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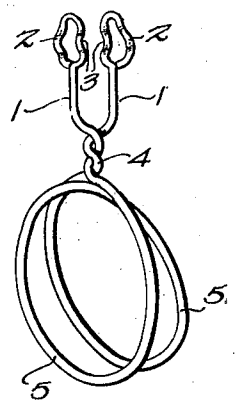


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

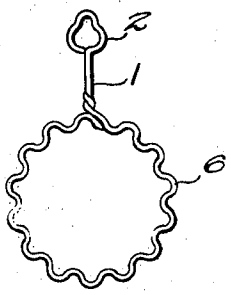
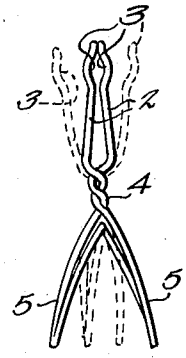


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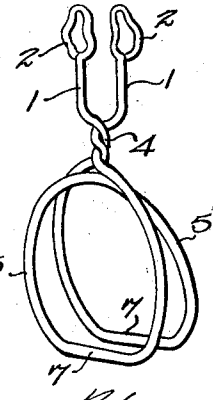


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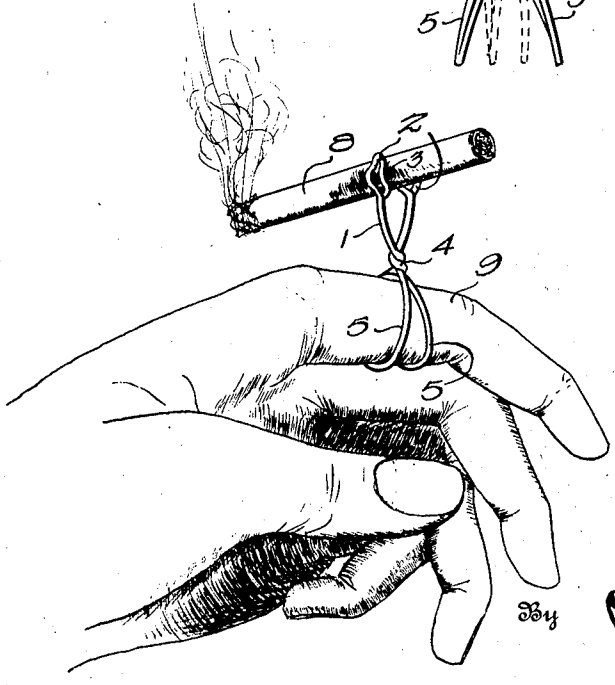


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS GREGORY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigarette Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to cigarette holders.

An object of the invention is to provide a cigarette holder of simple construction, having a ring portion adapted to be arranged on the finger of the user.

A further object of the invention is to provide a cigarette holder having a pair of movable gripping jaws.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a cigarette holder which may be formed of a single piece of wire.

In the accompanying drawings, I have shown several embodiments of the invention. In this showing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of the invention,

Figure 2 is a front elevation of another form of the invention,

Figure 3 is an end elevation of the form of the invention shown in Figure 1,

Figure 4 is a perspective view of another form of the invention, and,

Figure 5 is a perspective view showing the holder in position on the hand of the user.

Referring to Figures 1 to 3 of the drawings, the holder may be formed of a single piece of wire having two parallel end portions 1. The terminals of these end portions are formed in loops 2, and serve as gripping jaws. As shown, (see Figure 3,) the jaws may be curved, as at 3, to fit around the exterior of the cigarette. Beyond the parallel portions, the two arms are twisted, as at 4, and the wire is then formed into a pair of rings 5, which are normally arranged at an angle and spaced from each other at the side opposite the point where they join the arms (see Figure 3).

In Figure 2 of the drawings, I have shown a holder in which the ring portions are crimped or corrugated, as at 6.

In Figure 4 of the drawings, I have shown a holder in which the lower sides of the rings are flattened, as at 7, to permit the holder to stand on a table or other support.

In operation, the parts of the holder are normally in the position shown in Figure 3 of the drawings, and to insert a cigarette, the lower sides of the rings are moved inwardly to the dotted line position shown, which spreads the jaws 2, as indicated. A cigarette 8 may then be inserted in the jaws (see Figure 5) and when the pressure on the rings is released, the gripping jaws engage the opposite sides of the cigarette. The rings 5 may then be placed over the finger of the user, as indicated at 9. The rings serve as handles to spread the gripping jaws, and the provision of a pair of rings further serves as a steadying means for the holder when in position on the finger. If a single ring were employed for this purpose, it would be necessary for the ring to correctly fit the finger of the user, whereas when the pair of rings is employed and spaced from each other, only a rough fit is necessary.

It will be apparent that the device may be formed of precious metals and ornamented in any suitable manner to produce an attractive holder.

It is to be understood that the forms of my invention herewith shown and described are to be taken as preferred examples of the same, and that various changes in the shape, size, and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

I claim:

1. In a device of the character described, a pair of gripping jaws adapted to engage the opposite sides of a cigarette, and a pair of rings connected to said jaws, said rings being adapted to serve as handles to permit opening of said jaws and being further adapted to be arranged on the finger of the user when the device is in use.

2. In a device of the character described, a pair of gripping jaws adapted to engage the opposite sides of a cigarette, and a pair of rings connected to said jaws, said rings being adapted to serve as handles to permit opening of said jaws and being further adapted to be arranged on the finger of the user when the device is in use, the lower sides of said rings being provided with flattened portions.

3. In a device of the character described, a cigarette holder formed of a single piece

of wire, the ends of said wire being arranged to form a pair of parallel arms, gripping jaws formed on the outer ends of said arms, the intermediate portion of said wire being arranged to form a pair of rings, said rings being spaced from each other at the side opposite said arms whereby said gripping jaws may be opened by moving the spaced portion of said rings toward each other.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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