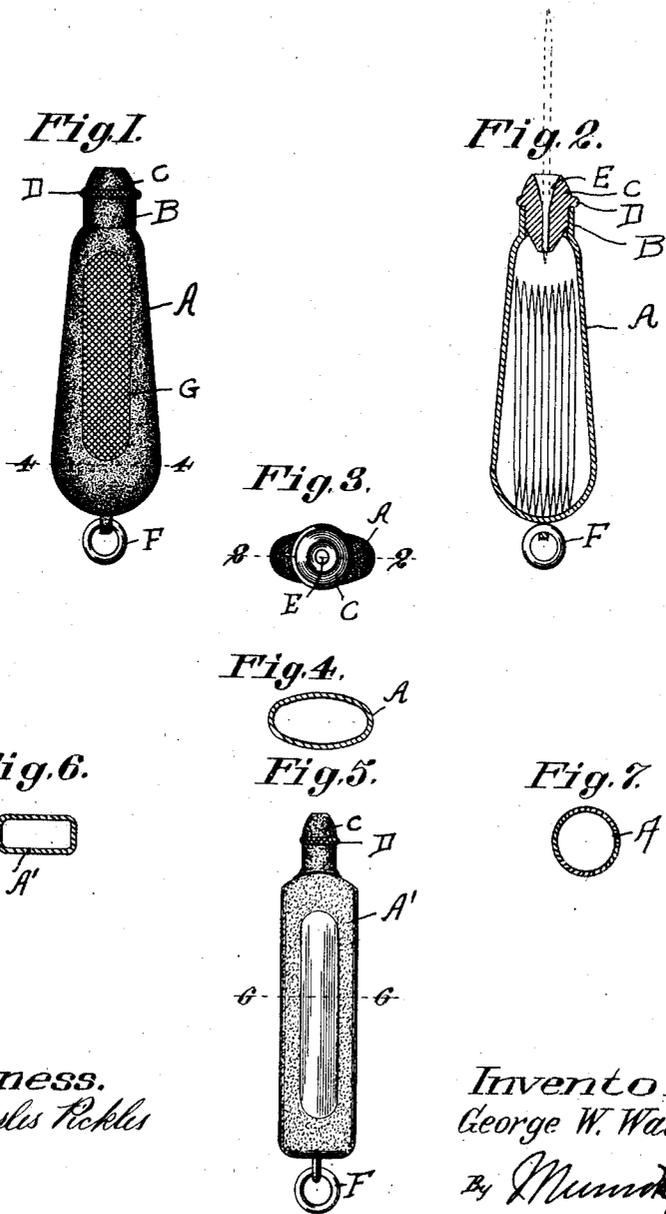


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. WALKER, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Oakland, county of Alameda, State of California, have invented a new and useful Toothpick-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to containers which are adapted to be worn or carried upon the person, and has particular reference to a toothpick or the like holder having means whereby the same may be attached to the end of a watch chain and conveniently carried in the vest pocket.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a combined container and holder for toothpicks which may contain a supply of the same, and so constructed that a toothpick may be removed from the container and inserted in an aperture provided therein and thus used with the container comprising a handle or holder.

A further object of the invention is to so construct the device that it will offer a most pleasing article for personal wear, aside from its above mentioned use.

With these and further objects in view, I will now proceed with a detail description of the preferred embodiment of the device with reference to the illustration in the accompanying drawing. In said drawing Figure 1 is a side elevation, Fig. 2 is a vertical section on the line 2-2 Fig. 3, Fig. 3 is an end view, Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4-4 Fig. 1, Fig. 5 is a side elevation of a modified shape, Fig. 6 is a cross section on the line 6-6 Fig. 5, and Fig. 7 is a cross section of a rounded shaped modification.

The container will include either a relatively long, oval shaped shell A or an oblong shell A¹, or a round shell A², each of which should terminate at one end in a throat or neck B made to receive a plug cap closure C which is provided with an annular flange D adapted to abut against the rim of the throat B to limit the insertion of the plug therein.

On the opposite end of the container is provided a ring F or some other convenient means whereby the container may be attached to a watch chain as previously mentioned.

Along one of the substantially flat sides of either the oblong or oval shaped container

and on the sides of the round container, is a match scratching surface G and on the opposite side may be arranged a monogram or name plate, or surface provided for that purpose.

The size and shape of the device is immaterial so long as it offers a relatively small container which may be carried upon the person, and the material from which it is made is of small importance, but in order to provide a most pleasing article of jewelry or the like it is suggested that it be at least silver or gold plated.

In use the toothpicks, which are shown in Fig. 2 as contained within the shell of the container, may be withdrawn when needed by removing the closure C which according to the present illustration is threaded within the neck, and the toothpick inserted in the opening E as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2, which will provide a holder for the same so that the toothpick may be manipulated with the container A serving as a handle.

It will be noted that the flange D on the closure C is roughened so that the closure may be easily removed.

The device is in no way limited to a toothpick holder and container, as the salient features of the same may be realized as a means of carrying matches or the like.

I claim:

1. A device of the class described, comprising a container having a closure, said closure having an opening therein adapted to receive a toothpick so that the toothpick may be manipulated with the container serving as a handle.

2. A device of the class described, comprising a container having an opening, a cap closure for said opening, said closure having an axial bore made to receive and provide a holder for a toothpick so that the toothpick may be manipulated with the container serving as a handle.

3. A device of the class described, comprising a relatively long container terminating at one end in an open throat, a closure for said throat having an axial bore made to receive and provide a holder for a toothpick so that the toothpick may be manipulated with the container serving as a handle, and means on the container for attaching the same to a watch chain.

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