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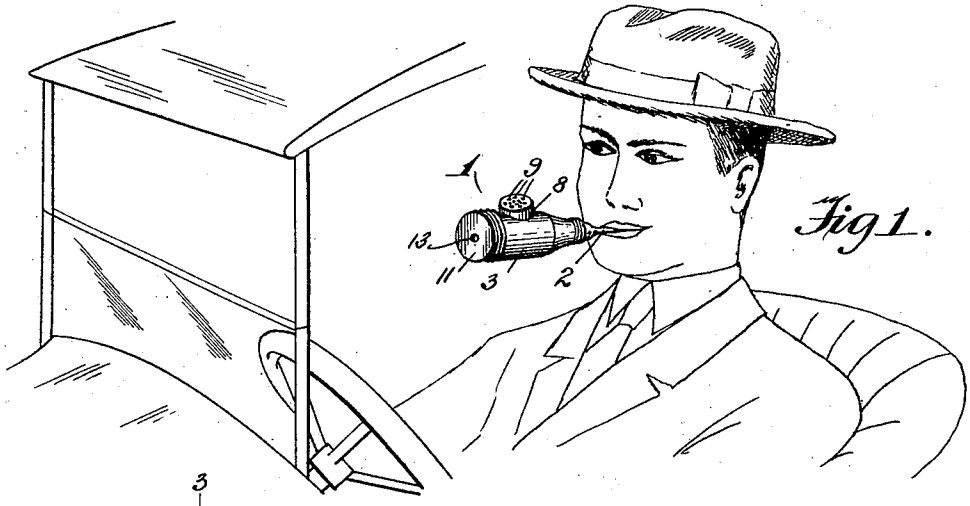


Fig 1.

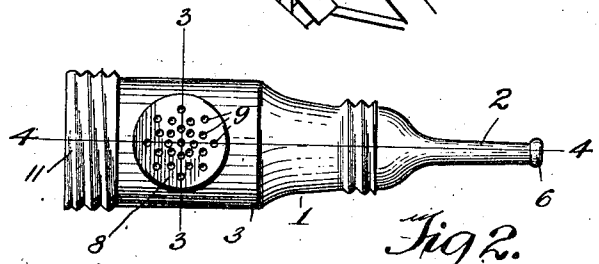


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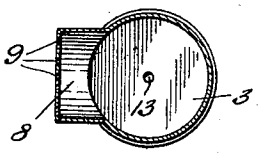


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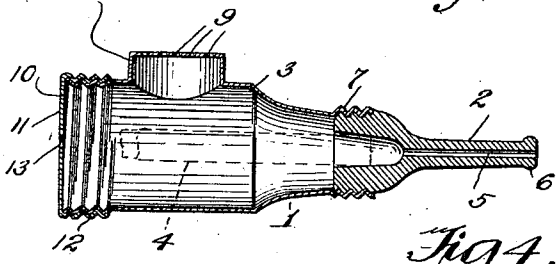


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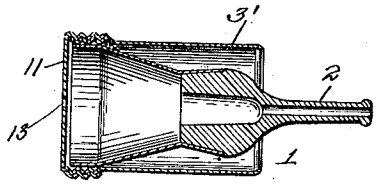


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that THOMAS C. ERSKINE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, has invented certain new and useful Improvements in Smokers' Accessories, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved combined holder and ash receiver for cigars, cigarettes or the like, and has for its object to provide a device of this nature which will be of such construction as to be capable of receiving and enclosing a cigar or cigarette in such manner as to permit of a free and unobstructed draft therethrough, so as to admit of the usual burning of an article of tobacco and yet to be capable of confining the ash which results from the burning of the tobacco, in order that the ash may be confined and collected and prevented from scattering around adjacent premises.

It is well known that smokers are required at frequent intervals to remove the ashes which result from the combustion of either a cigarette or a cigar, that usually open receptacles are provided for the purpose of receiving such refuse. These devices while in common use are nevertheless open to the objection that they present a disorderly sight, are likely to be knocked over or upset and furthermore the same are not effective in catching the ashes in event that the smoker is not careful in properly placing the ashes within the receivers. It is therefore a primary object of the present invention to provide a combined holder and ash receiver wherein the ashes, resulting from a cigar or cigarette, will be automatically caught and retained without involving manual operations on the part of the smoker and without disturbing in any way the normal draft which is required to support combustion.

Another object of the invention resides in the provision of a holder of the above character which may be admirably used by motorists for smoking purposes and which will prevent the ash of a cigar or the like from scattering, by reason of wind pressure, from interfering with the enjoyment of accompanying passengers.

A still further object of the invention consists in the provision of a combined holder and ash receiver which is formed to include a mouth piece and a detachable casing, the said mouth piece being capable of receiving and supporting an article of tobacco, the casing being of such size as to enclose the article held by the mouth piece, in order that as the ash falls off or breaks away from the article, the same will be received within the casing and confined therein until subsequently and properly removed, the casing being formed with perforated walls which serve to permit of a free and unobstructed draft, and one end of the casing being formed to include a removable closure by means of which accumulated ash within the casing may be removed at will.

For a further understanding of the invention, reference is to be had to the following specification and to the accompanying drawing, in which similar characters of reference denote like and corresponding parts throughout the several views thereof.

In said drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved holder and ash receiver comprising the present invention, and illustrating one of the uses thereof.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the holder.

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 2,

Figure 4 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view on the line 4—4 of Figure 2, and

Figure 5 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view disclosing a slightly modified form of the invention.

Referring more particularly to the structural details of the invention, the numeral 1 designates the holder in its entirety. As shown, this holder is constructed to consist of a mouth piece 2 of any suitable material and a receiving casing 3, which is of sufficient size to be enabled to house and encase an article of tobacco 4 carried by the mouth piece for the purpose of receiving the ash incident to the burning of the cigar or cigarette held by the mouth piece.

The mouth piece 2 is of any suitable shape and includes the usual longitudinal extending passageway 5, which terminates outwardly in an enlarged socket 6 which is adapted to receive, in the usual manner, the end of a cigarette or cigar. In this instance, the outer wall of the mouth piece 2 is suitably threaded, as shown, for the reception of the similarly threaded inner end 7 of the casing 3. By means of these threads, it will be apparent, the casing and mouth piece are separably related. Other fasten-

ing devices, however, may be employed in lieu of threads, however, in this instance since the casing 3 is of metallic construction, the threads may be employed to advantage.

The casing 3 is of a length and size proper to the article of tobacco adapted to be held by the mouth piece, and is preferably circular in cross section, as shown, the outer end thereof being enlarged, in this instance, in order to augment the receiving capacity of the casing. In the present construction, a dome 8 arises from one side of the casing, and is provided with perforations 9, the said perforations serving to admit of a draft through the casing in order that combustion of the article of tobacco may be supported in the usual manner. The extreme outer end of the casing is provided with an outlet opening 10, which is normally closed by means of a removable member 11, the latter being threadedly secured, as at 12, to the outer end of the casing, and, if desired, may be provided with a central port 13, for the purpose of increasing the draft through the casing.

In operation, an article of tobacco may be connected with the mouth piece by removing the latter from the casing 3, and then by inserting the end of a cigarette or cigar in the socket 6. After this operation is accomplished, the casing is again secured to the threaded outer end of the mouth piece, and the cigar or cigarette may be ignited either prior to insertion into the casing or afterward. Thus, the closure member 11 may be removed to ignite said article of tobacco, or combustion may be effected by reason of the port 13 and without removing the said closure member. After combustion has been initiated, the cigar or cigarette is smoked in the usual manner, but with the advantage that as the ash increases in length at the end thereof, the same is permitted to drop into the casing and to be retained in the latter until after the said article of tobacco has been consumed to the desired point. It will be observed that the ash will be securely confined and will thus be prevented from scattering, the said holder in this manner overcoming some of the disorder and annoyances incident to the use of tobacco. After the operation of smoking has been completed, the mouth piece may be removed from the casing to permit the latter to be emptied of its contents in any appropriate receptacle, or the closure member 11 may be removed for this purpose. It will thus be appreciated that the present invention provides a device which will be of great assistance to smokers for the purpose of maintaining neatness and orderly conditions and to overcome nuisance, which has heretofore been present in preventing the promiscuous dropping of cigar and cigarette ashes. Particularly, the device is adapted for use by motorists, but is also capable of use wherever smoking tobacco is employed. The holder may be, of course, formed from a wide variety of materials, and of any suitable design and artistic appearance, the finish thereof being largely determined by varying sales prices.

A modification of the invention has been disclosed in Figure 5 in which the casing 3′ is of telescopic construction, this construction may be received too for the purpose of enabling the device to occupy but a minimum space when the same is not in use. In this construction the dome 8 is omitted. It will be apparent that by catching the ashes as the latter fall from an article of smoking tobacco, the device will not only prevent the ashes from rendering the adjacent premises disorderly in appearance, but will also serve in an effective manner to prevent the scattering ashes from setting up combustion in matter or articles upon which the ashes may alight.

What is claimed is:

1. A smoker's accessory comprising a mouth piece, having a socket formed in one end thereof for the reception of an article of tobacco, a longitudinally extending tubular metallic casing having one end thereof formed for removable connection with said mouth piece, said casing defining a longitudinally extending chamber for receiving and enclosing the article of tobacco projecting from the socket of said mouth piece, and means for admitting of air circulation through said casing including a perforated dome projecting from said casing.

2. A smoker's accessory comprising a mouth piece, having a socket formed in one end thereof for the reception of an article of tobacco, a metallic casing removably positioned upon one end of said mouth piece, said casing including a longitudinally extending chamber arranged to receive and enclose an article of tobacco projecting from the socket of said mouth piece, the outer end of said casing being provided with a perforated wall, and a perforate dome formed with and projecting from said casing at a point intermediate of its length.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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