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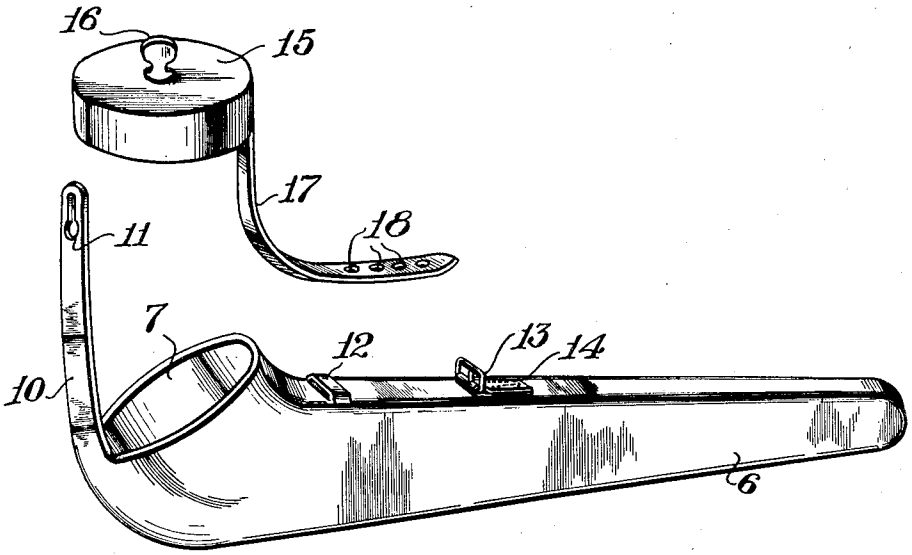


Fig. 1

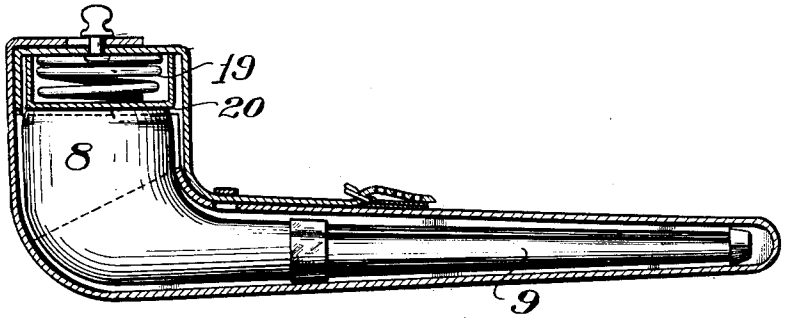


Fig. 2

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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in a tobacco pipe case and has for its primary object the provision of a body corresponding in shape to a pipe stem and part of the bowl thereof constructed in a single section of material so that the pipe stem may be readily inserted therein or removed, as desired.

Another object of the invention resides in the provision of a tobacco pipe case of the character stated including a cap or cover for the bowl of the pipe constructed in such a manner that it may be readily secured over the pipe bowl and secured on the enlarged end of the body of the case or detached therefrom or removed as desired.

A further object of the invention resides in the provision of a tobacco pipe case of the character stated in which the cap or cover is constructed in such a manner that it will serve to hold firmly in position the pipe placed in the case even though the pipe may be somewhat larger or smaller than the average size for which the case is constructed.

A further object of the invention resides in the provision of a tobacco pipe case of the character stated in which the cap is constructed separate from the body of the case and is held thereon by a strap carried at the back of the case body and removably mounted on the cap and the cap is also adjustably secured in place on the bowl of the pipe by a strap projecting from the cap and adjustably secured in position on the case body so that the pipe is firmly held in place in the case even though the pipe is of a somewhat smaller or larger size than the size for which the case and cap were originally constructed; the cap having means therein for exerting a resilient pressure on the cap of the pipe bowl and thus retaining the pipe firmly against movement in the case.

The invention has for a still further object of the invention, the provision of a tobacco pipe case of the character stated which is composed of the minimum number of parts, is of extremely simple and inexpensive construction and is formed in such a manner that it will hold any one of several sizes and shapes of pipes firmly in place within the case and protect the pipe from dirt and dust as well as serving as an insulation for the pipe.

To the accomplishment of these and related objects as shall become apparent as the description proceeds, my invention resides in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts as shall be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and pointed out in the claims hereunto appended.

The invention will be best understood and can be more clearly described, when reference is had to the drawing forming a part of this disclosure, wherein like characters indicate like parts throughout the several views.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a perspective of the case and cap therefor; and

Figure 2 is a longitudinal vertical section through the same and showing the pipe in elevation therein.

Referring more in detail to the drawing, it will be noted that the case includes a body 6 which is of substantially the shape of a conventional tobacco pipe stem therefor, tapers toward one end, the small end being somewhat rounded and closed. At the large end of the body 6, an upturned extension 7 is provided for receiving the bowl 8 of a conventional tobacco pipe and surrounding a portion thereof, when the pipe stem 9 is positioned in the body 6 of the case. A finger 10 is directed upwardly from the lower rear side of the extension 7 and provided with an inverted key slot 11 at its upper extremity, the purpose of which will presently appear. A strap guide loop 12 is struck up from the body 6 on the upper side thereof, near the upturned extension 7 and transversely of the body 6. A buckle 13 is carried on a support 14 secured on the upper face of the body 6, a short distance from the loop 12 with the buckle 13 facing the latter. The purpose of the loop 12 and the buckle 13 will presently appear.

A cap or cover 15 is provided for the case and carries a knob 16 on its upper side, at the centre thereof for removable engagement in the key slot 11, when the cover 15 is in position over the top of the bowl 8 of the tobacco pipe positioned in the case. A strap 17 is extended from the edge of the cover 15 for engagement through the loop 12 and has a plurality of spaced openings 18, through any one of which the pin of the buckle 13 may be extended when the strap 17 is passed through the buckle 13 after being extended through the loop 12 so as to firmly secure the cover 15 in position on the pipe bowl 8. An expansion helical spring 19 is positioned in the cover 15 with one end secured to the underface thereof while the other end of the spring 19 is secured to the inner face of the bottom of the spring enclosing cup 20 positioned in the cover 15. It will thus be seen that the cup 20 will be resiliently retained in engagement with the open

upper side of the tobacco pipe bowl 8 when the cover 15 is firmly secured in proper position over the tobacco bowl 8.

As the construction of the device has thus been described in detail, brief reference is now had to its use and modus operandi: The selected pipe is inserted in the case at the large end thereof and the pipe stem 9 moved into the body 6 of the case until the pipe bowl 8 is in position within the large rear end of the case and the upturned extension 7 thereof. The cap or cover 15 is then placed over the large end of the case, the upturned extension 7 and the tobacco pipe bowl 8, with the knob 16 engaged in the key slot 11 of the finger 10. The cap or cover 15 is then drawn downwardly into position, by insertion of the strap 17 through the loop 12 and securing the strap 17 in the buckle 13. This results in firmly pressing the cup 20 into resilient engagement with the open upper end of the tobacco pipe bowl 8 to cover over and close the same. It is to be understood that the case will accommodate any one of a number of tobacco pipes of various sizes and shapes and the entire body which is preferably formed of a single section of material, as well as the cap or cover 15, may be produced from leather or other appropriate material, and may be either flexible or of firm or rigid construction as preferred. Furthermore, the spring 19 and the cup or pocket 20 therefor, will function automatically to press on and hold the pipe in position within the case and cap or cover and prevent movement of the pipe within the case body 6 and the case cover 15, even though the size and shape of the pipe may be somewhat different from the exact size and configuration of pipe for which the case body 6 and cover 15 are specially adapted. The cover 15 may be readily removed by releasing the strap 17 and withdrawing the same from the buckle 13 and the loop 12. The cover 15 may be then completely released from the body by removing the knob 16 from engagement with the finger 10.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, it will be manifest that a tobacco pipe case is provided that will fulfill all the necessary requirements of such a device, but as many changes could be made in the above description and many apparently widely different embodiments of my invention may be constructed within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit or scope thereof, it is intended that all matters contained in the said accompanying specification and drawing, shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limited sense.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A tobacco pipe case including a body constructed to enclose a pipe stem and a part of the pipe bowl with a strap closure locking member extending from an edge of the open large end of the body; a closure cap for engagement over the end of the pipe bowl and provided with a strap cap securing member extended from the edge thereof; said cap having a knob provided thereon to receive and hold the strap extended from the pipe case body; means carried on said pipe case body to receive and hold the strap extended from said closure cap; and means carried within said closure cap to resiliently press upon the top of the pipe bowl when the closure pipe is secured in position on the bowl of the pipe positioned in the case body.

2. A tobacco pipe case including an elongated tapering body with an angularly cut open large end having a strap extended from the back portion of the edge thereof; a closure cap for engagement over the top of the bowl of a tobacco pipe positioned in said case body; a strap extended from the edge of said closure cap; a guide loop for said last mentioned strap on the case body; means on said case body for attaching said last mentioned strap to said case body and holding said strap after passing of the same through said guide loop; an expansion spring enclosed in said closure cap; a covering for said expansion spring attached to the inner face of said closure cap; and means carried on the outer face of said closure cap to receive and hold the first mentioned strap and thus compress the said expansion spring onto the top of the pipe bowl with said closure cap covering said top of the pipe bowl.

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