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Fig. 1

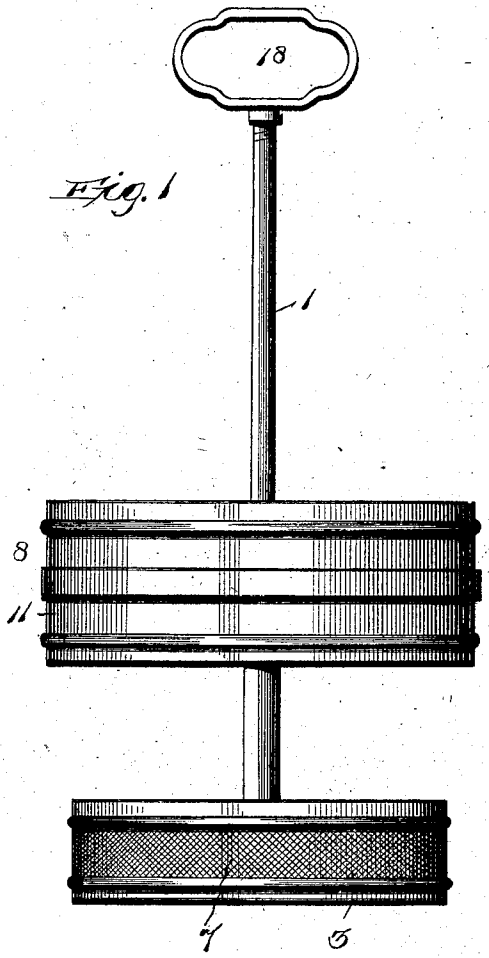



Fig. 2.

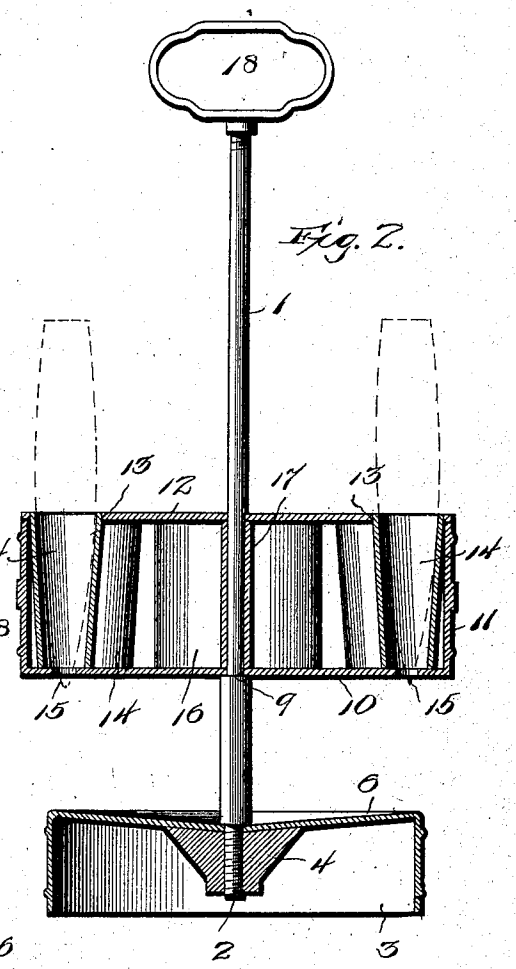
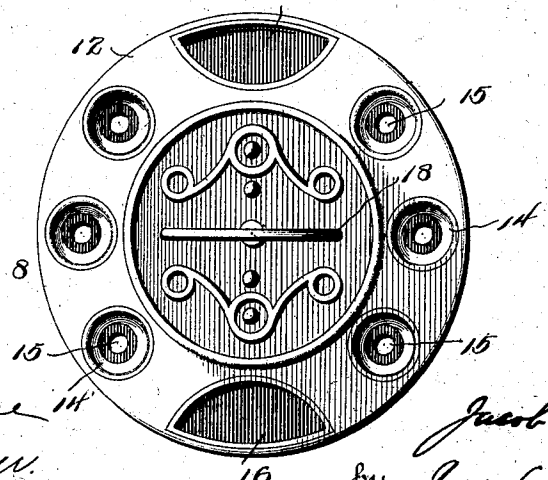



Fig. 3.




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## COMBINATION-TRAY FOR HOLDING CIGARS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JACOB A. HYLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Altoona, in the county of Blair and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination-Trays for Holding Cigars, Matches, Toothpicks, &c.; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to combination-trays designed for holding cigars, matches, toothpicks, &c.; and the object of the same is to provide a simple and convenient device for serving cigars, matches, &c., at tables in hotels, cafés, restaurants, bar-rooms, or at dining-tables in private houses and to provide a tray for this purpose which shall be of ornamental but simple construction, which shall be convenient in use, and which may be manufactured at slight cost.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a combination-tray made in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view.

The numeral 1 designates a central standard, which may be in the form of a metal rod having a threaded lower end 2, secured to a suitable base 3 by means of a nut 4. As shown in Fig. 2, the base 3 is hollow and of light sheet metal, and the nut 4 is of a size to serve as a weight to give stability to the tray and to prevent it from being easily overturned. The top 6 of the base 3 is slightly concave or dished to hold lighted cigars placed thereon with the lighted end toward the center of the base, and also to serve as an ash-receiver. The outer surface of the base 3 is roughened, as at 7, to serve as a match-scratcher.

Above the base 3 a tray or holder 8 is seated on a shoulder 9, formed on the standard 1, said tray being loosely mounted on the standard, so that it may be rotated to serve persons sitting around the table. This tray consists, as shown, of a hollow metal cylinder having a bottom 10, an annular rim 11, and a top or cover 12. The top 12 is provided with a series of perforations 13 to accommodate the tapering cigar-holding tubes 14, and perforations 15 are formed in the bottom 10, in line with the tubes 14, to hold the pointed end of the cigar in place in the tray, said perforations 15 also serving as drainage-openings to keep the tubes 14 in a dry condition. There are six of the tubes 14 shown in the drawings; but it will be understood that any desired number may be utilized. Receptacles 16 are provided for matches and toothpicks, said receptacles and the tubes 14 being readily removable from the tray to facilitate cleaning. The standard 1 passes through openings formed in the bottom 10 and the top 12, a tube 17 surrounding the standard to give strength to the structure. At the upper end of the standard a removable handle 18 is provided, thus rendering the parts of the device readily detachable for packing and shipping within a small space and to facilitate the operation of cleaning. The rim 11 may be suitably ornamented or may be utilized as advertising space. The base 3 may be made sufficiently heavy to prevent the tray from being readily overturned.

My invention will be found very desirable in serving cigars, matches, and toothpicks at tables, and owing to its simple construction and slight cost should be a useful and ornamental adjunct to the dinner-table.

It will be understood that slight changes in the details of construction hereinbefore described may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

What I desire to claim and secure by Letters Patent is—

1. A hand portable, combination cigar-tray, consisting of a standard with a handle at its upper end; a base at its lower end which forms an ash-receiver, and receptacle for cigar-butts, and a rotatable tray mounted on said standard at a suitable distance above the base,

and having a number of short vertical tubes, adapted to receive and hold cigars in an upright position, as herein set forth.

2. A hand portable, combination cigar-tray, consisting of a standard having a handle at its upper end; a base at its lower end, which forms an ash-receiver and receptacle for cigar-stumps; a rotatable cylindrical tray on said standard having a top and bottom and provided with a number of circular openings in its top, and smaller openings in its bottom in alinement with the upper openings, and cigar-holding tubes mounted in said upper openings, as herein set forth.

3. A hand portable, combination cigar-tray, consisting of a standard with a handle at its upper end; a base at its lower end forming an ash-receiver, and cigar-stump receptacle; a rotatable cylindrical tray mounted on the standard and having a top and bottom, with circular openings in the top, and smaller openings in the bottom in alinement with those in the top, adapted to receive the tips of cigars; removable tapering tubes located in the larger circular openings, and extending to the lower openings, as herein set forth.

4. A hand portable, combination cigar-tray, consisting of a standard, with a handle at its upper end; a base at its lower end forming an ash-receiver, and cigar-stump receptacle, and having a rough surface on its periphery to scratch matches; a rotatable cylindrical tray having circular openings in its top and holes in its bottom for cigar-tips; tapering removable tubes for holding cigars mounted in said openings in the top; and removable match-holders mounted in said tray; the several parts of the entire device being separable, as herein set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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