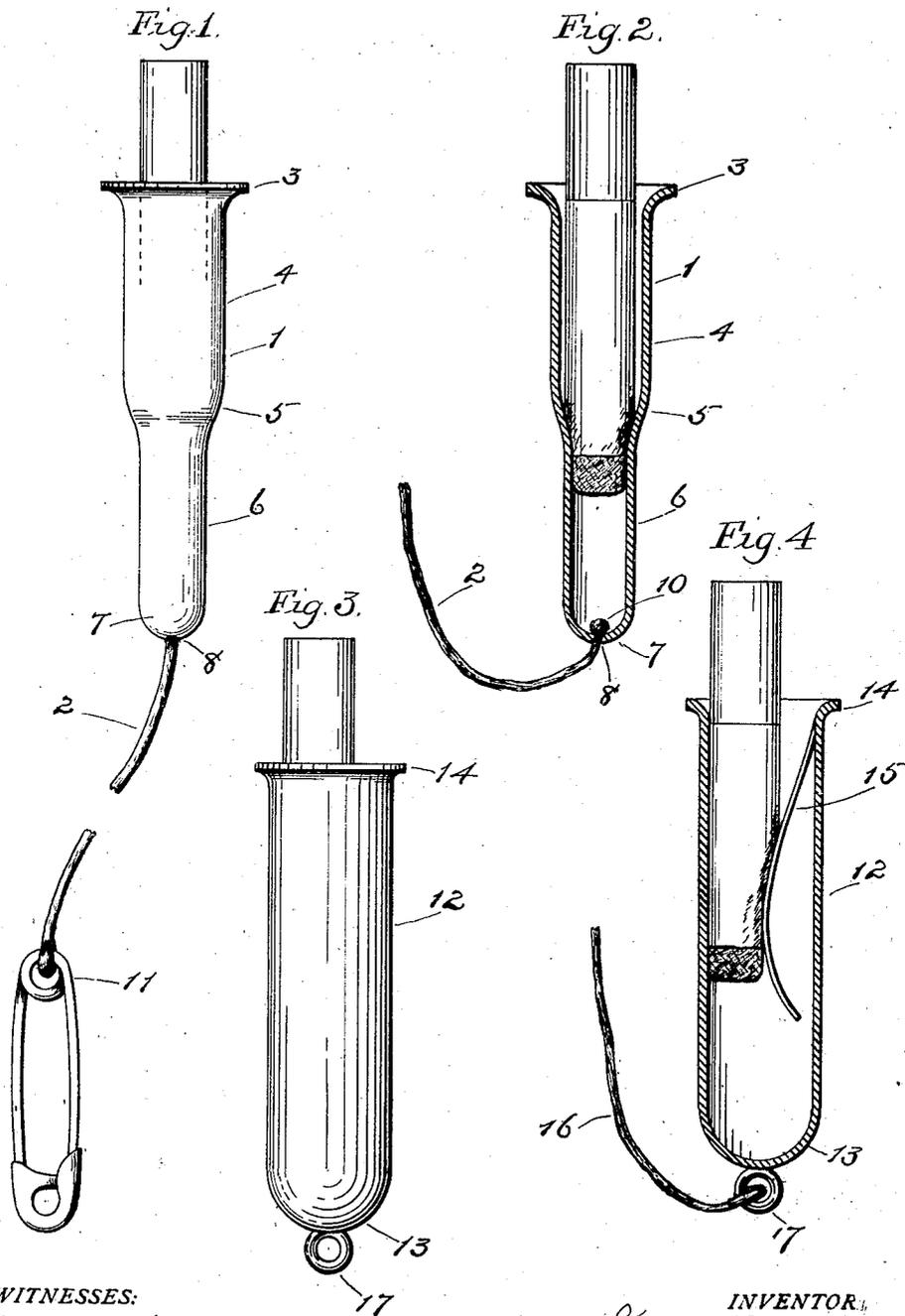


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. PETRIE, of the town of Westville, county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented new and useful Improvements in Trick Devices, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to trick devices and its object is to provide a device of this kind designed to carry out a "disappearing" act in connection with a lighted cigarette.

To this end, my invention is embodied in preferable form in the device hereinafter described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the device; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section through the receiver, showing a cigarette pressed into the receiver; Fig. 3, a view similar to Fig. 1 of a modified form of the device; and Fig. 4, a view similar to Fig. 2 of the device shown in Fig. 3.

Throughout the views like reference characters denote the same parts.

Referring to the drawings and first to Figs. 1 and 2, the device comprises a tubular receiver 1 preferably made of metal and an elastic flexible member 2 attached to the receiver. The receiver is of a size adapted to enable the same to be readily concealed in the hand of the performer and its interior surface near the longer end is preferably flesh colored so as not to be readily distinguishable from the performer's hand, while its exterior is preferably of a color similar to that of the clothes worn by the performer.

The receiver is adapted to receive a lighted cigarette into its large open end, and at this end the device has a bell shaped mouth, formed by a flaring rounded lip 3, which enables the cigarette to be readily inserted into the receiver. For a part of its length extending back from the mouth, the receiver has a straight cylindrical portion 4 of sufficient diameter to permit the easy insertion of a cigarette. This portion merges by a tapered shoulder 5 into a reduced portion 6 of less diameter than the part 4, or than the normal diameter of a cigarette, and adapted to receive and retain the cigarette when the same is crushed and crowded into such portion. The rounded end 7 of the receiver has a small perforation at 8 for the passage therethrough of the elastic retract-

ing member 2 which has a button 10 thereon, within the receiver, whereby one end of the elastic member is attached to the receiver. The other end of said member is provided with a loop 11, or clasp or similar device to enable it to be fastened to a pin or button on the clothes of the performer, whereby the device is adapted to be drawn back into a suitable place of concealment under the coat or other article of apparel of the performer by the tension of the elastic member.

The operation of the device is as follows: The loop or clasp of the elastic being attached to the clothes of the performer at such a place that the receiver when drawn back will be concealed, the performer "palms" the metal receiver in one hand and with the other hand passes a lighted cigarette into the receiver, thus giving the impression that the cigarette is being crushed in his hand. The compressing of the cigarette into the restricted inner portion 6 of the receiver grips and retains the cigarette therein, and upon the release of the performer's grasp on the device, the elastic member instantly retracts the receiver to its place of concealment, causing the cigarette to disappear, and the performer opens his hand and shows it to be empty.

In Figs. 3 and 4, a device is shown in which the restricted gripping passageway of the receiver is obtained by a different construction. In this device, 12 is the receiver which consists of a cylinder of uniform diameter except that it is rounded off at its closed end 13, and is provided with a flaring lip 14 at the other end. In this device, the restriction of the passageway is obtained by a spring 15 bent out from the wall of the receiver and extending longitudinally thereof. As the cigarette or similar article is forced into the tube it will be compressed between and gripped by the spring and the opposing wall and the article thus retained in the receiver. An elastic member 16 is connected to the eye 17 fixed at one end of the receiver.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A trick device comprising a tubular receiving member and an elastic retracting member attached to said receiving member and to means for attachment to the person of the performer, substantially as described.

2. A trick device comprising a metal tubular device to receive the article to be concealed and having an open receiving end and a restricted passageway, and an elastic retracting member attached to said device and to means for attachment to the person of the performer, substantially as described.
3. A trick device comprising a tubular body to receive a cigarette or similar article. said body having interior means to grip and retain the article when crowded into the

same, and an elastic retracting member attached to said body and to means for the attachment to the person of the performer, substantially as described.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on the 28th day of September, 1911.

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