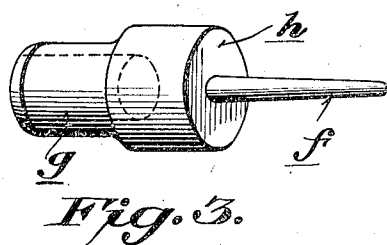
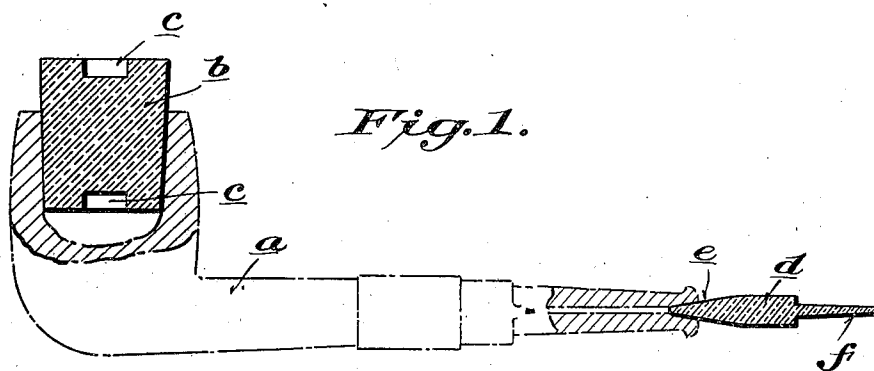


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD HENRY HOLDEN, a subject of the King of Great Britain and Ireland, and a resident of Oldham, county of Lancaster, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices to Facilitate the Cleaning of Tobacco Pipes (for which I have filed applications in Great Britain under date of July 20, 1920, and October 4, 1920, Patent No. 169,859), of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices to facilitate the cleaning of tobacco-pipes and the like, and consists of a combination of plugs of a form hereinafter set forth, whereby the bowl and stem orifices of the pipe or the like may be effectively plugged after a suitable cleansing fluid has been poured into the pipe or the like. The latter may then be vigorously shaken, and the pipe, cigarette or cigar holder cleansed in a cleanly and efficient manner.

Accordingly, it will be understood that the present invention primarily contemplates a novel apparatus for cleansing pipes or similar smoking articles by pursuing a thoroughly practical and reliable method, which involves the plugging up of the opposite ends of the article thereby to enable the same to receive a cleaning fluid which may be agitated to accomplish the cleaning operation.

Preferred and practical means for carrying out the invention are shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a view of a pipe showing the appliances of the present invention in operative position.

Figures 2 and 3 are perspective views of alternate forms of stem plug.

Similar reference numerals designate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

In carrying the invention into effect the pipe *a* having the usual bowl and stem portion is intended to have the bowl closed by the plug *b* for example, and the passage-way in the stem closed by the stem plug *d*. The said plugs *b* and *d* may be composed of cork, wood, rubber or composition, or any other suitable material, and the former is of cylindrical shape or in the form of a truncated cone, or otherwise shaped to render it adaptable as a plug to stop up the bowl opening, but not to occupy the whole

of the bowl. It may be provided on its top and bottom faces, or either, with a central circular recess *c*, the functions of such recesses being to permit of a more thorough and efficient agitation of the cleansing liquid in the pipe, to provide a better finger grip whilst being so agitated or shaken, to enable a better fit of the plug into the bowl, and to provide an "air space" on top of the liquid.

The stem plug *d* is a member so constructed as to render it applicable to various configurations of bores. In one construction it has a main body portion which may or may not be wedge-shape as at *e* terminating in a flattened tapered tongue which can tightly fit in the "slit" bore of stems formed with such an opening. The body portion also carries, either attached thereto or formed integrally a tapered "needle" or pin *f* which can tightly fit in circular section bores.

Or in a modification, the stem plug consists of a flexible or resilient tubular portion *h*, advantageously of india-rubber or the like, which is formed at one end with a closure wall. Said tubular member may be cylindrical or of any other desired hollow configuration so that it may slip over the mouthpiece of the stem, and effectively close same. A rigid or semi-rigid tapered "needle" or pin *f* is formed with or attached to such stem member which can tightly fit in stems having circular section bores. The pin may be mounted in a socket in the end wall of the tubular member co-axial therewith.

Thus, with a stem plug of the foregoing form, the pin may be used to prick out the stem orifice or for temporarily plugging the same in the case of a straight or only slightly curved stem, and for stems with a slotted orifice, or for curved mouth-pieces, the plug member may be reversed and the tubular portion fitted over same with a similar object in view.

I claim:

1. An apparatus for cleaning tobacco pipes and the like including in combination, a bowl plug and a stem plug, the said stem plug having means for closing the end of the stem and also having a pin projecting therefrom.

2. An apparatus for cleaning smoking-tobacco holders including in combination, a plug for the tobacco receiving portion of the holder, and a stem plug for the mouth

piece end of the holder, said stem plug consisting of a body having a socket for receiving the end of the stem and also having a projecting needle extension.

- 5 3. An apparatus for cleaning smoking-tobacco holders including in combination, a plug for the tobacco receiving portion of the holder, and a stem plug for the mouth

piece end of the holder, said stem plug consisting of a body having means for closing 10 the passage-way in the stem, and a needle carried by the end of the body opposite said means for closing the passage-way.

Dated this 11th day of July 1921.

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