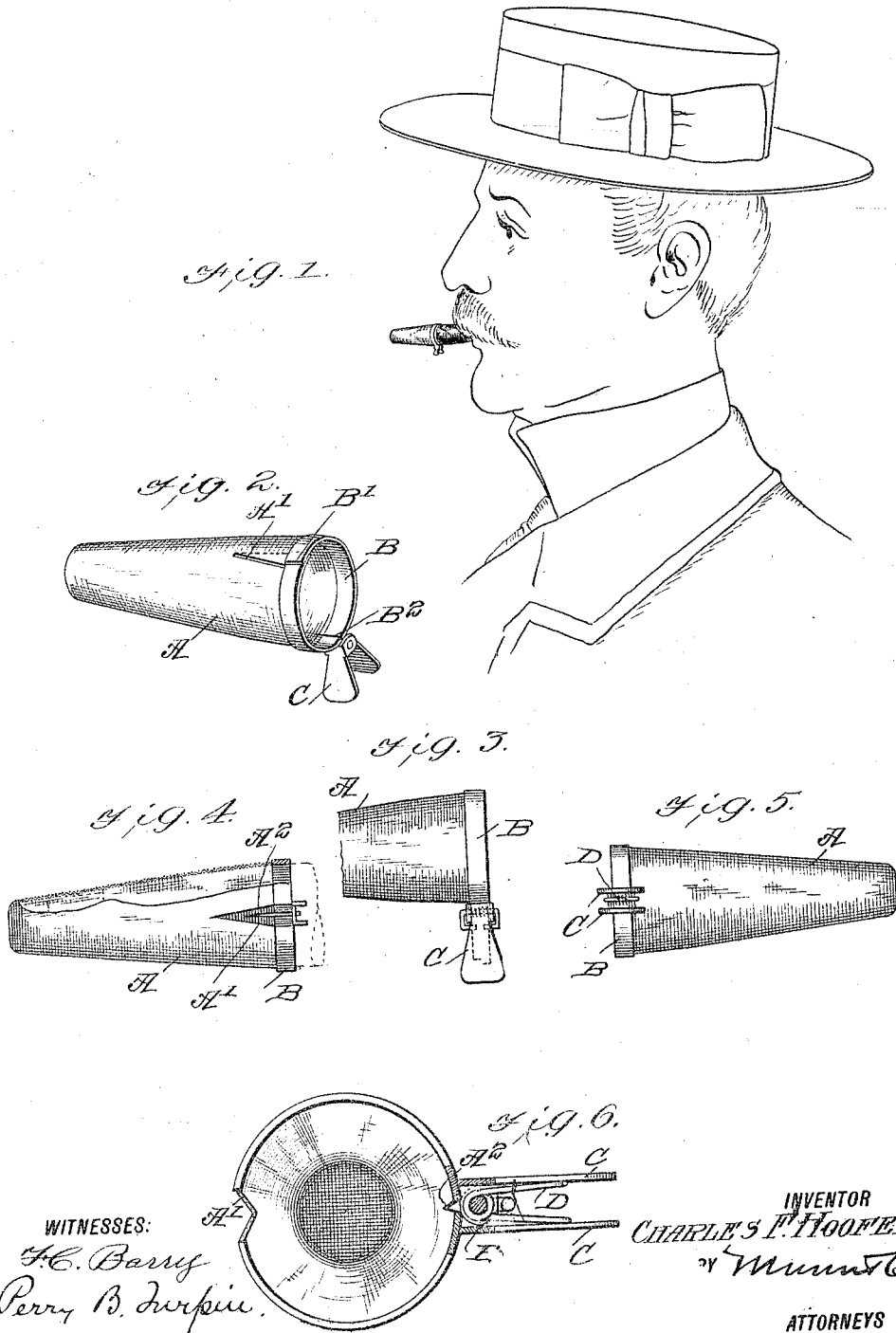


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES F. HOOFER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Spokane, in the county of Spokane and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ash-Holders for Cigars, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improvement in smoking devices, having for an object to provide what may, for convenience of reference, be termed a clip-cap safety cigar smoker; and the invention has for an object to provide a cap adapted to fit and be self-retaining on the burning end of a cigar and to retain the ashes and prevent the same from falling while the cigar is being smoked or held in the hand; and the invention consists in certain novel constructions and combinations of parts as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawing Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention as in use. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the cap with its retaining ring contracted. Fig. 3 is a side view, partly broken away, of the cap. Fig. 4 is a sectional elevation showing the retaining ring expanded. Fig. 5 is an elevation of the diametrically opposite side from that shown in Fig. 4, the retaining ring being expanded. Fig. 6 is an end view, partly in section, the retaining ring being expanded.

The safety cap is foraminous to afford passage of air and is preferably made with a screen body A of fine mesh wire or other suitable material in the form of a cone and the inner or butt end of the cap is adapted to spring inwardly to grip upon a cigar. As shown, I provide a retaining ring B at the butt end of the cap and this ring is split at B' and at B² and the cap is correspondingly split at A' and at A² so the retaining ring at the butt end of the cap may be expanded to receive the cigar and then may be released to spring inwardly upon and grip the cigar so the cap will be self-retaining on the burning end of a cigar when applied as shown in Fig. 1. When at rest, the adjacent edges of the cap A and ring B at A' and B' may slightly overlap as shown in

Figs. 1 and 2 to fit a comparatively small cigar and adjacent to and on opposite sides of the slit A², the ring B has fixed to it handles C which project outwardly from the ring side by side and are pressed normally apart by an interposed spring D wound about the fulcrum E and having its arms bearing against the inner sides of the handles C in such manner as to normally force the said handles C apart as shown in Fig. 2, thus contracting the ring B. This specific construction, as best shown in Fig. 3, is preferable because it may be operated easily and certainly to spread the butt end of the cap when the handles C are pressed toward each other as shown in Fig. 6, and to contract the butt end of the cap when the handles are released as will be understood from Fig. 2, the parts in this position, shown in Fig. 2, operating to grip with a spring action upon a cigar at the butt end of the cap and thus secure the cap in place. It will be understood, however, that I do not desire to be limited in the broad features of my invention of a self-retaining cap adapted to fit on the ash end of a cigar to the specific construction as shown and described, although this specific construction is preferred for the reasons before explained.

The overlapped ends of the ring at B' permit the adjustment of the ring to fit cigars of different sizes, the ring being spread by the operation of the handles C to permit the application of a cap to a cigar and the extent of the lap is such as to permit the proper fitting of the band to cigars of different sizes within a considerable range, the band at the same time forming a practically continuous band around the cigar.

I claim:

A cap for use on a cigar while smoking the same, comprising a fine mesh gauze body open at the butt end and slightly slitted longitudinally from said butt end at diametrically opposite points to permit said butt ends overlapping at one of said slits, a resilient clamping device supporting the said butt end of the gauze and adapted to expand and contract the said butt end, said clamping device being composed of two

parts hinged together at a fulcrum, said parts being made in such shape as to form a divided ring on one side of the fulcrum, and handles on the opposite side of the fulcrum
5 for expanding said divided ring, and a spring operating between said handles and adapted to close the said divided ring by

overlapping the ends of the clamping device adjacent to the aforesaid slit in the butt end of the gauze, substantially as set forth.

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