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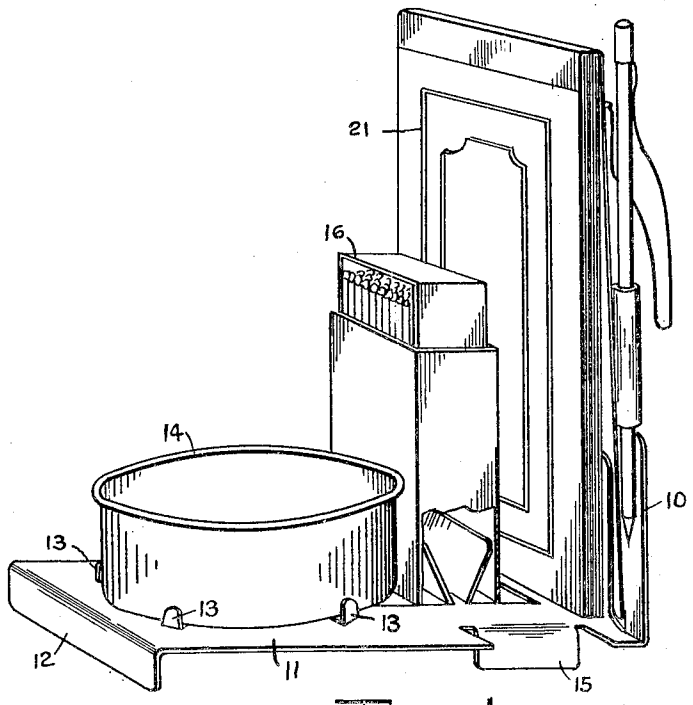


Fig. 1

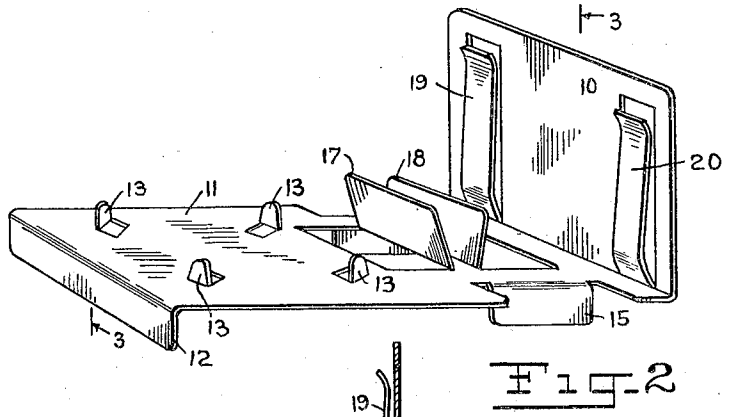


Fig. 2

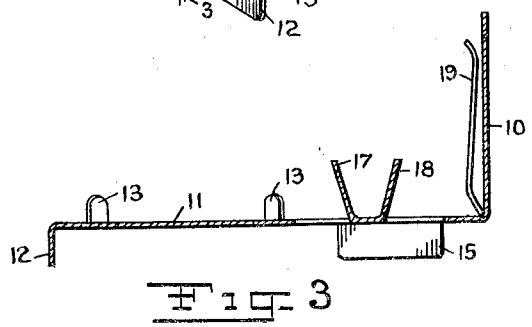


Fig. 3

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This invention relates to smoker's stands. The primary object of the invention is to provide a device of this character, which may also be utilized as a holder for articles such as bridge tallies, menu cards and the like.

A further object is the provision of a smoker's stand, made from a single blank of suitable material, such as metal, which may be readily and inexpensively transformed in a few machine operations to assume a structural form complete for use. Another object is to construct a stand of this character in which parts are provided to separately position an ash tray, match box or, if desired, book matches, as well as a bridge tally, or menu card. The stand, constructed in accordance with the present invention, is primarily adapted for use on bridge or luncheon tables, although other uses may obviously be resorted to without departing from the inventive conception, herein, disclosed.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent as the description proceeds. Referring to the accompanying drawing, in which I have illustrated the preferred embodiment of the invention:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the improved smoker's stand, in which the ash tray, match box and bridge tally are shown in position, thereon.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the stand with the accessories removed, and

Fig. 3 is a sectional elevation taken on line 3—3, Fig. 2.

With particular reference to Figs. 2 and 3, the stand in complete structural form, ready for use, is illustrated, the same being preferably made from a blank of suitable metal, which is folded to include a perpendicularly disposed back or end portion 10, a main body portion 11 and a downwardly projecting front edge 12, which serves as one of the legs or supports for elevating the body of the stand above the table or surface on which it is placed. The front part of the horizontal body portion 11 is punched, so that a number of rounded edge lips or projections will be formed to extend vertically therefrom, as indicated at 13, and define, by their inwardly disposed surfaces, a position confining area, in which is located an ash tray 14, such as shown in Fig. 1.

In providing rear supports, or legs, for the stand, I preferably fold or bend a portion of the body 11 at each side, in a downwardly direction as indicated at 15. The rear supports 15 and front support 12 maintain the main body portion of the stand in a substantialy horizontal position, or parallel relationship with respect to the level surface on which it is located.

Behind the ash tray 14, I provide suitable means in the body of the stand to position a match box 16. In the instant case, this means comprises two upwardly extending arms 17 and 18 punched out of the main body of the stand and bent or folded in an upwardly direction as clearly illustrated in Fig. 2. The arms form a resilient U shaped retaining means to accommodate a match box, thereon, as indicated in Fig. 1. It is also desired to point out the fact that the particular means provided, herein, to maintain the match boxes, is equally adapted to hold a book match between its inwardly disposed surfaces.

The back portion 10, extending vertically to the main body 11 of the stand, is constructed to include bent spring shaped arms 19 and 20 formed of material punched out of the same. The arms extend to the front of the body portion 10 and are adapted to removably secure and maintain in position against the inner surface of this portion of the stand articles, such as; bridge tallies, which have a stiff cardboard back, or menu cards and the like. For purposes of illustration, I have shown a bridge tally 21 in an upright position against this portion of the stand, Fig. 1. The resilient arms 19 and 20

extend, in this instance, from the bottom of the perpendicularly arranged back portion 10.

The improved smoker's stand, made in accordance with this disclosure is both neat and attractive in appearance and of a simple construction, which may be readily manufactured for use. I do not wish to be restricted to the precise details of construction, herein, set forth and may make minor changes therein, without departing from the nature and spirit of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. A smoker's stand constructed of a single blank of metal formed to include a main horizontal body portion with supporting extensions, means located upon said body portion for separately retaining an ash tray and match container, thereon, a rear portion vertical to said main portion and provided with means thereon for retaining a bridge tally, menu card, or the like, in an upright position.

2. A smoker's stand constructed of a single blank of metal formed to include a main horizontal body portion with supporting extensions, means associated with said body portion comprising vertical extending projections for retaining an ash tray in position, thereon, a match box receiving device extending from said horizontal portion located to the rear of said means, and a perpendicularly extending portion at the back of the main body provided with means thereon for retaining a bridge tally, menu card, or the like, in an upright position.

3. A smoker's stand constructed of a single blank of metal formed to include a main horizontal body portion with supporting extensions, means associated with said body portion comprising vertical extending projections for retaining an ash tray in position, thereon, arms extending upwardly from the main body forming a resilient U shaped retaining means for match containers located to the rear of the ash tray positioning means, and a perpendicularly extending portion at the back of the main body provided with means thereon for retaining a bridge tally, menu card, or the like, in an upright position.

4. A smoker's stand formed of a main horizontal body portion having legs extending therefrom, means for positioning an ash tray and match container on said main body portion, and a perpendicular extension to the rear of the horizontal body portion, means protruding from said perpendicularly extending portion, whereby a bridge tally, menu card, or the like, may be supported in an upright position.

5. A smoker's stand integrally including a main body portion with legs extending therefrom and supporting the same in a substantially horizontal position, means located upon the main body portion for separately retaining an ash tray and match container, thereon, a perpendicular extension to the rear of the main body portion, and resilient arms projecting upwardly from the base of the perpendicular extension forming means for retaining therebetween a bridge tally, menu card or the like.

Signed at New York city, in the county of Queens and State of New York, this 18th day of May A. D. 1932.

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