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Fig. 1.

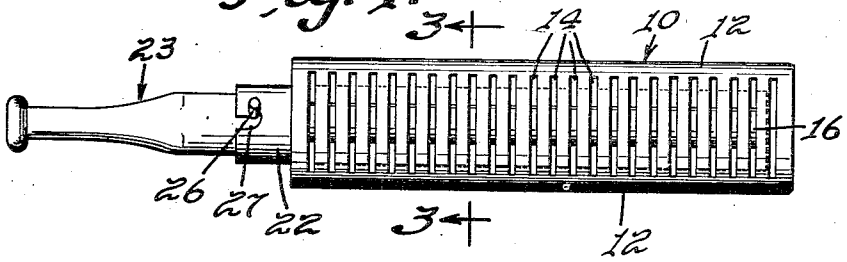


Fig. 2.

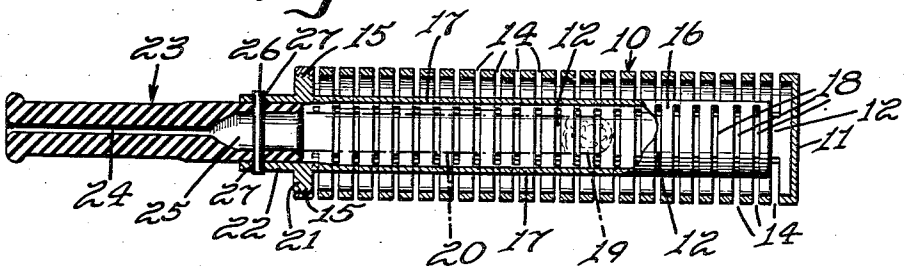
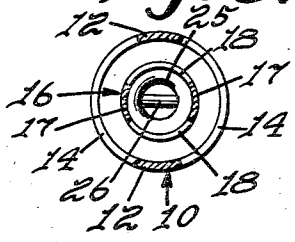


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to a smoker's appliance, and more particularly to a safety cigarette or cigar holder.

The object of the invention is to provide a holder for cigarettes or cigars wherein the holder is especially suitable for persons who smoke in bed so that the danger of fire from ashes and the like will be substantially eliminated.

Another object of the invention is to provide a safety smoking appliance which includes an outer housing and an inner casing that are each provided with a plurality of spaced parallel slots, and wherein a lit cigarette is adapted to be positioned in the inner casing so that there will be no danger of hot ashes accidentally falling onto a bed or the like and starting a fire, there being a mouthpiece detachably connected to the casing and whereby the parts can be readily disassembled as when the device is to be cleaned or when a new cigarette is to be replaced or inserted therein.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this application, and in which like numerals are used to designate like parts throughout the same:

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of the cigarette holder, constructed according to the present invention.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view taken through the cigarette holder of the present invention.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Referring in detail to the drawings, the numeral **10** designates an outer housing which can be made of any suitable fireproof material, and the housing **10** includes a flat end wall **11**. The housing **10** may be of substantially tubular shape and includes a pair of spaced parallel longitudinally extending ribs **12** and a plurality of spaced parallel transversely extending slots or cutouts **14**. An inner portion of the housing **10** is threaded interiorly as at **15** for a purpose to be later described.

There is further provided a hollow casing **16** which is arranged in concentric relation within the housing **10**. The casing **16** includes a pair of spaced parallel ribs or strips **17**, Figure 3, and the casing **16** also includes slots **18** which are arranged in spaced parallel relation with respect to each other, the slots **18** extending transversely with respect to the longitudinal axis of the casing. The slots **14** and **18** are of such a size as to permit air to pass therethrough, but these slots prevent hot ashes from the tip **19** of a lit cigarette **20** from accidentally falling onto a bed or the like and starting a fire.

Formed integral with the outer surface of the casing **16** is an annular collar **21** which threadedly engages the threaded portion **15** of the housing **10**. The casing **16** further includes a cylindrical or tubular extension which defines a sleeve **22**. Detachably connected to the sleeve **22** is a mouthpiece **23** which is provided with a longitudinally extending smoke passageway **24**, Figure 2. The smoke passageway **24** communicates with an enlarged recess **25** which snugly receives therein an end of the cigarette **20**. By removing the mouthpiece **23** from the casing and housing, the mouthpiece **23** can be used as a conventional cigarette holder. A pin **26** is frictionally held in and extends through the mouthpiece **23**, and the pin **26** engages bayonet-type slots **27** in the sleeve **22** so as to prevent accidental disengagement of the mouthpiece **23** from the casing. However, when the parts are to be disassembled as for cleaning or replacement of a cigarette,

then the mouthpiece **23** can be readily moved or rotated slightly to permit the pin **26** to be removed from the slots **27**.

In use a cigarette such as the cigarette **20** can be arranged so that an end of the cigarette is seated in the recess **25**. Then, after the end **19** of the cigarette is lit, the housing **10** and casing **16** are mounted over the cigarette as shown in Figure 2 and the pin **26** coacts with the bayonet slots **27** to retain the parts in their proper assembled position. Then with the mouthpiece **23** in the smoker's mouth, the cigarette can be smoked in the usual way and air for supporting combustion in the cigarette can enter the assembly through the slots **14** and **18**. Since there is a space between the inner casing **16** and the outer housing **10**, this will define an insulation area whereby a person will not burn his fingers in the event he accidentally contacts or touches the housing **10**.

The present invention can be used in hospitals, hotels, and the like or other places where persons have a tendency to smoke in bed.

I claim:

In a smoker's appliance made of fire resistant material, a cylindrical housing having a circular end wall, said housing embodying a plurality of spaced parallel transversely extending slots and spaced parallel longitudinally extending ribs, said slots all being of the same length, said housing further embodying an interiorly threaded portion adjacent one end thereof, said end wall being arranged at the opposite end of the housing from the threaded portion thereof, a tubular casing arranged in concentric relation within said housing and provided with a plurality of spaced parallel slots and longitudinally extending spaced parallel strips, the slots in said casing being arranged at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the casing, there being a space of uniform diameter between the casing and housing which provides an insulated portion whereby a person will not burn his fingers in the event he accidentally contacts or touches the housing, said slots being of such a size as to permit air to pass therethrough, but the slots preventing hot ashes from the tip of a lit cigarette from accidentally falling onto a bed or the like and starting a fire, an annular threaded collar extending outwardly from said casing and threadedly engaging the threaded portion of said housing, a portion of said casing adjacent said collar defining a cylindrical sleeve, a mouthpiece detachably connected to said sleeve and a portion of said mouthpiece projecting into said sleeve, said mouthpiece embodying a body member provided with a longitudinally extending smoke passageway, there being an enlarged recess in the inner end of said mouthpiece for receiving an end of a cigarette, interengaging means on said mouthpiece and sleeve, said interengaging means embodying a pin extending through said mouthpiece and through a portion of said recess, said sleeve being provided with opposed bayonet type slots for engagement with said pin whereby when the parts are to be disassembled as for cleaning or replacement of a cigarette, the mouthpiece can be readily moved or rotated slightly to permit the pin to be removed from the bayonet type slots.

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