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Fig. 1.

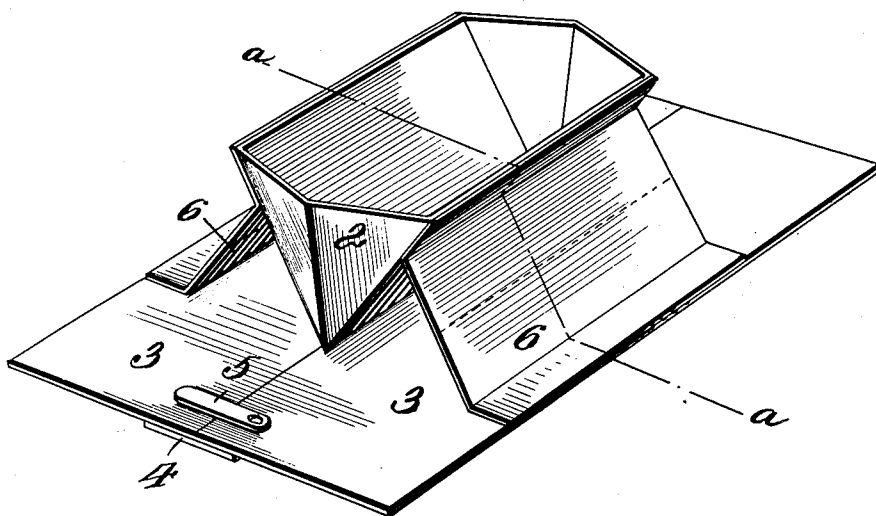
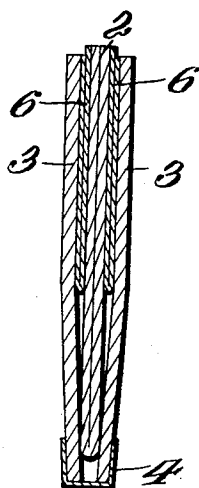


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LUCIEN W. HURFF, citizen of the United States of America, residing at Galesburg, in the county of Knox and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ash-
Receivers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to ash receivers.

The invention has special reference to an ash receiver that is foldable and may be conveniently carried in the vest pocket of a user.

The invention consists in the provision of a receiver or container, preferably formed of non-combustible material, its parts so constructed and related as to render them capable of being folded upon each other when not in use, or to be extended to render it capable of receiving deposits of ashes, matches, cigar or cigarette stubs and the like. It also includes relatively foldable members, the edges of which are suitably connected and related to each other to permit them to be folded together and flexible members for connecting the upper edges of the receiver respectively one to each of said foldable members in such a manner that when the foldable members are extended so that they shall lie substantially in a common plane they will serve to extend the receiver portion to capacity opening, and to maintain it in a substantially vertical position. The invention includes also means for maintaining the foldable sections extended to present a substantially flat base for the ash receiver, thereby rendering it readily placeable upon a table or the like.

With these and other objects in view, as will appear from time to time in the attached specification and claims, the invention consists in certain novel constructions, combinations and arrangements, as will be hereinafter more particularly set forth and claimed.

For a better understanding of the invention, reference is made to the accompanying drawings showing one embodiment of the novel device and in which corresponding parts are indicated by similar reference characters.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved pocket ash receiver;

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view at approximately the longitudinal central portion of the device.

Experience as a smoker has led the applicant herein to develop the present invention, as it has come to his attention that it is the exception and not the rule for places ordinarily visited by business men to be equipped with adequate conveniences to accommodate smokers. There may be a single provision, but seldom conveniences for a plurality of individuals, and it is to meet this emergency that this individual ash receiver has been developed.

Referring to the drawings, 2 is an ash receiver comprising parts or members related in a manner to permit them to be folded relatively into compact relation substantially in the manner shown in Fig. 2, said receiver being preferably formed of non-inflammable material that would prevent its becoming ignited by lighted matches, cigarettes or cigars. 3—3 are supporting members for the ash receiver, formed preferably of some firm material, as card board, or the like, the same being designed to have sufficient firmness that it will not so readily flex as to break or crack the material of which the receiver is composed, or to destroy the integrality of connecting members with the receiver and the foldable members respectively, and also of such firmness that when extended they may be relatively interlocked in a manner to form a substantially flat and firm base for the receiver. The edges of the supporting members 3 may be joined in any suitable manner, as for instance, by flexible strip members as 4, and any suitable means may be provided to hold the supporting members in the extended position shown in Fig. 1, as for instance by means of a pivoted clip member 5.

For the purpose of connecting the receiver 2 to the supporting members 3, flexible or foldable members 6 are provided, the edges of which may be secured respectively to the receiver, and the supporting members in any suitable manner, as for instance by some suitable adhesive element that will unite them firmly and permanently together, said flexible members being of such width respectively that when the supporting members 3 are in their maximum extended position shown in Fig. 1, they will serve to open the receiver to its full limit, as shown. Flexible or foldable members 6 are designed to be of such firmness as to aid in maintaining the receiver in the vertical position shown in Fig. 1, with the lower edge thereof resting

upon the supporting members. However, if the receiver is formed of quite firm material, the supporting characteristic of foldable members 6 is not material.

- 5 In the practical use of the article, the supporting sections are folded together, thereby completely housing the receiver in a collapsed condition and presenting an embodiment of the parts in substantially the form
10 of an ordinary note book, and when so folded may be conveniently carried in the vest pocket. When desired for use, the supporting sections are extended in the same manner as a book would be extended, and its parts
15 may be locked in such extended position, which will effect a complete extension of the receiver, and in such form or condition it may be readily set upon a table, and is usable in the usual way that ash receivers are used.
20 After use, and after having been emptied, the parts may be folded together, as hereinbefore described, and when thus folded may be readily placed in the pocket of the user.

What is claimed is:

- 25 1. As an article of manufacture, in combination, a receiver of collapsible material, a supporting member comprising sections relatively foldable upon each other and closable upon the receiver, flexible means
30 for connecting the sections of the supporting member and the receiver in a relation that

with the extending of the sections of the support, said means will act to open the collapsed receiver.

2. As an article of manufacture, in combination, a receiver of collapsible material, a supporting member comprising sections relatively foldable upon each other and closable upon the receiver, flexible means for connecting the sections of the supporting
40 member and the receiver in a relation that with the extending of the sections of the support, said means will act to open the collapsed receiver, and means for joining the sections of the support in a substantially
45 hinged relation.

3. As an article of manufacture, in combination, a receiver of collapsible material, a supporting member comprising sections relatively foldable upon each other and closable upon the receiver, flexible means for connecting the sections of the supporting
50 member and the receiver in a relation that with the extending of the sections of the support said means will act to open the collapsed receiver, means for joining the sections of the support in a substantially hinged
55 relation, and means for locking the sections of said support in its extended position.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my
60 signature.

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