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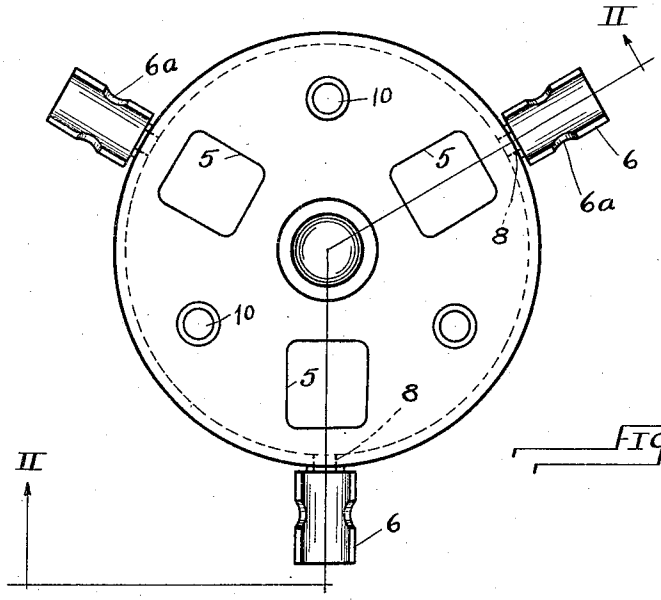


Fig. I

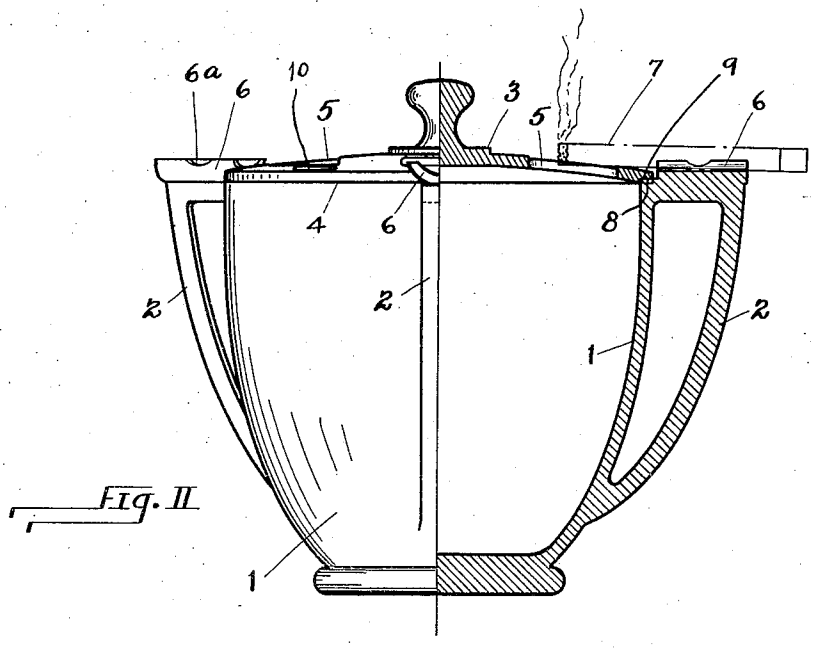


Fig. II

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My invention relates to an ash receptacle. The usual ash tray is shallow and of limited capacity; it is open and permits the ashes it contains to spill or to be blown out of it; and it is at best a thing lacking in ornamental beauty. I aim to provide a structure in which utility and artistic merit are effectively combined—a substantially closed ash-receiving structure of relatively great capacity.

In the accompanying drawing there is illustrated an ash receiver embodying the principles I have in mind. Fig. I is a view in plan from above; and Fig. II is a view, partly in vertical section and partly in side elevation, taken on the plane II—II of Fig. I.

In the drawing the numeral 1 is applied to a receptacle constructed in accordance with the invention; the receptacle is of relatively great depth, affording great ash-receiving capacity. To the ends in view, the receptacle is advantageously shaped as an urn, having symmetrically arranged side handles 2. In this case the urn includes three equispaced handles 2. A cover 3 seats on the peripheral edge 4 of the urn, affording a removable closure therefor.

In the cover 3 a plurality of orifices 5 is provided, the orifices corresponding in number and relative position to the handles 2 on the urn. At the top of each handle 2 there is provided a grooved cigar or cigarette holder 6, and the cover 3 is adapted to be so positioned that the orifices 5 lie severally in alignment with the holders 6. Accordingly, a burning cigarette (or cigar) may be laid in one of the holders, as indicated by the dotted line 7; the burning end of the cigarette overlies or lies within the associated orifices 5, and, as the cigarette burns, its ashes drop into the covered receptacle 1. If the burning cigarette is held in the hand, ashes may, of course, be "flicked" through any one of the orifices 5. So, it will be perceived that the structure, in being covered, prevents the spreading or spilling of ashes. The structure is of greater capacity than the usual ash tray, and is a structure in which utility and beauty have been effectively combined.

The periphery 4 of the receptacle is provided (desirably adjacent each handle 2) with a ridge or shoulder 8, and the cover 3 is provided with a complementary groove or notch 9, whereby the cover 3 is adapted to be precisely positioned over the mouth of the receptacle, to the end that the orifices 3 and the holders 6 will severally lie in alignment radially of the structure, cf. Fig. I.

The holders 6 include thumb notches 6*a*, to facilitate picking up a cigarette lying therein. These holders 6 may be integrally formed with the handles 2, or they may be separately formed and secured thereto, depending on the manner in which the structure is manufactured. Conveniently, the cover 3 includes one or more pits or sockets 10 of usual form, serving as snuffers in extinguishing lit cigars or cigarettes. I contemplate that my ash receiver may be formed of metal, glass, or of other suitable material. It is of such structure that it may be inexpensively formed in a molding, a pressing, or a die-casting process. Manifestly, my structure is such that advantages of the nature indicated are obtained.

I claim as my invention:

1. In an ash receptacle, the combination of an urn-shaped vessel provided with a side handle and a removable cover closing its mouth, a cigarette holder on the top of said handle, and an orifice in said removable cover adapted to lie in alignment with said holder.

2. In an ash receptacle, the combination of an urn-shaped vessel provided with a side handle and a removable cover closing its mouth, a cigarette holder on the top of said handle, an orifice in said cover, and means on said vessel, together with complementary means on said cover, to insure the seating of the cover in such a position on the vessel that said orifice lies in alignment with said holder.

3. In an ash receptacle, the combination of an urn-shaped vessel provided with a plurality of symmetrically arranged side handles, a removable cover closing the mouth of said vessel, a cigarette holder provided

on the top of each handle, and a plurality of orifices in said cover, corresponding in number and in relative position to said handles, and means on said vessel, together with complementary means on said cover, to insure the seating of the cover in such position on the vessel that said orifices lie severally in alignment with said cigarette holders.

4. In an ash receptacle, the combination of an urn-shaped vessel provided with a plurality of symmetrically arranged side handles, a removable cover closing the mouth of said vessel, a cigarette holder provided on the top of each handle, and a plurality of orifices in said cover, corresponding in number and in relative position to said handles, whereby said orifices are adapted to lie severally in alignment with said holders.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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