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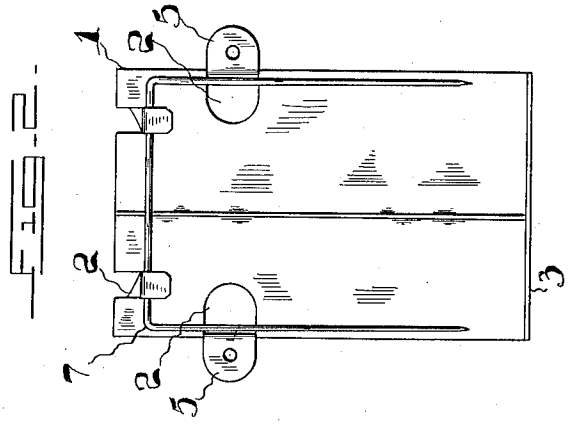


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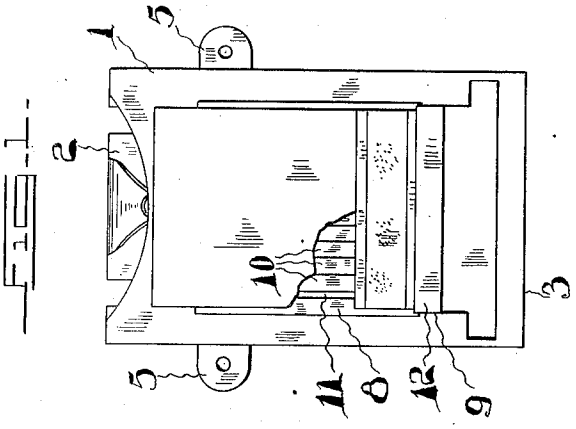
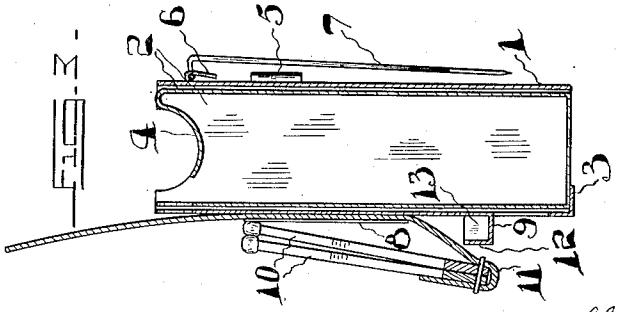


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. GIRSCH, of the city of New York, State of New York, United States of America, a citizen of the United States of America, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Ash Trays and Match Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices used for receiving ashes from cigarettes and cigars, as well as for the holding of matches, and the object of my invention is to devise a construction, while useful in the home or other places, is particularly adapted for use on automobiles, which will be compact, which will prevent spilling of the matches and ashes when travelling over rough roads, and which may be secured in place on the automobile in various kinds of positions.

I attain my object by means of the constructions hereinafter described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which—

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of my device showing the matches in position thereon;

Fig. 2 a rear elevation of the same; and

Fig. 3 a vertical section showing the box of matches being withdrawn.

1 is a holder preferably bent up to form from sheet metal, in which is adapted to be received the receptacle 2 for the ashes, the forward side of the holder being bent inwardly at its lower end to form a stop 3 for the receptacle 2. The holder 1 and tray 2, it will be noted on reference to the drawings are of considerable depth, relative to their other dimensions, and therefore in travelling over rough roads, there is little danger of the receptacle being jarred out of the holder or the ashes out of the receptacle. The receptacle is provided at its upper edge with a tab 4 to facilitate its withdrawal from the holder 1 when it is desired to empty it.

For securing the holder to a hard surface, such as the instrument board of an automobile, I stamp out from the back of the holder the lugs 5, which lugs are bent outwardly beyond the sides of the holder in the plane of the back and are each provided with a suitable hole through which a screw or nail may be passed.

In securing the device to the rear of the front seat of the automobile for use by the passengers in the rear seat, it is necessary to provide special means as, on account of the upholstering, there is often no convenient spot to which the device can be secured by screws. I therefore cut out and bend downwardly from the upper edge of the back of the holder the spring clips 6, which spring clips are adapted to detachably hold in place the U-shaped pin 7. This pin 7 may be engaged in the upholstering and will securely hold the device in position.

In the front of the holder are stamped up a pair of guides 8 and the stop 9. The guides and stop are intended to hold in place the matches 10, which are mounted in a well known manner on a strip 11, the lower end of the strip being bent up in front of the lower ends of the stems of the matches, and the upper end of the strip bent down over the heads of the matches and engaged behind the other end.

The stop 9 is sufficiently spaced from the lower ends of the guides 8 to permit the insertion and withdrawal of the cardboard strip between them, the cardboard strip 11 being sufficiently flexible to enable it to be pulled over the stop 9 when force is applied thereto and yet sufficiently stiff to avoid accidental disengagement.

As there is danger of the strip 11 pulling out when a match is to be torn therefrom, I provide the stop 9 with the upwardly directed lip or retainer 12 and the integral ends 13. The lower end of the strip is thus securely held in position, but by moving it upwardly from behind the lip 12, it may be easily pulled over the latter and withdrawn.

To provide a support for a cigar, the upper edges of the sides of the tray and support are concaved, and the tab 4 will preferably be bent to lie in alinement with the concaved edge of the ends of the support and tray so that short stubs of cigars may be supported, although the tab may be bent to lie over the cigar, in which position it would be useful in retaining the cigar in position.

From the above description it will be seen that I have devised a construction which will satisfactorily attain the object of my invention as set out in the preamble of this specification.

What I claim is:—

1. In an ash tray and holder for matches which are mounted on a flexible strip, the lower end of the strip being bent up over the front of the lower portions of the stem of the matches, the combination of a support; a pair of parallel guides on said sup-

port behind which the flexible strip may slide; a stop on said holder on which the lower end of the strip may rest; and a retainer adapted to engage over the upwardly bent part of the strip.

2. In an ash tray and holder for matches which are mounted on a flexible strip, the lower end of the strip being bent up over the front of the lower portions of the stems of the matches, the combination of a sheet metal support; a pair of parallel guides on said support behind which the flexible strip may slide; a stop on said holder on which the lower end of the strip may rest; and a retainer adapted to engage over the upwardly bent part of the strip, said guides and stop being stamped up from the support and the retainer an integral lip on the outer edge of the stop.

3. In an ash tray and match holder, the combination of an open-topped box-like support; a removable tray in said support, the upper edges of two opposite sides of said support being concaved; and a tab on one side of and extending over the tray.

4. An ash tray and match holder comprising an open-topped box like support bent up from sheet metal and having a pair of lugs stamped out from the back thereof and extending outwardly beyond the sides of the support; and a pair of spring clips formed by cutting out and bending down portions of the back at the upper edge thereof.

Signed at New York city this 13th day of June, 1923.

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