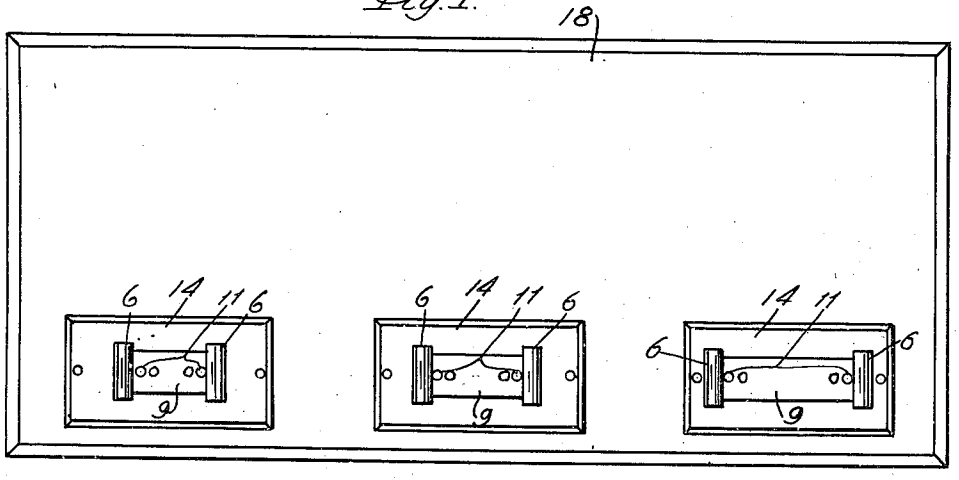
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Fig. 1.



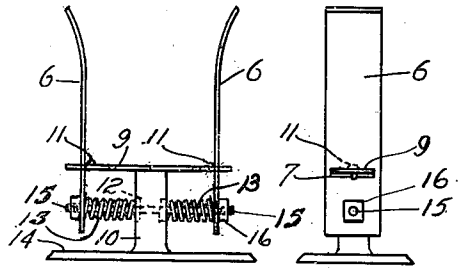


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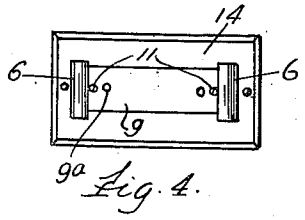


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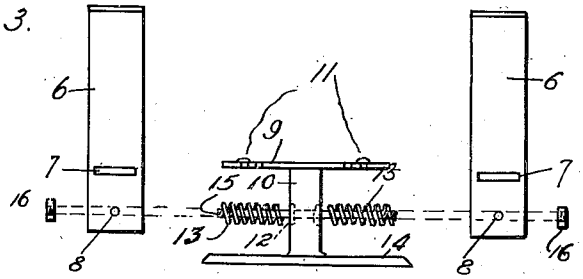


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My invention relates to stands for tobacco articles and more particularly to supports for such articles as smoking pipes, and cigar and cigarette holders. Often such articles are improperly supported, so that they turn or upset from vibration or other influences and spill ashes or burning tobacco remnants on furniture or carpets, soiling or injuring the same.

It is therefore one object of the invention to provide a support which will hold the smoking article in its proper position and firmly enough to resist turning or upsetting influences.

A further object is to provide a holder which employs a pair of jaw members which are engageable with the smoking article by spring action.

A better understanding of the invention may be had by reference to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a plurality of supports mounted upon an ash pan;

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of one of the supports;

Fig. 3 is a side elevation;

Fig. 4 is a top plan view; and

Fig. 5 is a view of the support with most of its parts in separated relation.

Referring specifically to the drawing, the numeral 6 indicates a pair of opposed jaw members designed to receive the smoking article between them. The jaw members are identical, and each has a horizontal slot 7 below the center and a perforation 8 near the bottom.

The jaw members 6 are designed to be mounted on the flat top 9 of a stand 10, the latter rising from a base plate 14. The end portions of the top 9 pass freely through the slots 7 of the related jaw members 6, and the latter are thus slidable on, and to a limited degree rockable relative to the top 9.

The spacing of the jaw members 6 is adjustable by providing the end portions of the top 9 with series of longitudinally spaced perforations 9a, a chosen pair from the two series receiving stopper pins 11 to limit the inward movement of the jaw members accordingly.

When the smoking article is of a thickness to crowd between the upper portions of the jaw members, the latter rock to gather their lower portions. These act against a pair of alined compression springs 13 coiled around a horizontal rod 15. The middle portion of the latter is lodged in the stand 10, while the outer portions first pass through the springs 13, and then in threaded form through the perforations 8 in the lower portions

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of the jaw members to receive nuts 16. The stand 10 has cavities 12 to seat the inner ends of the springs; and the latter tend to rock the jaw members in directions to grip the smoking article and prevent it from turning or becoming upset.

The stopper pins 11 are applied at such spacings as best procure the frictional insertion of a smoking article between the jaw members, according to the thickness of the smoking article. When the jaw members have been properly spaced, the nuts 16 are adjusted in a manner to keep the jaw members in upright position.

The article supports may be mounted in multiple in an ash tray 18, as shown in Fig. 1.

I claim:

1. A smoking article supporting stand comprising a base, a post secured to said base, a platform secured to the post and arranged parallel with said base, said post provided with an opening, a threaded rod in said opening and extending beyond the sides of the post on each side thereof, springs on said rod, one end of each spring engaging the post, jaw members provided with a circular hole and a slot, said jaw members being slidably mounted on said platform and rod, the opposite ends of the flat top and the rod slidably engaging the slot and hole, respectively, of each jaw member, and nuts secured to each end of the rod and acting against the tension of the springs to maintain the jaws in an upright position.

2. A supporting stand as defined in claim 1 in which the platform is provided with stops adapted to be placed in selected openings to contact the jaw members and limit sliding movement thereof.

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