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SELF-RIGHTING CIGARETTE HOLDER

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FIG. 1.

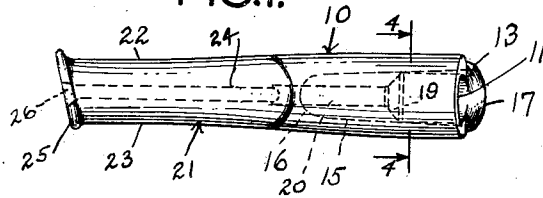


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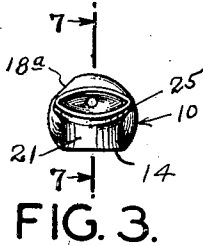
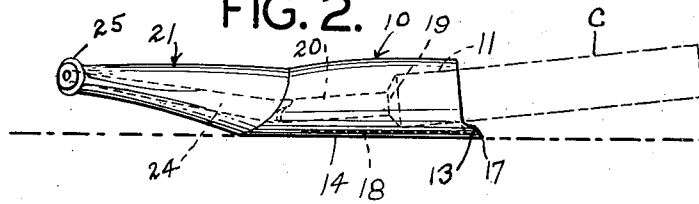


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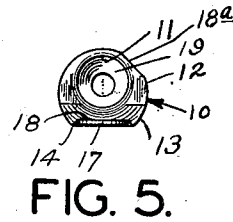
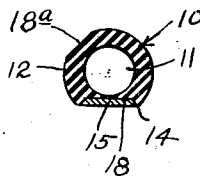


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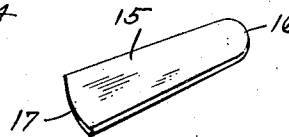


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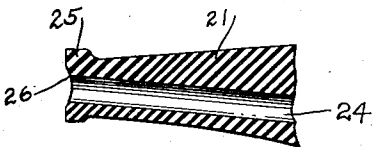


FIG. 7.

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This invention relates to smoker's articles, and more particularly to a cigarette holder, which when laid upon a table or other flat surface, will automatically assume a position with the mouthpiece and cigarette inclined from and out of contact with the table.

One object of the present invention is to provide a cigarette holder of the above nature having a flat horizontal base provided with a relatively heavy counter-weight to cause the cigarette holder automatically to assume an upright position when the holder is laid or dropped upon a flat surface.

A further object is to provide a cigarette holder of the above nature in which the body is irregularly shaped on the top so that the holder will be positively self-righting when laid upside down on a table or other surface.

A further object is to provide a cigarette holder of the above nature having a cigarette-receiving socket which is provided with a downwardly inclined smoke passage connected with an upwardly inclined passage in the mouth piece so as to produce a saliva receptacle.

A further object is to provide a cigarette holder of the above nature which will be simple in construction, easy to manufacture, easy to manipulate, compact, ornamental in appearance, and very efficient and durable in use.

With these and other objects in view, there has been illustrated on the accompanying drawing one form in which the invention may conveniently be embodied in practice.

In the drawing,

Fig. 1 represents a top plan view of a cigarette holder adapted to be held in the right hand side of a smoker's mouth.

Fig. 2 is a side view of the same, as it appears when resting upon a flat surface, such as a table, and showing in dotted lines the inclined position of the cigarette.

Fig. 3 is an end view of the mouthpiece of the cigarette holder looking from the left of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view of the cigarette holder, taken along the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is an end view of the cigarette holder, taken from the right of Fig. 1, looking at the cigarette socket.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the metal counter-weight adapted to be embedded in the flat base of the cigarette holder.

Fig. 7 is an enlarged vertical sectional view of the front portion of the mouthpiece, taken on the line 7—7 of Fig. 3.

Referring now to the drawings in which like

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reference numerals denote corresponding parts throughout the several views, the numeral 10 indicates a substantially cylindrical body of a cigarette holder preferably constructed of plastic material, and having a short rear cigarette-receiving socket 11, which is preferably slightly conical and located upon an upwardly inclined axis so as to cause the lighted end of the cigarette C to assume a position sufficiently above the table surface to prevent scorching or burning thereof.

The body 10 has a beveled lower lip 13 to assist in guiding the cigarette into the socket 11.

The body 10 is also provided with a flat base 14 having embedded therein a heavy metal elongated dovetailed counter-weight 15 provided with rounded front and rear ends 16 and 17, as clearly shown on the drawing. The counter-weight 15 is adapted to be embedded in a dovetailed recess 18 formed in the base 10 so as to be flush with the surface thereof.

The upper portion of the body 10 is provided on its left hand side 12 as viewed in Figs. 3 and 4 with a non-circular flattened section 18a to assist in the self-righting operation.

This causes the mass of material near the bottom of the holder to be greater than that near the top, such greater mass coupled with the counterweight producing the effect of causing said holder to properly seat on its support. Further, the flattened section 18a shortens the rolling radius of the body at a critical point, so that the counterweight will exert a greater leverage for righting the body.

The inner end of the cigarette socket 11 is provided with a tapered hollow section 19 communicating with a downwardly inclined smoke passage 20 leading to a mouthpiece section 21. The mouthpiece section 21 is provided with parallel side edges 22, 23, and has an upwardly inclined smoke passage 24 connected with the passage 20 in the body 10 and providing a lower saliva receptacle at the intersection of said passages 20 and 24. The passage 24 terminates in a diverging front aperture 25.

In order to assist in holding the cigarette holder in the mouth of the smoker, the mouthpiece 21 is provided with a front oval tooth-engaging rib 25 which is inclined to the left to permit the use of the cigarette holder in the left hand side of the mouth.

It will be understood, however, that if desired, a right-handed cigarette holder may be provided by inclining the rib 25 of the mouthpiece in the opposite direction, or the ribbed end 25 may be

at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the holder, if desired.

Operation

In operation, the cigarette C will first be inserted in the socket 11, after which the holder 10 will be placed in the mouth, and the cigarette will be lighted in the usual manner. When the cigarette carrying holder is laid upside down on the table temporarily, it will automatically right itself in a positive manner, as described above.

While there has been disclosed in this specification one form in which the invention may be embodied, it is to be understood that this form is shown for the purpose of illustration only, and that the invention is not to be limited to the specific disclosure, but may be modified and embodied in various other forms without departing from its spirit. In short, the invention includes all the modifications and embodiments coming within the scope of the following claim.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed as new, and for which it is desired to secure Letters Patent, is:

In a cigarette holder, an elongated body section unsymmetrical about a longitudinal vertical plane and provided with a bore extending the entire length thereof, said body section having a cigarette receiving socket and an upwardly inclined mouthpiece at the opposite ends thereof, the base of said body underlying said socket being flat

and having a heavy counterweight embedded therein, said counterweight being flat and adapted to engage a table surface throughout its length, the base of said socket and said counterweight extending forwardly beyond the outer end face of said socket to serve as a guide to facilitate the insertion of said cigarette into said socket, said counterweight serving to cause said holder to automatically right itself when laid on a table for holding said cigarette and said mouthpiece above said table.

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