

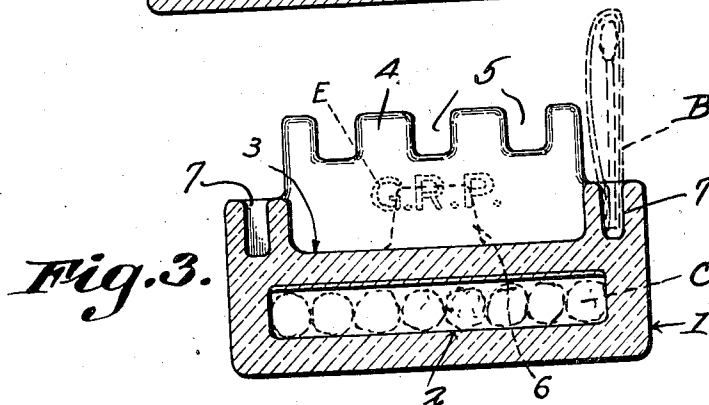
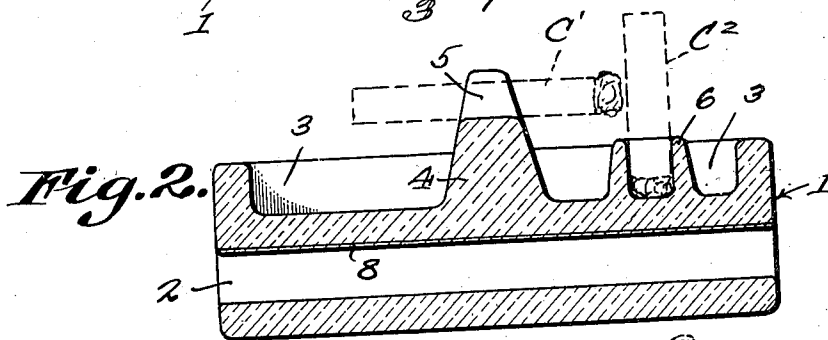
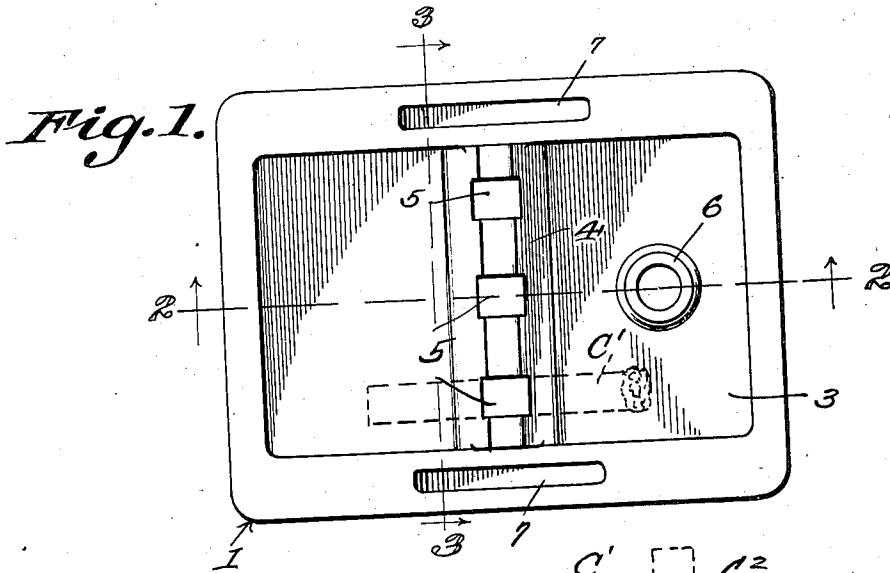
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This invention relates to cigarette trays of that type adapted to support cigarettes while lighted and for receiving ashes and stubs.

Trays of this character as usually constructed, provide means along the edges thereof for the reception of cigarettes which, however, frequently fall from the trays and onto the table tops or other supporting surfaces on which the trays are located. Obviously this results sometimes in damage to the furniture or its covering.

An object of the present invention is to provide a tray having a cigarette holder located at such a point that the ashes must of necessity fall into the tray and, should the cigarette burn down and become overbalanced in its holding means, it will fall into the tray and not onto the supporting surface on which the tray is mounted.

A further object is to provide a tray which can be formed entirely of glass or other suitable plastic material.

Another object is to provide the tray with means for holding a supplemental supply of cigarettes at points where they can be reached conveniently.

A still further object is to provide a tray which can be used for holding books of matches and which also includes a snuffer into which a lighted cigarette can be inserted so as to insure the extinguishment of the fire in the end thereof.

Still another object is to provide a tray having, as a feature thereof, a mirror to be used as a toilet accessory.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims, it being understood that changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

In the accompanying drawing the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawing

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the tray, a cigarette being shown supported thereby.

Figure 2 is a section on line 2—2, Figure 1, cigarettes being shown by broken lines in two different positions thereon.

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3, Figure 1, a match book being indicated by broken lines in the tray.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference, 1 designates a base formed preferably of glass although it can be made of any other suit-

able plastic material. This base, in the structure illustrated, has an opening 2 extending longitudinally thereof and of sufficient size to receive and hold several cigarettes placed side by side. The opening can have an outlet at each end as shown.

The base 1 is preferably rectangular and has a recess 3 in the top thereof for the reception of cigarette ashes or the like. This recess is intersected at its center by a transverse rib 4 the sides of which preferably converge upwardly, the top of the rib being disposed well above the top of the base and said top, which is of reduced width, being formed with a desired number of recesses or notches 5 each of which is so proportioned that, when a cigarette is inserted therein, it will frictionally engage the sides of the notch and thus be held in the position shown, for example, at C' in Figs. 1 and 2.

Any suitable ornamentation or the initials or name of a person can be etched or otherwise displayed on either or both of the upwardly converging faces of the rib 4 as shown at E in Fig. 3 and, if desired, and as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, a tubular receiver 6 can be extended upwardly from and made integral with the bottom surface of the recess 3 so as to constitute a means for holding a cigarette on end as indicated at C² in Fig. 2 and also for receiving the burning end of the cigarette so as to snuff out the fire.

Deep grooves 7 are provided in the top surfaces of the side walls of the tray and are so proportioned as to receive match books one of which has been indicated at B.

It is to be understood that the entire device covered by this application can be molded in one piece and provides very efficient means for holding cigarettes, both lighted and unlighted and for receiving cigarette ashes, stubs, etc. As before stated a supply of cigarettes can be placed in the opening 2. All that is necessary is to slightly tilt the device in either of two directions for the purpose of causing the cigarettes to slide a short distance from the opening 2. One of them can then be selected after which the others can be pressed back into place. When the lighted cigarette is laid aside by the smoker, it is placed in one of the recesses or notches 5 which, as before stated, is so proportioned as to be frictionally engaged by opposed portions of the cigarette. Thus the cigarette will be supported while it is burning as shown at C' in Figs. 1 and 2. The ashes will drop into the tray and should the cigarette burn back so as to become released or overbalanced, it will fall into the tray.

Should it be desired to extinguish the fire in

the cigarette, all that is required is to insert the lighted end downwardly into the snuffer 6 whereupon the fire will be quickly and completely extinguished. A match book is always available provided one of them is located in each of the recesses 7.

The top wall of the opening 2 is preferably mirrored as indicated at 8 so that, by looking down into the tray, it can be used as a mirror.

This device, because of the features stated, has been found especially useful by card players, to whom the provision of the mirror is an added convenience.

What is claimed is:

1. A tray of the class described formed of a single piece of transparent material including a base having an opening extending thereinto along lines parallel with the top thereof, the top wall of the opening being mirrored for reflecting through the top of the base, said top of the base having separate sides and having recesses extending downwardly thereinto, one or more of said sides having a recess therein, each of said first-named recesses constituting an ash receiver and each of said second-named recesses constituting match-holding means, and a transverse rib integral with the base and separating the first-named recesses, said rib having upwardly converging faces and having cigarette-receiving recesses in its upper edge.

2. A tray of the class described having an ash-receiving recess in the top thereof, there being a separate recess in the top of the tray proportioned to receive and hold one end of a match book, and a rib integral with the tray and dividing the ash-receiving recess into separate non-communicating portions, said rib having a flat top and flat upwardly extending display faces and being provided in the top with recesses for receiving cigarettes supported thereon, there being a longitudinal cigarette-holding space extending through the tray and close to opposed side walls of the tray.

3. A tray of the class described including a base, the top of the base having a recess constituting an ash-receiver and a recess proportioned to receive and hold one end portion of a match book, and a transverse rib integral with the tray and intersecting the ash-receiving recess to separate it into separate ash-receiving portions, said rib having a flat relatively broad top and flat upwardly converging faces, said faces constituting display surfaces, there being cigarette-receiving recesses in the flat top of the rib and a cigarette storage space extending into and longitudinally of the tray and close to opposite sides of the base of the tray.

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