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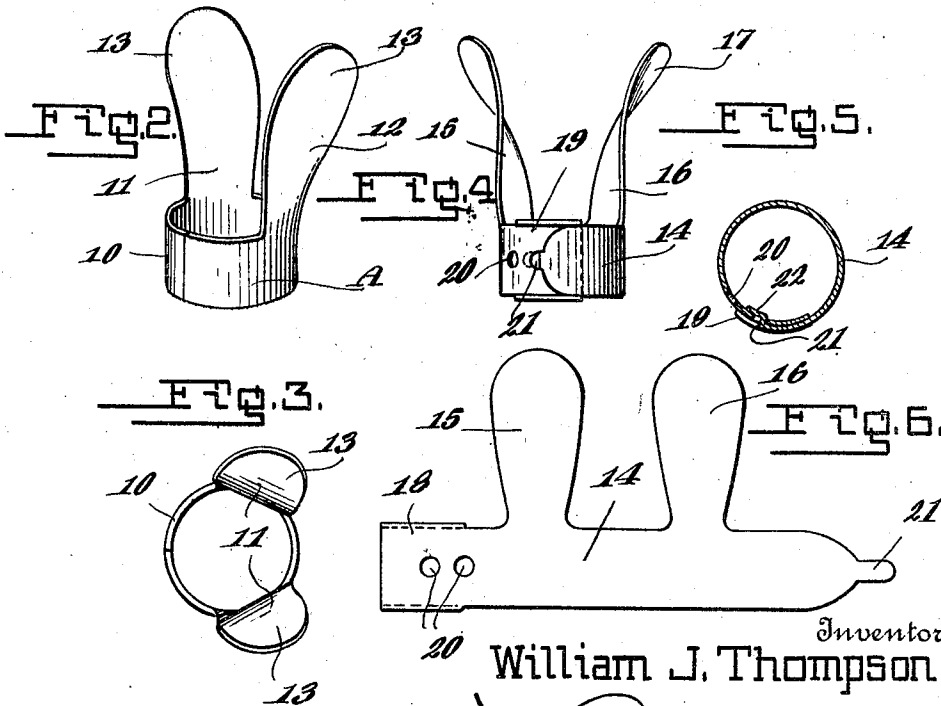
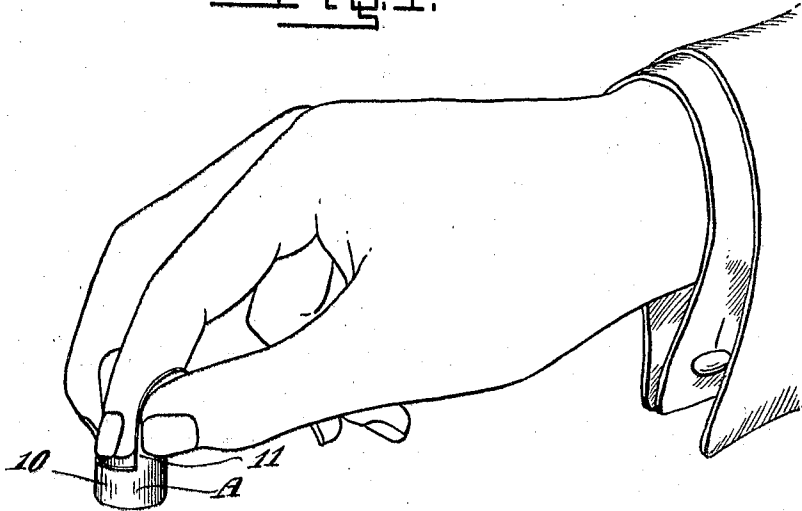
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Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. THOMPSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clyde Park, in the county of Park and State of Montana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Snuff Dippers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for taking snuff and the primary object of the invention is to provide an improved implement for facilitating the taking of snuff from a box and for carrying the same to the mouth of a user.

Owing to the fact that snuff consists of very fine or infinite particles, considerable difficulty has been heretofore experienced in removing snuff from the box or container and placing the same in the mouth. It is another object of the invention to provide an implement which will be convenient to handle and in which a quantity of snuff can be taken from a box and placed in the mouth of a user without any trouble or loss of the snuff.

A further object of the invention is to provide a snuff implement embodying a cutting and retaining ring which is adapted to be placed in the snuff box for receiving a quantity of snuff, the ring having handles formed thereon whereby the ring may be readily handled so as to convey the snuff carrying ring into the mouth of a user.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a snuff taking implement of the above character which can be conveniently stamped from a single sheet of material and which will be durable and efficient in use, one that is simple and easy to manufacture, and one which can be placed upon the market at a reasonable cost.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and formation of parts as will be hereinafter more specifically described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which drawings:

Figure 1 is a view of the improved snuff implement showing the same in use.

Figure 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the snuff taking implement.

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the same.

Figure 4 is an elevation of a slightly modified form of the snuff dipper.

Figure 5 is a transverse section through the annular body of the same.

Figure 6 is a plan view of the blank from which the modified form of the dipper or snuff taking implement is formed.

Referring to the drawings in detail, wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, the letter A generally indicates the improved snuff dipper or snuff taking implement, which may be constructed of any preferred material, such as sheet metal, celluloid, paper stock or the like.

In Figures 1 to 3 is illustrated a form of the invention which is adapted to be struck from a single sheet of relatively heavy material as the device in this form is adapted to be bent into shape by the manufacturer upon placing the same on the market for sale. As clearly shown in the drawings, the improved dipper or snuff taking device A includes an annular ring 10, the sides of which at diametric opposite points are provided with upwardly extending handles 11. The handles 11 are slightly dished inwardly as at 12 so as to conform to the configuration of the hand of the user and are flared outwardly at their upper ends as at 13.

In operation of the improved dipper or snuff taking implement, the index finger is placed between the handles 11 and the thumb and middle finger are placed on the outer surface of the handles 11. The ring 10 is then inserted in the container or package of snuff and cuts a quantity of snuff out from the main portion thereof. The implement or dipper is then placed in the mouth of the user and the index finger is pushed into the ring which will force the snuff out of the ring 10 and into the mouth of the user.

In Figures 4 to 6 inclusive is illustrated a form of the invention which is adapted to be formed out of relatively cheap material, such as celluloid or heavy paper or card board and this form of the device is adapted to be vended flat as shown in Figure 6 of the drawings and given with each box of snuff as an advertising novelty by the manufacturer. In this form of the invention a sheet of material is stamped out to provide the flat band 14 and the handles 15 and 16 which also may be flared outwardly as at 17 as shown in Figure 4 of the drawings. The band 14 is adapted to be coiled to form an endless ring as clearly shown in the draw-

ings and this band is formed of such a length as to permit the terminals thereof to be arranged in overlapped relation. One end of the band 14 has its opposite edges provided with wings 18 which are adapted to be bent outwardly at right angles to provide guide ways 19 as shown in Figure 4 of the drawings. This end of the band is provided with a plurality of openings 20 any one of which is adapted to receive the reduced tongue 21 formed on the opposite end of the band.

When the band 14 is coiled to form the ring the tongue 21 is, as stated, inserted in either one of the openings 20 and bent back as at 22 which will hold the band in its annular formation.

The snuff dipper or snuff taking implement is then ready for use and the same is used in identically the same manner as the form previously described.

From the foregoing description it can be seen that an improved dipper or snuff taking implement has been provided which will effectively facilitate the placing of snuff from a box into the mouth of the user.

Changes in details may be made without departing from the spirit or scope of this invention; but,

I claim:

1. A snuff dipper comprising an annular body open at its upper and lower ends, and handle forming arms extending from the upper edge of said body at opposite sides thereof and having unconnected flaring upper ends whereby said dipper may be grasped with a thumb and finger engaging the out-

er faces of said arms and another finger positioned between the arms in position for passing into the upper end of the body and forcing the contents of the body out of the same through the lower end thereof.

2. A snuff dipper comprising a body open at its upper and lower ends, and arms extending from the upper edge of said body at opposite sides thereof and having their upper end portions twisted to provide flaring end portions.

3. A snuff dipper comprising an annular body open at its upper and lower ends, and arms formed integral with the body and extending upwardly from the upper edge thereof at opposite sides of the body, said arms being twisted to provide end portions flaring outwardly.

4. An implement for facilitating the removing of snuff from a container comprising a band having its terminals arranged in overlapped relation, means for securing the terminals of the band together, and upwardly extending handles formed on the band.

5. A snuff taking implement comprising an annular band having its terminals arranged in overlapped relation, outwardly extending guide flanges formed on the side edges of one terminal of the band, said terminal of the band having a plurality of openings formed therein, a tongue formed on the opposite terminal of the band arranged to fit in any one of said openings, and upwardly extending handles formed on one edge of said band.

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