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TOBACCO USER'S ACCESSORY.

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Fig. 1.

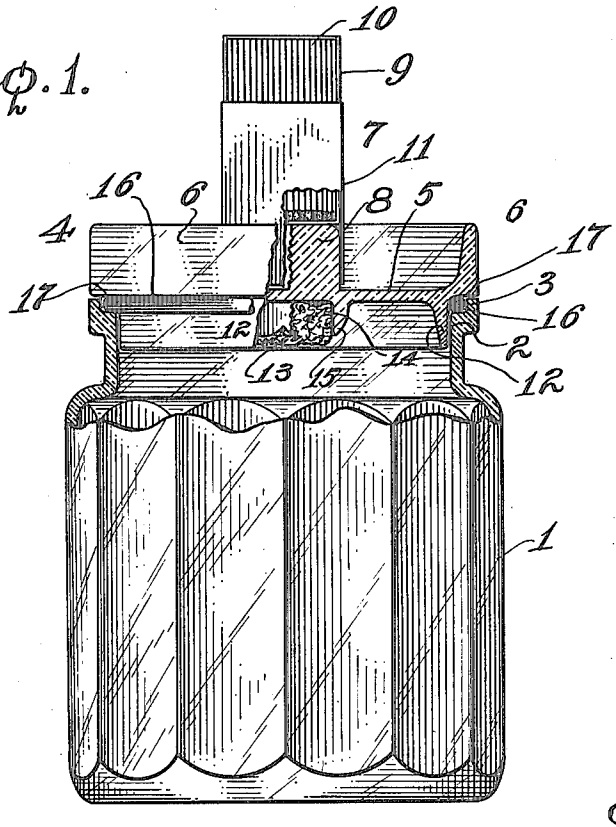


Fig. 2.

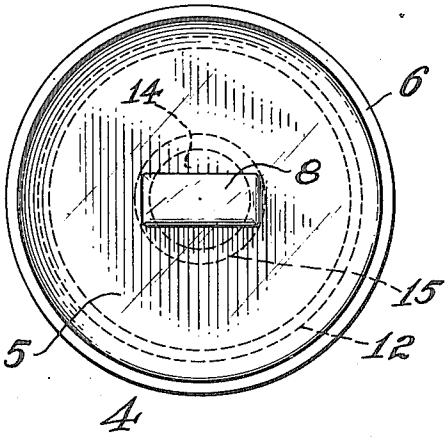
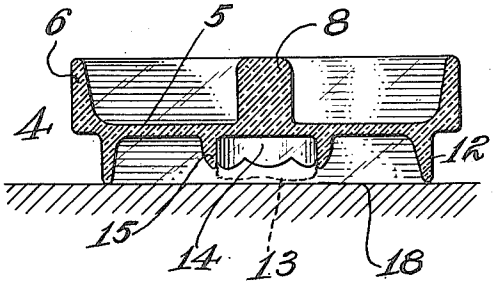


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADOLPH KELLER, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, residing in the city of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Users' Accessories, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to tobacco users' accessories, and it is particularly applicable in connection with a jar or holder for tobacco or cigars.

The principal object of the invention is to produce a cover for a jar which will operate as an ash tray and which can, if desired, be removed from the jar and set upon a table or other support as an ordinary ash tray.

A further object of the invention is to construct the cover in such a way that it is adapted to carry a match safe on its upper side and an absorbent body such as a sponge on its under side so that when the ash tray is used as a cover for the jar the absorbent body or sponge can be moistened so as to give the effect of a humidor on the interior of the jar.

Further objects of the invention will appear more fully hereinafter.

The invention consists in the general combination of parts and details to be described hereafter, all of which contribute to produce an efficient tobacco user's accessory.

A preferred embodiment of the invention is described in the accompanying specification, while the broad scope of the invention is set forth in the appended claims.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a side elevation and partial section illustrating the invention as applied to a tobacco jar. Fig. 2 is a plan of the cover or ash receiver, removed from the jar. Fig. 3 is a vertical central section through the cover or ash receiver and representing the same removed and resting upon a horizontal support such as a table.

Referring more particularly to the parts, 1 represents a jar such as used for tobacco or cigars and having a mouth 2 adapted to receive a cover. The mouth of this jar is preferably formed with a rabbet groove 3 for a purpose which will appear more fully hereinafter.

The cover 4 is preferably in the form of a shallow dish having a bottom 5 and having a continuous rib or lip 6 on its upper side to give the upper side of the cover substantially the form of an ordinary ash tray or ash receiver. On its upper side the cover 4 is preferably provided with means for supporting a match safe 7 and this means is preferably in the form of a substantially rectangular projection or knob 8. This projection is adapted to fit into the end of a match safe if the match safe is shoved down over it so that the drawer 9 in the case will be forced upwardly in a well understood manner so as to expose the ends of the matches 10. When a match case is applied to the cover in this way the matches can be removed when desired and struck on the side face 11 of the safe.

The cover 4 is preferably formed on its under side with a neck 12 and is adapted to fit into the mouth of the jar to hold the cover in place; and furthermore on the under side of the cover I prefer to provide means for holding an absorbent body such as a sponge 13. This means may be in the form of a pocket 14 formed by means of a circumferential rib or flange 15. I prefer that the jar and cover should be of substantial circular form.

In order that the cover may seat nicely on the jar and assist in making the closed jar substantially air tight, I prefer to provide a gasket 16 preferably in the form of a round rubber ring or washer which fits tightly on the neck 12. The diameter of the upper portion of the cover is preferably greater than the diameter of the neck 12, so that a circumferential shoulder 17 is formed against which the gasket 16 seats. When the cover is on the jar, the gasket 16 fits nicely in the aforesaid rabbet groove 3 of the jar.

If desired, the cover 4 may be made of glass or other ornamental material. These covers may be sold with jars of inexpensive material so that, if desired, when the contents of the jar are consumed, the jar may be thrown away and the cover kept as an ash receiver or ash tray.

In order to adapt the cover to form an ash tray, I prefer to construct it so that the neck 12 extends downwardly below the sponge holder 15. In this way the sponge holder does not interfere in any way with the use of the cover as an ordinary ash tray as it may evidently be set upon a table or other horizontal support indicated at 18 in Fig. 3.

If desired, a match safe 7 need not be attached to the safe holder or projection 8 and under these circumstances the projection 8 operates as a knob to facilitate the lifting of

the cover. When using the cover as an ordinary ash tray, as illustrated in Fig. 2, the sponge 13 and the gasket 16 are preferably removed.

I do not limit myself to the use of all of the novel features of my invention in combination, as I may use any of the novel features separately. It is understood also that the embodiment of the invention set forth is only one of the many embodiments or forms the invention may take and I do not wish to be limited in the practice of my invention nor in my claims to the particular embodiment set forth.

What I claim is:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a tobacco user's accessory including a combined jar cover and ash-tray, consisting of a substantially dish-like member having an upward extension serving as a finger-hold and adapted to support a match box, said member also having a downwardly extending flange to engage the neck of a tobacco jar, said flange forming a base to support the tray when removed from the jar.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a tobacco user's accessory constituting a combined jar cover and ash-tray, consisting of a substantially dish-like member having an upward extension serving as a finger-hold and adapted to support a match box, said member also having a downwardly extending flange to engage the neck of a tobacco jar, said flange forming a base to support the tray when removed from the jar and means on the underside of the said member for supporting a moisture absorbent body to provide moisture for the contents of the jar to which the cover is applied.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a tobacco user's accessory embodying a combined jar cover and ash-tray, consisting of a substantially dish-like member having on its upper surface a centrally disposed upward extension serving as a finger-hold and adapted to support a match box, said member also having a downwardly extending flange to engage the neck of a tobacco jar, said flange constituting a base to support the tray when removed from the jar, and a recess in the underface of the dish-like member for supporting a moisture absorbent body to provide moisture for the contents of the jar to which the cover is applied.

4. As a new article of manufacture, a tobacco user's accessory embodying a combined jar cover and ash-tray, consisting of a bottom-wall section, a rib extending upwardly from the margin of said section to provide a substantially dish-like tray, a neck depending from said bottom-wall section and of less cross-dimensions than the rib, said neck being adapted to engage the mouth of a tobacco jar and constituting a base to support the tray when removed from the jar, and means on the underside of said bottom-wall section for supporting a moisture absorbent body to provide moisture for the contents of the jar to which the cover is applied.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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