

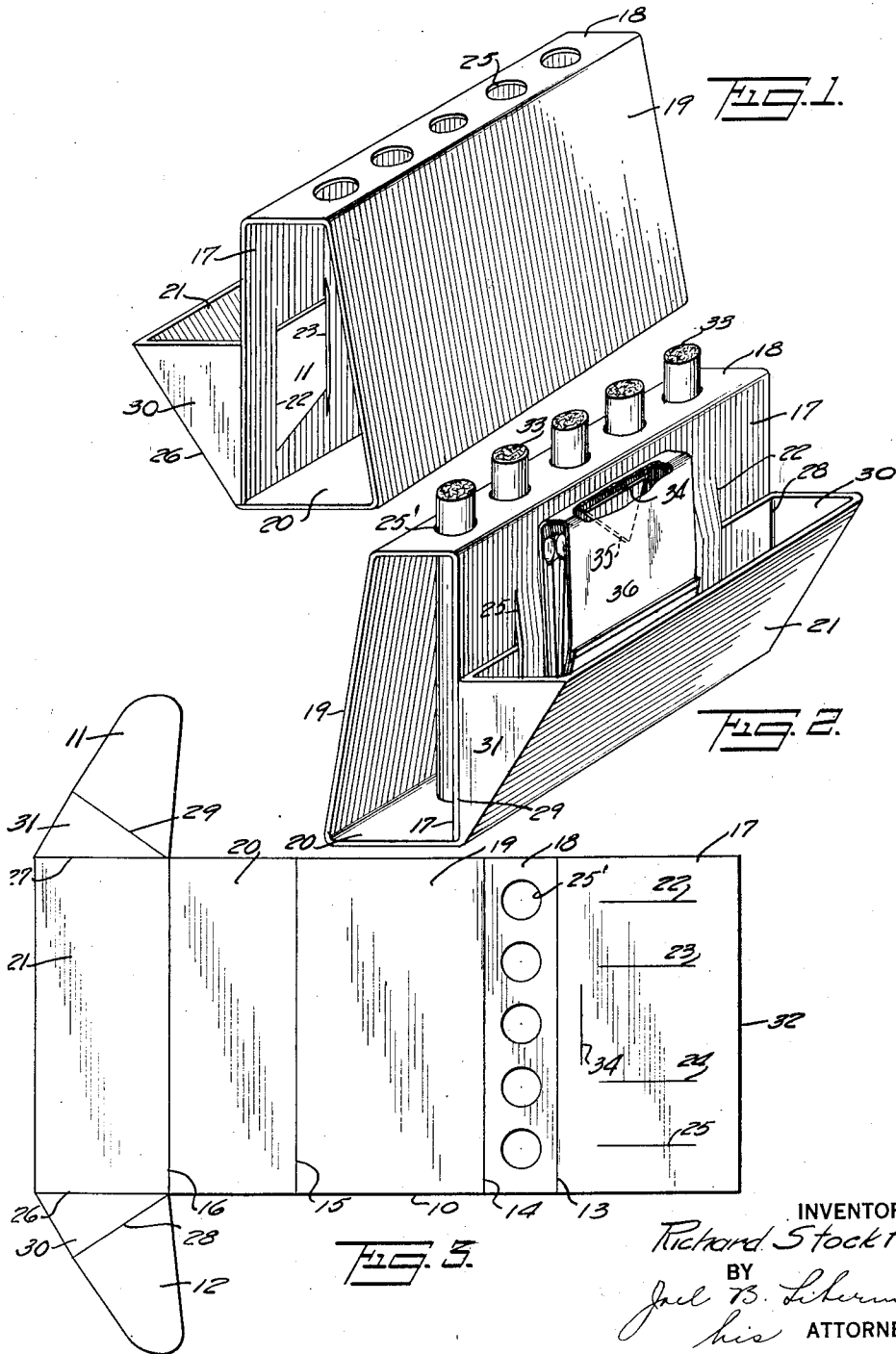
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The present invention relates to a combined cigarette holder and ash tray and more particularly to such an article made out of a blank of sheet material such as cardboard, by suitably folding the same.

It is frequently desirable to provide an individual cigarette holder and ash tray for use in restaurants, hotels, at banquets, dinners and other functions. Where such a device is provided for each of the guests it is easy to provide a number of cigarettes and distribute them to the guests in a pleasing manner. The ordinary form of ash receivers which are available lack individuality, and must be frequently cleaned. They become unsightly, and are expensive to replace and handle.

The present invention contemplates the provision of a device suitable for use as an individual cigarette holder and ash tray, which device is made in so inexpensive a manner that its destruction after use is encouraged. It is suitable for use in restaurants, hotels and other public places, as well as in hospitals and sanitariums where sanitary precautions are necessary.

An object of the present invention is to provide a suitable blank of sheet material, preferably of cardboard, from which one may fold up and form a combined cigarette holder and ash receiver suitable for the above purposes. The invention also contemplates the provision of such an article which will be suitable for elaborate decoration to facilitate its use as a place card or favor, or it may be made cheaply and used for carrying advertising matter.

The accompanying drawings show one of the many possible embodiments in which the present invention may take form, it being understood that the drawings are merely illustrative of the invention rather than limiting the same.

In these drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of one form of the cigarette holder and ash tray taken in one direction;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same taken in the opposite direction;

Fig. 3 is a developed view showing one form of blank from which the device may be formed.

A blank 10 is cut from cardboard or other sheet material to have the proper shape so as to be folded up to form a combined ash tray and cigarette holder. As

shown in Fig. 3, this blank is of general rectangular configuration and is provided with lateral extensions 11 and 12 near two of the adjacent corners of the blank. The blank is preferably provided with four suitably spaced parallel scores 13, 14, 15, and 16 which divide the body of the blank into five rectangular areas or portions 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21. The portion 17 is adapted to form one of the side walls of the device and is provided with four parallel slits 22, 23, 24 and 25. The area 18 is adapted to form the top of the device and is provided with a number of apertures 25'. The areas 19 and 20 are adapted to form the other side wall and the bottom, respectively, of the device. This form of blank is also preferably provided with scores 26—27 which are extensions of the side edges of the body part of the blank and serve to provide folding lines for the lateral extensions 11 and 12. These extensions are also scored as shown at 28 and 29 to provide triangular shaped areas 30 and 31. It will be noted that all these scorings are made on one side of the blank, which simplifies the dies used, as well as the assembly of the device.

In making up the device from this form of blank, the edge 32 of the blank is brought against the score line 16. This will provide a prismatic body having two side walls, a top, and a bottom, and will leave the marginal area 21 and flaps or extensions 11 and 12 extending free from the edge of the body. The flaps 11 and 12 are then folded along the lines 26—28 and 27—29, respectively, and the ends of the flaps 11 and 12 are passed through the slits 22, 23, 24 and 25 as indicated in the drawing. By thus passing these extensions through the slits the assembly is completed. The triangular areas 30 and 31 are so arranged that the area 21 provides an outer side wall for the ash receiver. The height of the side walls 17 and 19 are preferably somewhat shorter than the ordinary cigarette so that the cigarettes may be inserted through the apertures 25' to bring their lower ends in contact with the bottom of the device. The outer ends of the cigarettes will then extend out a slight distance from the top of the device so that they may be readily removed.

In making up this device it is preferable to provide a bottom 20 somewhat wider than the top 18. In this manner the device is made more stable and one of the sides, such

as the side 19, may be made to slope gently backward, as indicated. The panel 19 may be utilized to carry printed matter or as a place card, and the entire outside of the device may be easily decorated, either by printing, painting or otherwise. The holes 25' may be omitted if desired and the ends of the device may be closed, but this is unnecessary.

- 19 It is sometimes desirable to provide the device with a package of matches, and in this case, the blank may be slitted as shown at 34 and a V-shaped slit 35 cut into the cover of a package 36 of matches. The package may be inserted as indicated so as to carry the matches in an easily accessible position as though they were on an easel.

It is obvious that the invention may be embodied in many forms and constructions and I wish it to be understood that the particular form shown and described is but one of the many forms. Various modifications and changes being possible, I do not in any way limit myself with respect thereto.

23 I claim:

1. A combined cigarette holder and ash tray, comprising a piece of sheet material folded to provide a self-supporting structure having provisions for supporting a number of cigarettes with their ends accessible, and an ash tray carried alongside the cigarettes.

2. A blank for making a combined cigarette holder and ash tray, said blank having a part adapted to be folded to provide a prismatic body, and another part adapted to be folded at an angle to one side face of said body to provide a longitudinally extending ash tray, said blank being provided with cigarette holding apertures so placed that they are disposed on the upper side of the prismatic body.

3. A blank for making a combined cigarette holder and ash tray, said blank being scored to provide the bottom, top and two side portions of a prismatic body, said blank being provided with a flap adjacent one of the side portions, and extensions from the body of the blank adapted to be folded and attached to the body of the blank and hold said flap spaced from the other side portion to provide an ash tray.

4. A blank for making a combined cigarette holder and ash tray, said blank being scored to provide the bottom, top and two side portions of a prismatic body, said blank being provided with a flap adjacent one of the side portions, and slits and extensions so

placed that the ends of said extensions may be passed through the slits and hold the flap in position to provide an ash tray.

5. A blank for making a combined cigarette holder and ash tray, said blank being scored to provide the bottom, top and two side portions of a prismatic body, said blank being provided with a flap adjacent one of the side portions, and extensions from said flap adapted to be folded against the other side portion to provide an ash tray.

6. A combined cigarette holder and ash tray made out of a single sheet of cardboard folded to provide a top, bottom and side walls, the top having cigarette receiving apertures through which cigarettes may be inserted to rest their lower ends on said bottom, and also folded to provide an ash tray extending along one of the side walls.

7. A combined cigarette holder and ash tray made out of a single sheet of cardboard folded to provide a top, bottom and side walls, the top having cigarette receiving apertures through which cigarettes may be inserted to rest their lower ends on said bottom, and also folded to provide an ash tray extending along one of the side walls, and a package of matches supported by said side wall above the ash tray.

8. The method of making an article of the class described, which comprises folding a rectangular blank having lateral extensions to form a prismatic body with one margin of the blank freely extending outwardly from one edge of the body, and folding the extensions into a position to support the margin at an angle to the adjacent face of the body to form an ash receiver, or the like.

9. The method of making a combined cigarette holder and ash tray, which consists in providing a rectangular blank having lateral extensions near two adjacent corners thereof, scoring said blank so that it may be folded into a body having a top, bottom, and two side walls, without including the material between said two extensions, punching cigarette receiving apertures in said top portion, and then folding said extensions in against the adjacent side wall of the body and attaching them in place, said extensions being so folded that the material between the same is spaced from the side of the body to provide an ash tray.

Signed at New York city, in the county of New York, and State of New York, this 11th day of April, 1925.

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