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HOLDER FOR SMOKING PIPES

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FIG. 1

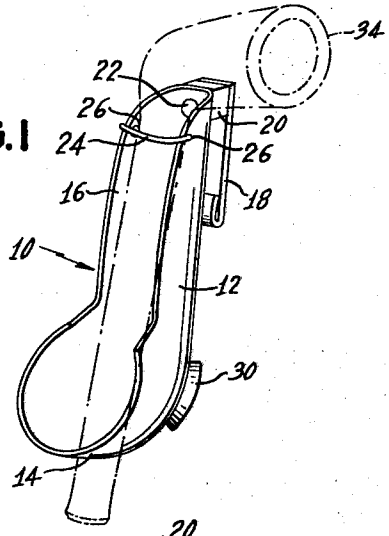


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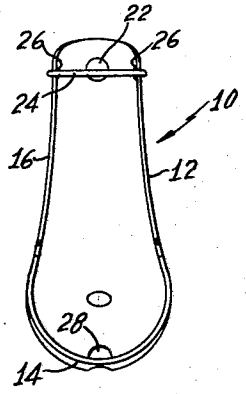


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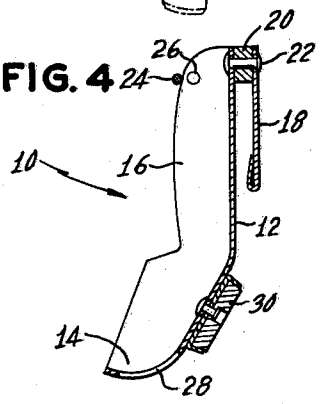


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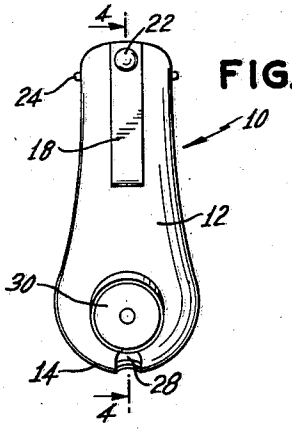


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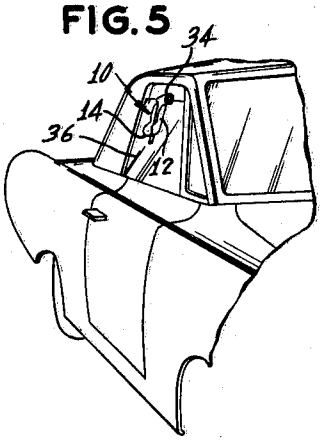
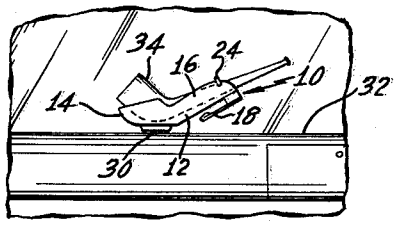


FIG. 6



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This invention relates to a holder and, more particularly to a holder for supporting tobacco smoking pipes in a number of different usable positions.

It is not uncommon for tobacco pipe smokers to own a number of pipes which they alternate smoking. The reason is that after smoking one pipe, the tobacco juices that accumulate in the pipe must be dried or removed. If the juices do not dry before the pipe is smoked again, they provide the smoker with a harsh taste that feels hot and irritating on the throat and tongue. Thus, it is common for a tobacco pipe smoker to let his pipe lie dormant for a time long enough to permit the juices to dry before reuse.

The desideratum of this invention is to provide a holder for tobacco smoking pipes which can be used to support the pipe in readily accessible positions and also subject the pipe to a drying ventilating moving stream of air, to dry the pipes so quickly that they may be reused within a relatively short time after each smoke.

Another object of the invention is to provide a pipe holder which will support a tobacco smoking pipe outside the window of a moving vehicle to face into the stream of ventilation drying air produced by the relative movement of the vehicle to the air.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a pipe holder that may be used to support a tobacco smoking pipe in any conveniently located position in a vehicle within accessible reach of the user.

Still other objects and features of the invention reside in the details of construction of the pipe holder that renders it easily usable for any of its intended functions without changing its mechanical features, and to so encompass the pipe as to prevent the loss of accidental dislodgement of the pipe from the holder when the holder is properly positioned.

Other and further objects of this invention reside in the structures and arrangements hereinafter more fully described with reference to the accompanying drawing in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the holder for tobacco smoking pipes constructed according to the teaching of the invention,

FIG. 2 is a front elevational view,

FIG. 3 is a rear elevational view,

FIG. 4 is a cross-section of FIG. 3 taken along lines 4—4,

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of the holder supported on an automobile window, and

FIG. 6 is a side view of the holder positioned on an automobile dash board.

Referring now to the drawing, the numeral 10 generally identifies a holder for a tobacco smoking pipe. The holder comprises a pipe supporting body 12 that is substantially J-shaped and that is also substantially U-shaped in cross-section. The body 12 includes a recessed pipe bowl supporting portion 14 and a stem supporting portion 16. Each of these portions 14 and 16 may be said to be recessed by virtue of their substantially U-shaped cross-sections. The portions 14 and 16 are coextensively arranged with each other, with the bowl supporting portion 14 being defined along the base of the J-shaped body 12 while the stem supporting portion 16 may be said to be defined along the long leg thereof.

At one end of the body 12, at the extreme end of the stem supporting portion thereof remote from the bowl supporting portion 14, is a support means in the form of a clip 18. The clip 18 comprises an arm that is made of yieldable material to permit its flexure about a surface to be gripped. The clip arm 18 is spaced from the body 12 by a spacer 20. The arm 18 and spacer 20 both are secured to the back section of the U-shaped stem supporting portion 16 by a rivet or other suitable fastening means 22. A retaining means 24 is joined across the sides of the end of the U-shaped stem supporting portion 16 to define therewith an enclosing loop for a purpose to be described. In practice, the retaining means 24 may comprise a flexible half loop or ring that is connected to the opposite sides of the U-shaped stem supporting portion by passing through and being fastened at the openings 26 defined therein.

The pipe bowl supporting portion 14 is provided with a pipe stem receiving aperture 28 defined therein. The aperture 28 is located substantially centrally of the contour of the bowl supporting portion 14 in substantially central vertical alignment with the clip means 18, between the sides of the defining U-shaped walls of the stem supporting portion 16. Hence, it may be said to be in substantial vertical alignment with and equally spaced between the sides or legs defining the U-shaped bowl supporting portion 14 and stem supporting portion 16. The aperture 28 is elongated in length and materially narrower in width, but sufficiently large to accommodate the stem of smoking pipes. The length of the aperture 28 extends in the direction of the base of the J-shaped body 12 toward the longer leg of such J-shaped body.

Secured to the outer surface of the pipe bowl supporting portion 14 and to the body 12 thereof is a magnetic holding means 30. The magnet 30 is found to be unusually adapted to hold the holder 10 in any desired accessible location, as in the position such as shown in FIG. 6 wherein, the bowl supporting portion 14 and stem supporting portion are substantially in horizontal relationship with the base and leg of the J-shaped body 12 forming a substantial V-shape.

After a pipe is smoked, the tobacco juices and the remaining impurities give the smoker a harsh taste unless the pipe is permitted to lay dormant and dry. For this reason, most pipe smokers carry a number of pipes with them. The pipes are frequently changed and smoking is alternated between them so they may be permitted to dry. However, this is often impossible of accomplishment especially by a pipe smoker who may find himself with but a single pipe. In this case, the present invention has peculiar application. Normally, the holder 10 may be rested upon the dash board 32 of a motor vehicle and left there by the user. When placed upon the dash board, the magnetic holding means 30 retains the pipe holder 10 in position as shown in FIG. 6. The J-shaped body 12 is then retained on the dash board 32 by the holding means 30 so that it is in a substantially horizontal position with the pipe bowl supporting portion 14 directed at an angle upward from the dash board and the stem supporting portion 16 directed oppositely upward at an angle from the dash board in a substantial V-shape.

At this time, a smoking pipe 34 may be supported in the holder 10 with its smoking bowl supported and partially encompassed within the pipe bowl supporting portion 14 and its stem supported and partially encompassed within the stem supporting portion 16. The stem of the smoking pipe extends along and is partially encompassed between the sides of the U-shaped stem supporting portion 16 while the retaining means 24 partially encompasses the remaining portion of the pipe stem. When in this position, the pipe 34 is prevented from accidental displacement from the holder 10 because the retaining means 24 serves to retain the stem of the smoking pipe

34 within the confines of the stem supporting portion 16 at all times.

However, immediately after use of the smoking pipe 34, it is desirable to quick dry the bowl and stem. They may be accomplished by the same holder 10. The holder 10 is lifted free of the dash board 32, simply by exerting a lifting force on it in excess of the holding force of the magnet 30. The pipe holder 10 is then clipped at 18, over the upper edge of the automobile window 36. The resiliency or yielding nature of the supporting clip means or arm 18 enables the same to fit snugly over the edge of the window while engaging the side thereof. The spacer 20 is substantially but slightly narrower than the thickness of the average automobile window and, therefore, the arm of the clip means 18 does not exert a scraping or excessive force on the surface of the window.

The holder 10 is thus positioned on the outside of the window 36. Its pipe supporting body 12 is held in a vertical position so that its J-shape is assumed. In this condition, the pipe stem supporting portion 16 is disposed substantially vertically above the pipe bowl supporting position 14. The pipe 34 is then inserted downwardly through the top of the holder 10 with its stem extending downwardly between the U-shape of the stem supporting portion 16 and the retainer means 24 until the stem of the pipe is inserted through, to project downwardly beyond the aperture 28. At this time, the bowl of the pipe 34 extends sidewise over and beyond one of the sides of the U-shaped stem supporting portion 16. It is retained in this position by its stem engagement in the correspondingly shaped or contoured aperture 28. The retaining means 24 completes the encirclement or encompassing retention of the pipe 34 to prevent its accidental loss or displacement from the holder 10. As the vehicle moves, the bowl of the pipe 34 may be directed forward to be subjected to the direct passage of ventilating and cooling air moving about the automobile, through the bowl and downward out of the pipe stem. Thus, the pipe 34 will be ventilated and dried quickly without the use of any extraneous cleaning equipment.

It will be recognized that the holder 10 may be placed on either window of the vehicle. It may be supportingly suspended on the passenger's window or on the driver's window by the clip or supporting means 18. The pipe 34 may have its bowl directed into or downstream of the air moving about the vehicle. After the pipe 34 has been thoroughly ventilated and dried, the holder 10 may be removed from its suspending support on the window 36 of the automotive vehicle and again retained on the dash board 32 as shown in FIG. 6 by the magnetic holding means 30. At this time, the pipe 34 is repositioned within the holder 10 as shown in FIG. 6. Although the vehicle illustrated in the drawing and above described is an automobile, those skilled in the art will recognize that the invention may be used with equal facility with any other type of vehicle.

While there have been shown and described and pointed out the fundamental novel features of the invention as applied to a preferred embodiment thereof, it will be understood that various omissions and substitutions and changes in the form and details of the device illustrated and in its operation may be made by those skilled in the art, without departing from the spirit of the invention. It is the intention, therefore, to be limited only as indicated by the scope of the claim appended hereto.

I claim:

A holder for a smoking pipe comprising a rigid pipe support body having a rigid pipe stem supporting portion and a rigid pipe bowl supporting portion, said supporting portions each being substantially U-shaped and extending coextensive with the other to form a constantly open and substantially fully exposed support for respective stem and bowl portions of a pipe, clip means on said body at said stem supporting portion directed away from said U-shape to supportingly suspend the rigid support body with said pipe stem supporting portion disposed substantially vertically above said pipe bowl supporting portion, a pipe stem receiving aperture defined in said rigid pipe bowl supporting portion in substantial vertical alignment with and between the legs defining said U-shaped pipe stem supporting portion when said body is suspended by said clip means, the stem of a pipe being insertable downward into said aperture and partially encompassed in said U-shaped stem supporting portion with the bowl of the pipe extending sidewise beyond one of the sides defining said U-shaped stem supporting portion, and retaining means connected across the legs of said U-shaped stem supporting portion to define a continuous loop and open enclosure therewith to encompass a portion of the stem of a pipe adjacent the bowl thereof, said clip means including a yieldable arm, means spacing said arm from said body, said arm being connected at one end to the end of said pipe stem supporting portion remote from said bowl supporting portion and extending in the direction of said pipe bowl supporting portion, and magnetic means on said pipe support body directed away from the bowl supporting portion thereof to hold said stem and bowl supporting portions thereof in a substantially V-shaped relationship with the bowl of a pipe supported in said bowl supporting portion and the stem of a pipe supported in said stem supporting portion wholly encompassed by said continuous loop defined by the U-shaped stem supporting portion and said retaining means.

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