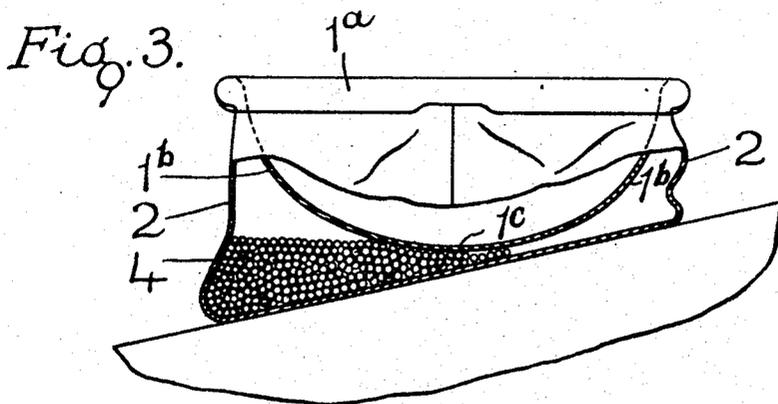
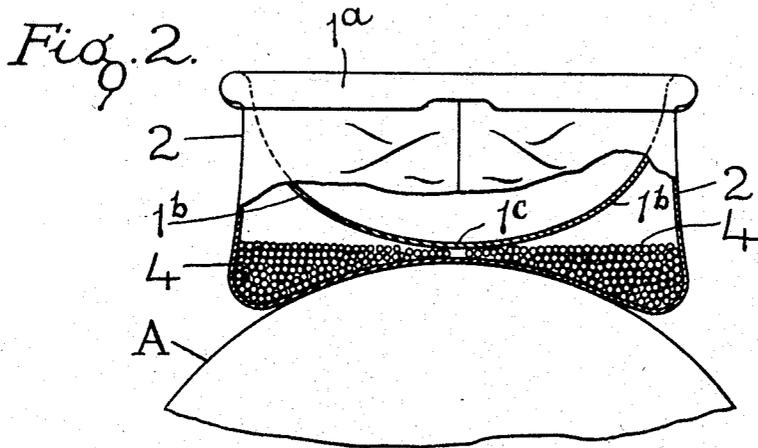
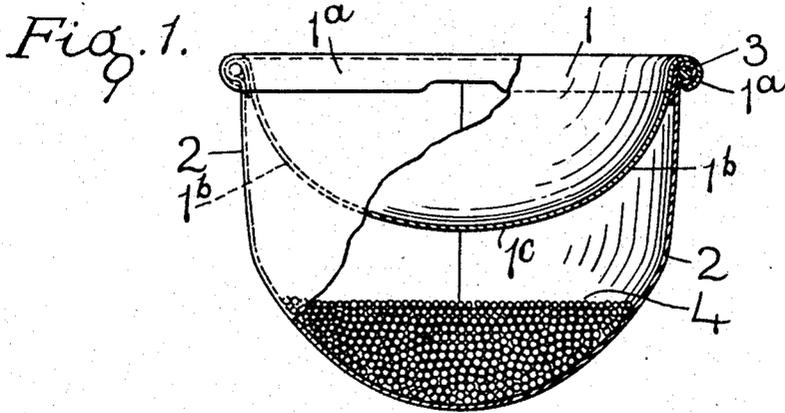


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This invention relates to ash trays, glass holders, match holders, cigarette stands, wool holders, sewing compacts, and other articles which it may be desired to stand or rest on the arm of an easy chair, or other supporting surface, especially curved or uneven surfaces, and has for its object to provide an improved and simple method of construction whereby the base of the article or holder can adapt itself to the shape or contour of the supporting surface, and whereby the article or holder can rest on said surface without fear of slipping.

According to this invention, the base of the article or holder is provided with a loose cover or bag of flexible material, and such cover or bag is partially filled with loose small weights, such as small lead shots, whereby when the base is placed upon say a curved surface such as the arm of an easy chair, the cover or bag and shot shift or move and adapt themselves to the shape of the support, the weight of the shot tending to cause the cover or bag to, so to speak, cling to the surface and for the article to return to its approximate original position if accidentally moved. The cover or bag may be made of any suitable flexible material, such as soft leather, or textile material having a non-slip surface.

The invention will be clearly understood from the following description aided by the accompanying drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a side view partly in section showing one example of the invention applied to a smoker's ash tray.

Figure 2 is a similar view to Figure 1 showing the ash tray on a rounded surface such as the arm of an arm chair, and

Figure 3 is a similar view showing the ash tray on a sloping flat surface.

The invention can be carried into effect in various ways as to detail construction, and as one simple example for an arm chair ash tray, and as shown on the accompanying drawing, the tray is formed in the shape of a somewhat shallow bowl 1 with an outwardly curled rim or annular flange 1^a around its periphery. Bowl 1 has side walls 1^b extending in substantially upright relation. These side walls merge into a substantially horizontal bottom portion 1^c. Over the underside of the bowl 1 is provided a bag 2, the edge of which is passed over a ring 3 and secured in the curled rim 1^a by closing the edge of the rim towards the bowl 1. The bag is of such a size that it forms a loose bag over the bottom of the bowl 1, and is partially filled with small lead shot 4, whereby when the tray is placed on the arm A of

a chair, the shot 4 can shift and adapt itself and with it the bag 2 to the shape of the arm A, the weight of the shot 4 holding the tray in position, and the leather of the bag 2 clinging to the material of the arm A.

The bag 2 and shot 4 will adapt themselves to any shape of support on which the tray is laid, and in Figure 3 is shown an example of a flat sloping surface.

The bag 2 may be constructed in any suitable manner, and from any suitable soft or flexible material, such as a soft non-shiny leather, india-rubber, or textile material, and is preferably formed in sections sewn or secured together, but a single piece of material can be employed.

Various other arrangements can be employed for securing the bag 2 to the article or to a holder, and various other articles can be fitted with the bag and shifting or loose weights, and in some cases the bag could be divided into pockets or compartments with loose weights in each pocket or compartment.

What I do claim as my invention and desire to obtain by Letters Patent is:

1. An ash tray comprising a bowl, a flexible open envelope extending loosely beneath and about the bowl to form a receptacle therefor, means securing the edges of said envelope to the upper edge of the bowl to form a compartment about said bowl, and a mobile body composed of loose small weights partially filling the compartment in said envelope and movable freely therein to shape the envelope to that of the surface on which the tray is placed.

2. A smoker's ash tray comprising a loose bag of soft material having a non-slip outer surface positioned loosely about the outer side of the bowl and having the marginal edge thereof secured to the rim of the bowl, and a plurality of small lead shot partly filling the bag and freely movable therein to accommodate the shape of the bag to that of a supporting surface on which the tray is placed.

3. An ash tray comprising in combination a rigid thin-walled ash receptacle having an opening at the top, the dimension across the top of said receptacle being greater than its depth, said receptacle having side walls extending in substantially upright relation and merging into a bottom portion joining said side walls and extending in substantially horizontal relation, another receptacle enclosing at least the bottom portion of said ash receptacle and attached to the outer side thereof, said other receptacle being formed of flexible sheet material having a

horizontal dimension at least as great in two angular horizontal directions as said ash receptacle and forming a compartment beneath said ash receptacle, and discrete weight elements in said compartment filling only a portion thereof for free independent movement therein for flexing said outer receptacle to fit the contour of uneven objects on which said ash tray is placed for supporting the ash receptacle in substantially upright position.

4. An ash tray comprising an inner receptacle of rigid sheet material having an open upper end adapted to receive ashes therein, an outer receptacle of flexible sheet material having an open upper end receiving said inner receptacle therein, the periphery of said outer receptacle extending into coincident relation with and being attached to the periphery of said inner receptacle to form a closed compartment therebetween with said outer receptacle enclosing said inner receptacle up to said open upper end, and a plurality of loose weights only partially filling said closed compartment and freely movable therein for deforming said outer receptacle to fit the shape of an ob-

ject on which said ash tray is placed for supporting said inner tray in substantially upright position.

5. An ash tray comprising an inner receptacle of rigid material having an open upper end adapted to receive ashes therein, an outer receptacle of flexible sheet material larger than said inner receptacle and having an open upper end receiving said inner receptacle in the upper end thereof for partially filling said outer receptacle, said inner receptacle having an outwardly projecting annular flange, the periphery of said outer receptacle extending in coincident relation with and being attached to said annular flange about said inner receptacle, said outer and inner receptacles cooperating in assembled relation to form a closed compartment therebetween, and a plurality of small weights only partially filling said closed compartment and freely movable therein for flexing said outer receptacle to fit the contour of an object on which said ash tray is placed for supporting the inner receptacle in substantially upright position.

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