

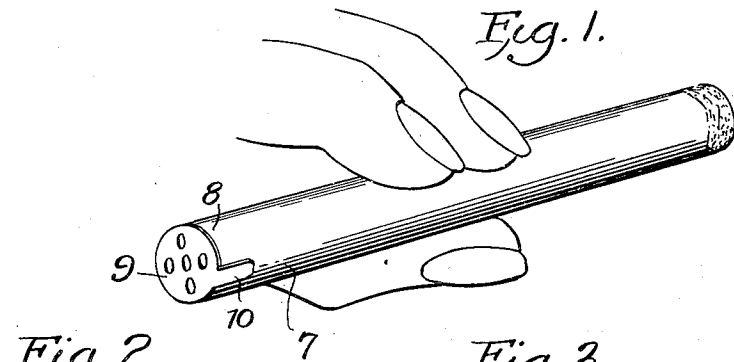
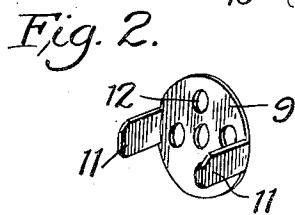
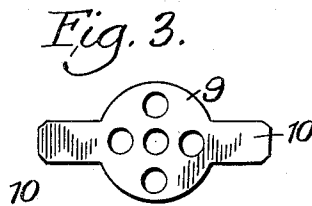
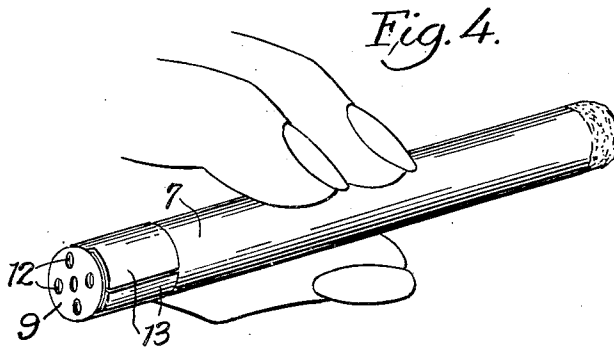
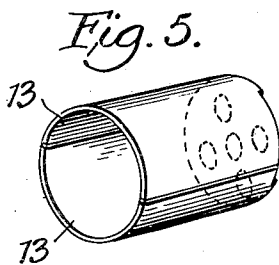
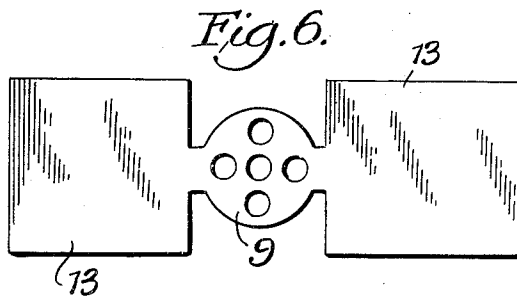
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The present invention relates to mouthpieces for cigars and cigarettes and consists in the combinations and arrangements of elements hereinafter described and particularly set forth in the accompanying claims.

The purpose of the invention is to provide a device which will keep the cigarette dry and effectively prevent the nicotine and tobacco fibres from entering the mouth and which will not offer any inconvenience or hindrance to the pleasure of smoking. The article is, furthermore, of the utmost simplicity and in its use is absolutely concealed from view.

A further object is in having the article of such structure that it may be incorporated into the body of the cigarette or cigar during manufacture, or may equally well be designed as a separate and independent device to be conveniently applied to the cigarette at the time of smoking and thereafter removed and again used with other cigarettes at will.

It is further contemplated to produce an article of this character constructed of a single unitary piece and of such design that the same may be made in quantity production at small cost, to the end that the average smoker may have and carry several of the devices at all times ready for convenient use.

The devices shown herein are proposed as further improvements over the similar articles disclosed in my co-pending application for United States Letters Patent, to wit:

"Attachment for cigarettes" (Case "A") Serial No. 439,167; filed March 26, 1930.

"Mouth-piece for cigarettes" (Case "B"), Serial No. 469,167; filed July 19, 1930.

"Mouth-piece for cigarettes" (Case "C"), Serial No. 469,168; filed July 19, 1930.

"Mouth-piece for cigarettes" (Case "D"), Serial No. 501,446; filed Dec. 10, 1930.

"Mouth-piece for cigarettes" (Case "E"), Serial No. 538,379; filed May 18, 1931.

The invention is shown by way of illustration in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a cigarette with the article attached.

Figure 2, a perspective of the article per se.

Figure 3, an elevational view showing the blank from which the device is formed.

Figure 4 shows a modified construction of the article.

Figure 5, a detail view per se, of the modified article and Figure 6 shows the blank from which the modified article is made.

Referring to the construction in further detail, and wherein the same reference characters designate corresponding parts in the different figures, 7 represents an ordinary cigarette to the end 8 of which is adapted to be attached the article shown herein.

This end of the cigarette is in no way altered whether the device be incorporated in the cigarette when made or applied thereto as a separate attachment. The article may be of large or small size accordingly as the smoker desires to puff lightly or inhale deeply and fully, as will be understood.

At the end of the cigarette is a disc-like piece 9 of relatively thin and non-absorbent material, preferably paper formed with two integral tabs 10 disposed at right angles and adapted to overlie the paper of the cigarette and to be attached thereto by a suitable adhesive. Said disc is formed with a plurality of perforations 12 that may be of any suitable size. The marginal edge portions of the disc 9 between said tabs 10 lie lightly and freely against the adjacent edges of the cigarette wrapper and thereby permit emission of smoke thereat as will be understood.

It will be understood the article may be incorporated into the cigarette during the process of manufacture or separately attached thereto by the smoker and detached when the cigarette has been consumed.

In the construction shown in Figs. 4, 5 and 6, the disc member 9 is the same as above though in this instance the blank from which the article is made is formed with a pair of similar flaps or rectangular pieces 13 of substantial size that are adapted to conform with and fold over upon the sides of the cigarette as shown in Figure 4. In this construction of the article there is provided a mouthpiece of substantial portions which includes

the disc portion 9 that lies immediately against the tobacco of the cigarette for the purpose herein stated. In this instance the rectangular pieces of the tabs completely envelop and reinforce the mouth engaging portion of the cigarette wrapper and, as above, the marginal edge portions of the disc between the tabs lie lightly and freely against the adjacent edges of the cigarette wrapper whereby to permit emission of smoke thereat.

It is to be understood the invention is not limited to the details of construction here shown and described, as these may be varied widely without departing from the scope of the invention as defined by the claims.

What is claimed as new is:

1. A mouth-piece for cigarettes comprising a perforated disc member of non-absorbent material having a single pair of identical and diametrically disposed tabs adapted to be bent at right angles and attached to the cigarette wrapper by adhesive, the marginal edge portions of the disc between said tabs lying lightly and freely against the adjacent edges of the cigarette wrapper and adapted to permit the emission of smoke thereat, substantially as set forth.

2. A mouth-piece for cigarettes comprising a perforated disc member of non-absorbent material having a single pair of identical and diametrically disposed tabs adapted to be bent at right angles and attached to the cigarette wrapper by adhesive, each of said tabs formed of a rectangular piece of substantial size and connected to the disc by a relatively narrow portion, the two rectangular pieces adapted to completely envelop and reinforce the mouth engaging portion of the cigarette wrapper, and the marginal edge portions of the disc between said narrow connecting portions lying lightly and freely against the adjacent edges of the cigarette wrapper and adapted to permit the emission of smoke thereat, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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