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COLOGNE HOLDER

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Fig. 1.

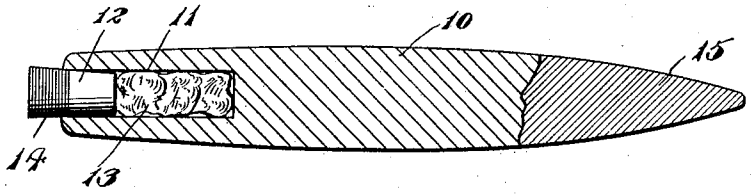


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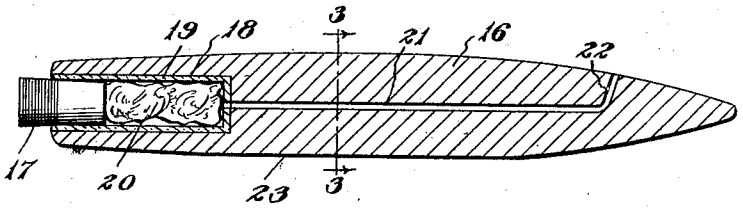


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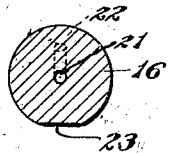
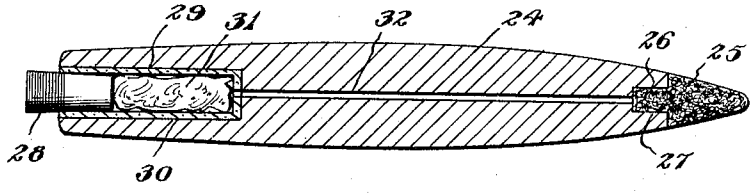


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to cologne holders and has for an object to provide a novelty having the general appearance of a lighted cigar and preferably forming a container for cologne, the cologne receptacle being corked by a stopper and preferably containing absorbent material, the stopper preferably being colored red to simulate the burning ash of a cigar and the container being preferably colored brown to simulate the coloring of a cigar.

A further object of the invention is to provide a cologne holder which may be placed on its side in a bureau drawer or closed closet if desired to agreeably scent wearing apparel, the odor escaping through a vent which is so positioned relatively to a flattened face of the holder that when the holder is placed upon said face as a base the vent will be upright so as to prevent the escape of any liquid which may have accumulated in the container.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a container for cologne or other liquid having an absorbent tip opposite the stopper end which is kept moist through an axial duct in the holder and communicates with the liquid compartment so that a humidor effect will be produced when the article is to be used for such a purpose.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, it being understood that various modifications may be resorted to within the scope of the appended claim without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification:

Figure 1 is a longitudinal sectional view through a cologne holder constructed in accordance with my invention,

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view through a modified form of the invention,

Fig. 3 is a cross sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, and

Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view through still another modified form of the invention.

Referring now to the drawing in which like characters of reference designate similar parts in the various views, 10 designates a holder which is cigar shaped in contour and is preferably formed of wood, although other materials may be used if desired in the manufacture of the holder. In the tip end of the holder there is provided an axial bore 11, the mouth of which is closed by a stopper 12. Preferably, housed within the bore is absorbent cotton 13 or similar material which may be saturated with cologne or other liquid. The stopper is preferably colored red, as shown graphically at 14, and the holder is preferably colored brown, as shown graphically at 15. Thus the device simulates in appearance a lighted cigar.

Removal of the stopper permits of exposure of the absorbent element 13 to cause fragrance therefrom to saturate the atmosphere. Should the absorbent material, however, be soaked with a reviving material, the device may be used as an inhaler in the sickroom for relieving colds, faintness, etc. The absorbent material 13 may even be dispensed with and the receptacle or bore filled with a beverage.

A modified form of the invention is shown in Fig. 2 in which the holder 16 and stopper 17 are similar in construction to the preferred embodiment of the invention with the exception that the bore 18 may be equipped with a vial 19 to retain the absorbent element 20. The holder is provided with an axial duct 21 which opens through the bottom of the vial and terminates in an obliquely disposed vent 22 which opens through the side of the holder near the conical or butt end thereof. A flat face 23 is formed on the holder to extend longitudinally thereof and

on the opposite side thereof from the vent 22. The purpose of this flat face is to form a base upon which the article may be set to position the vent 22 upright so that escape of whatever liquid may accumulate in the vial will not be effected through the vent. The utility of this construction is that the device may be set on its face in a bureau drawer, closed closet or other compartment to scent the wearing apparel fragrantly due to evaporation of the cologne from the absorbent material 20 through the duct 21 and vent 22.

In Fig. 4 there is shown still another modified form of the invention in which the cigar shaped holder 24 is flat at both ends and is provided at the butt end with a conical absorbent element 25 which is stream lined, as shown, to conform to the contour of the holder and preferably is provided with an axial projection 26 which fits in a corresponding axial recess 27 in the holder to secure the element 25 to the holder 24. Preferably the holder is equipped with a stopper 28 which closes the mouth of a vial 29 carried in an axial recess 30 in the holder and containing an absorbent element 31. An axial duct 32 connects both recesses 27 and 30 establishes communication between the bottom of the vial and the absorbent butt end 25 of the holder.

If desired, the absorbent element 31 may be saturated with cologne, the moisture and aroma of which escapes through the axial duct 32 and permeates the absorbent butt 25 of the holder. The absorbent butt thus acts similar to a humidifier for supplying moisture to dry atmosphere. It can also be readily seen that should the absorbent element be dispensed with and a liquid, such as milk and soothing syrup, placed in the vial, the device may be used as a pacifier for infants, the absorbent butt of the holder permitting of the liquid being sucked by the infant through the holder without danger to tender tissues of the mouth.

Furthermore, it will be particularly pointed out that the holder, being colored brown while the stopper is colored red to simulate the burning ash of a cigar, lends an attractive appearance to the device so that the same may be carried in the vest pocket without detracting from the appearance of the wearer.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

A device of the class described comprising a cigar shaped holder both ends of which are flat, there being a minute axial duct formed in the holder and having at each end a cylindrical enlargement opening through the adjacent end face of the holder, a vial in one enlargement having an outlet communicating with the duct, and a substantially conical absorbent stopper on the opposite end of the holder having an integral cylindrical stem entering the contiguous enlargement at the end of the duct, the stopper having a flat face in contact with the adjacent flat end face of the holder and being streamlined to present an outer surface forming a continuation of the outer surface of the butt end of the holder.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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