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CIGARETTE HOLDER

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Fig. 1.

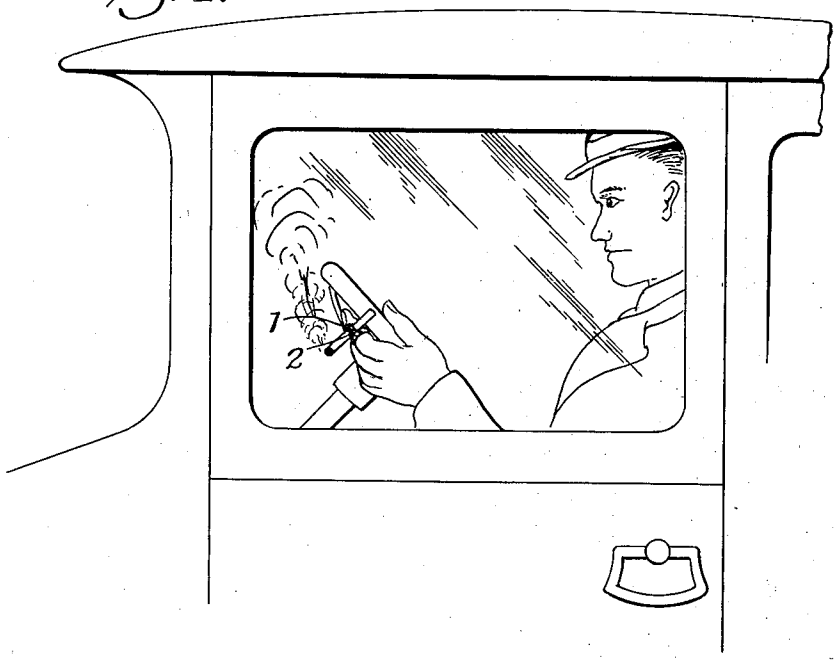


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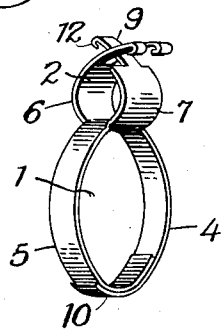


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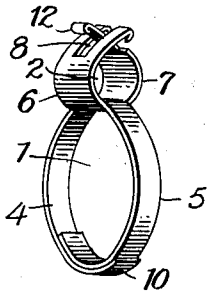


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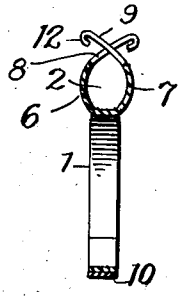
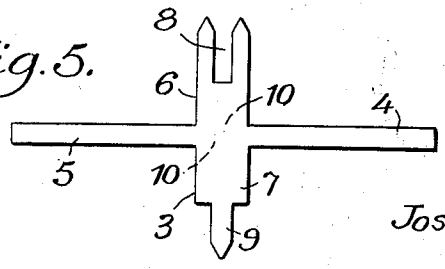


Fig. 5.



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This invention relates to cigarette holders, and particularly to a novel and improved construction of cigarette holder embodying a holder proper and a ring forming a support for the holder and which may be applied to the finger of the hand of the smoker for supporting the cigarette therefrom without the necessity of the smoker gripping the cigarette between two fingers or between the thumb and forefinger in the usual way.

The main objects of my invention are, first, to provide a combined cigarette holder and finger ring which may be made as simple and inexpensive or as ornamental and expensive as desired, and by means of which a cigarette may be held so as to allow the smoker free use of the hand and fingers of the hand to which the device is applied for performing any desired mechanical or other operations; second, to provide a device of this character which allows a smoker to smoke cigarettes without contact of the hands with the cigarette, thus avoiding nicotine staining of the fingers and the objectionable odors incident thereto; and, third, to provide a device of the character stated which may be made as a unitary article from a single stamping of sheet metal and which, therefore, may, if desired, be so inexpensively produced that it may be put up in the form of an advertising device and one of them given away, for example, by a manufacturer of cigarettes with each package of cigarettes sold to a purchaser.

The invention consists of the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Fig. 1 is a view showing an application of the invention.

Figs. 2 and 3 are perspective views of the holder looking at the same from opposite sides.

Fig. 4 is a cross-section through the holder.

Fig. 5 is a view of the blank from which the holder is made.

In carrying my invention into practice, I provide a cigarette holder of the character and for the purpose described comprising a ring part or portion 1 and a clasp part or portion 2. These parts or portions may be formed from a died-out sheet metal blank 3 of the construction shown in Fig. 5, said blank being of cruciform shape and embodying longitudinally alined stem portions 4 and 5 and horizontally alined transverse arm portions 6 and 7, the arm portion 6 being bifurcated as shown at 8 and the arm portion 7 having a tongue part 9 of reduced size and adapted to fit within the slot of the bifurcation 8.

In forming the device from the blank 3, the body of the blank comprising the arms 6 and 7 are bent upward on the dotted lines 10 and said arms given a curved contour to produce the substantially circular clasp 2 of a suitable diameter to embrace and hold a cigarette, the part 9 of the arm 7 being passed through the slot in the bifurcation 8 of arm 6 to complete the formation of the clasp part, and then the stem portions 4 or 5 are suitably shaped, as upon a forming mandrel, to produce the ring part 1 having the lapping ends 11.

As a result of this mode of forming the article from a blank of the character described, a ring part 1 is produced which is adapted to fit like an ordinary finger ring upon a forefinger or other finger of the hand of the smoker or user, and to be circumferentially adjusted, by reason of the lapping engagement of the free ends of the split ring thus formed so that said ring may be contracted or expanded to fit any sized finger. A construction of clasp part is also produced in which the arms 6 and 7 provide curved gripping jaws, the one 6 having spaced prongs formed by its bifurcated part and the other having the tongue or prong 9 to fit between said spaced prongs or in the slot of the bifurcation, whereby a form of substantially circular clasp is produced which may be contracted to tightly clasp a cigarette, or will clasp the same by its normal resiliency, and which may be expanded by pressure of the thumb and forefinger upon the prongs to release a partly consumed cigarette to allow it to drop out. It will be evident that the prongs provide a simple type of manipulating members for the purpose. The free ends

of these prongs may be turned back or doubled upon themselves as indicated at 12 to obviate the presentation of any sharp edges liable to catch in the clothes or in any manner injure the cigarette or the hands of the user.

It is of course desirable that the device be made of resilient sheet metal in order that the parts may preserve their shape and have the desired gripping actions. In making holders to be sold at a low cost, the metal may be nickel-plated, enameled or given any other cheap but attractive finish. Holders of an inexpensive character so made may be employed for advertising purposes and may be given away, for example, by manufacturers of cigarettes in order to advertise their product. Holders of this construction may, however, be made of gold, silver, or other precious metals, solid or plated, and jeweled or otherwise made, as ornamental and attractive as desired to suit the taste or fancy and purse of the user. The device thus lends itself to the manufacture of holders either of an inexpensive character or of a kind suitable to be sold in jewelry stores as articles of jewelry.

An advantage of the improved cigarette holder is that it may be worn upon a finger of one of the hands of the smoker, as illustrated, for example in Fig. 1, so that this hand, as well as the fingers and thumb thereof may be independently or conjointly employed for performing various operations without the necessity of grasping the cigarette or liability of the same dropping while such operations are being performed. Such a holder, for instance, may be worn upon the hand of an automobilist while driving so that the cigarette may be conveniently smoked while the hand is being used to operate the steering wheel or other control part of the car. Similarly, the device may be used by mechanics and others so that they may indulge in the practice of smoking a cigarette while at the same time using their working tools in the customary manner. The holder also enables the cigarette to be held without liability of the fingers becoming stained with nicotine or of the odor of tobacco being imparted to the hands of the smoker.

While the construction disclosed is preferred, it will, of course, be understood that changes in the form, proportions and minor details of construction of the parts may be made within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

What I claim is:—

1. A cigarette holder of the character described comprising a ring part and a clasp part, the latter being formed to embrace a cigarette and consisting of a forked jaw and a coacting jaw fitting in the fork of the forked jaw.

2. A cigarette holder of the character described comprising a ring part and a clasp part formed from a unitary blank of sheet metal, said clasp part being formed to embrace a cigarette and consisting of a forked jaw and a coacting jaw fitting in the fork of the forked jaw.

3. A cigarette holder of the character described comprising a finger engaging part and a clasp part, said clasp part being arranged at right angles to said finger engaging part and comprising a split band adapted to embrace the cigarette and formed of a pair of curved jaws, one having a forked free end and the other having a tongue at its free end projecting through the fork of the first-named jaw.

4. A cigarette holder of the character described comprising a ring part and a clasp part, said ring part being adjustable as to diameter and said clasp part being arranged at right angles to said ring part and comprising a split band adapted to embrace the cigarette and formed of a pair of curved jaws, one having a forked free end and the other having a tongue at its free end projecting through the fork of the first-named jaw.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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