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## CIGAR HOLDER.

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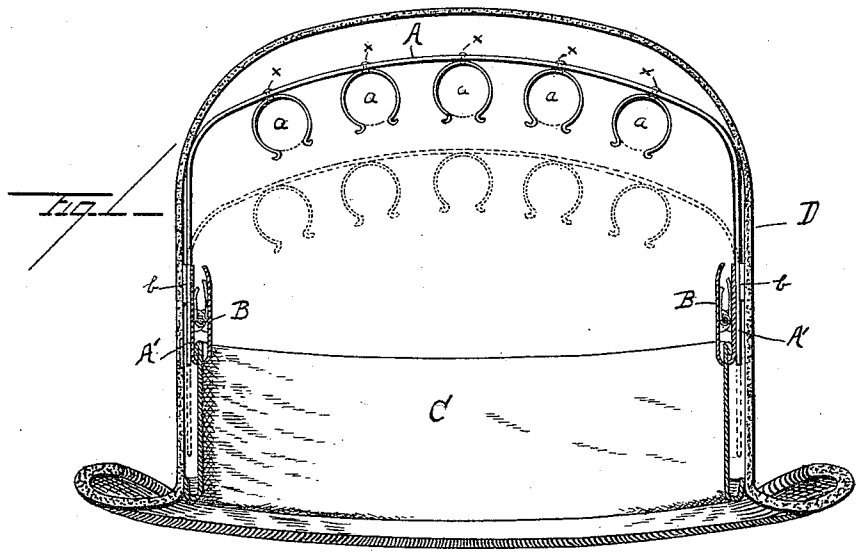



Fig. 1.

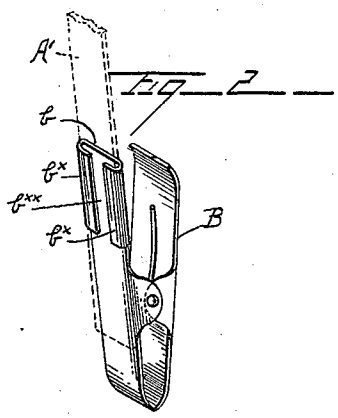



Fig. 2.

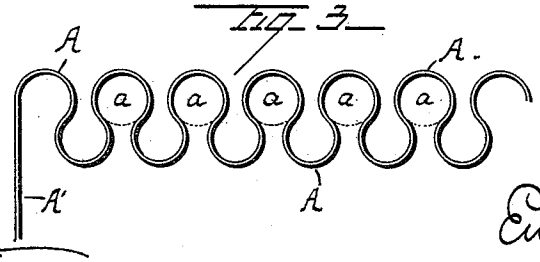



Fig. 3.

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## CIGAR-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EUGENE PROMIS, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof.

My invention relates to the class of cigar-holders employed in combination with a hat, and has for its object the provision of such a cigar-holder with supporting devices adapted to receive and support the holder and permit its vertical adjustment in order that one such holder may be adapted to hats of various sizes as to the height of crown. Heretofore such devices have been constructed of a strip of flexible resilient metal of length in excess of the width of the crown of the hat to which it was applied, said strip being bent or shaped to form cigar-holding loops or bights, the extremities of said holder being connected to supporting devices therefor by a hinge or reversible joint in order to permit of the holder proper being sprung within the hat toward the crown to give the required clearance for the wearer's head, and also, mainly, to permit of the holder being sprung without the hat or away from the crown thereof for the placing or removal of cigars. As will be understood in such a construction, the holder can assume but its two prescribed arches—viz., toward and away from the crown of the hat—and admits of no adjustment whatever to adapt it to hats of various sizes as to height of crown, so as not only to always clear the wearer's head, but also at all times be brought in contact with the crown of the hat to prevent the unpleasant vibration of the holder and the consequent loosening of the cigars to the annoyance of the wearer. To cure these defects is the end sought by my invention, which consists of the combination, construction, and operation of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view in sectional elevation of a hat to which a holder embodying my invention is applied, the holder being represented in full and dotted lines in adjusted positions. Fig. 2 is a detail view of one of the clamping or supporting devices, one extremity of the holder being shown in dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a partial view of a modified form of holder constructed of a single piece of flexible material and bent or shaped to the sinuous form shown to form cigar-holding loops or bights.

Referring to the drawings, A, Fig. 1, is a strip of metal or other suitable material having flexibility or resilience, carrying independent cigar-holding bights *a*. These bights *a* are preferably of resilient material, and so formed or shaped as to be wider at their bights than at their mouths, and they should at their bight be of breadth about correspondent to the thickness of a cigar, and are riveted or otherwise suitably mounted on or attached to the strip A, as shown at *x* in the figure. The material of which the holder A is composed should be of such length as to permit it to be curved, or so bent or shaped as to its longitudinal axis to adapt it to the interior of a hat—that is to say, the holder should be of length in excess of the width of the crown of the hat to which it is applied.

B B are supporting devices for the holder A. These supporting devices are preferably clamping devices of the character shown in the drawings, and are oppositely attached to the sweat-band C of the hat D, receive the extremities of the holder, and permit its vertical adjustment; but other forms of suitable supporting devices may be employed. I preferably construct the clamps B B with elongated necks *b*, having turned edges $b^{\times}$ $b^{\times}$ to form a groove or channel $b^{\times\times}$ on its back. These channels are of width to receive the extremities A′ A′ of the holder A. The supporting devices B B are located within the hat, one on each side, as stated, and the holder A is of sufficiently greater length than the width of the crown of the hat to cause it when inserted within the hat to have sufficient arch or spread to impart to it the required clearance for the wearer's head. The extremities A′ A′ of the holder A slide within the channel $b^{\times\times}$ of the supporting devices B, and, as will be obvious, permit the ready vertical adjustment of the holder, the tendency of the holder when made of resilient material at all times to spread at its extremities causing it to frictionally bight its support sufficient to retain its given adjusted position.

By reason of its capable vertical adjustment one such holder can be fitted to hats of various sizes as to height of crown, and in all instances be brought in contact with the crown of the hat, which retains it against vibration and the consequent loosening of the cigar, to the annoyance of the wearer.

Having now fully described my invention, I wish it to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise construction and arrangement of devices as shown in the drawings, but may vary the same in any manner to better carry out the principle of my invention without departing from the true scope thereof.

I claim—

1. A cigar-holder of the character herein described for use within a hat, consisting of a strip of flexible metal or other suitable material having cigar-holding loops or bights and of length in excess of the width of the crown of the hat to which it is applied, the extremities of said strip provided with means for attaching or supporting the holder within a hat and permitting its vertical adjustment to adapt it to hats of varying height of crown, as and for the purposes set forth.

2. A cigar-holder of the character herein described for use within a hat, consisting of a strip of flexible metal or other suitable material of length in excess of the width of the crown of the hat to which it is applied, a series of independent flexible cigar-holding bights mounted on the under side of said strip when the latter is in place within a hat, the extremities of said strip provided with means for attaching or supporting the holder within a hat and permitting its vertical adjustment to adapt it to hats of varying height of crown, as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 30th day of June, A. D. 1890.

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In presence of—

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