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CIGAR HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

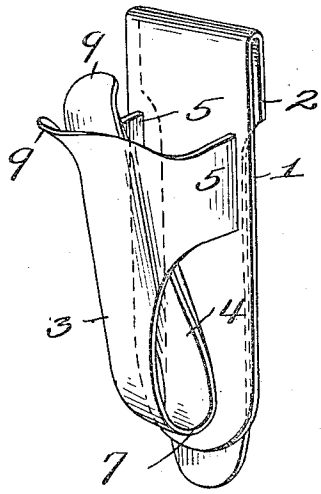


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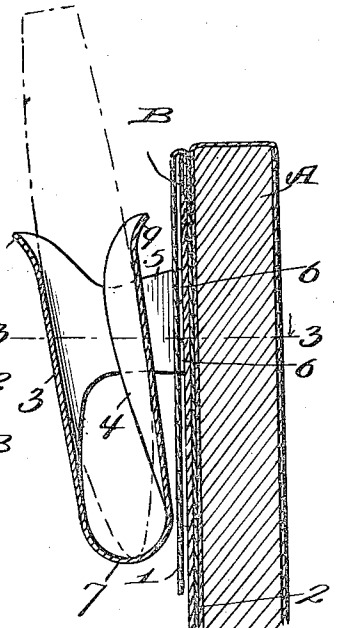


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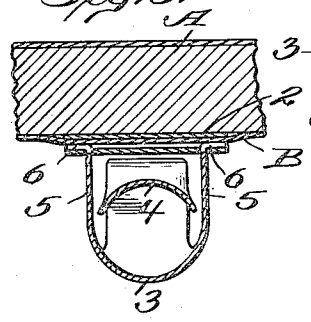


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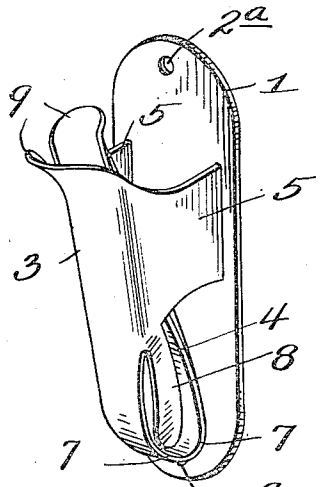


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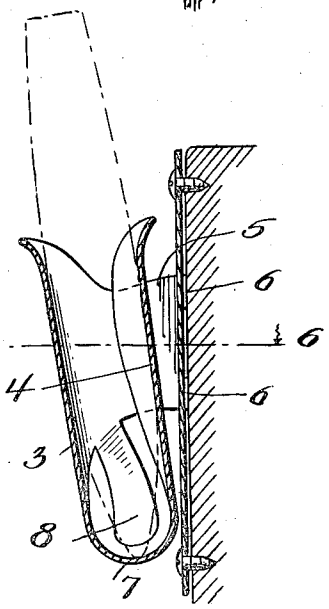
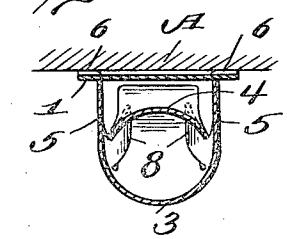


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BECKER C. KNUDSEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clinton, in the county of Clinton and State of Iowa, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in cigar holders, proposing a device to be used as a rest for lighted or unlighted cigars.

The invention proposes a cigar holder of the type stated which is especially adapted for use in automobiles or other vehicles and which may be efficiently supported from a wall of the vehicle in an upright position and is not liable to injury by catching against overcoats, lap robes or the like.

A cigar holder in accordance with this invention consists of a receptacle combined with an attachment means, preferably a base or attachment plate, the receptacle having its outer wall substantially rigid and in fixed relation to the support upon which it is held by the attachment means and its inner wall movable and constantly urged toward the outer wall. The two walls are formed to conformably engage the cigar and are of such length that they will efficiently hold the cigar, whether the cigar is inserted into the receptacle as far as possible or whether as when its length is short it is inserted for only a small part of the depth of the receptacle. The inner wall is protected by the outer wall against injury in case the receptacle should be caught by a garment or lap robe and may, therefore, be made to bear with relatively light pressure against the cigar, so as to avoid injury thereto. The form of the receptacle is, however, such that notwithstanding the lightness of the pressure which the inner wall may exercise upon the cigar, the latter will be held against displacement in any but an outward longitudinal direction. The inner wall is preferably formed as a leaf spring and it is also preferably formed integral with the outer wall.

The invention consists in certain features of structure, combination and relation which, together with the above and other objects and advantages, will appear as the description proceeds.

Embodiments of the invention are illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cigar holder in which the features of the invention are incorporated; Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view thereof; Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view thereof on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; Figs. 4, 5 and 6 are views similar to Figs. 1, 2 and 3 respectively, (Fig. 6 being a section on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5), but showing a slightly modified construction.

Similar characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

It will be understood that words of direction, such as "vertical", "lower", etc., are used with reference to the substantially vertical position in which the cigar holder is shown in the drawing and, hence, are to be considered in a relative and not an absolute sense, since the cigar holder may, if desired, be disposed horizontally instead of vertically.

In the embodiment shown and preferred, the cigar holder includes as a part thereof a base or attachment plate 1 which, in the form shown in Fig. 1, is provided with an overturned extension 2 for engagement between a wall A of the vehicle body and the sheet of material B with which said wall is finished or covered; and the form shown in Fig. 4, is devoid of the extension 2 but has, instead, openings 2^a through which securing nails or screws may be passed.

The cigar receptacle comprises an outer wall 3 and an inner wall 4; and these walls co-act in frictionally engaging, and thereby retaining, the cigar which is inserted between them. The outer wall 3 is rigid and the inner wall 4 is constantly urged toward the wall 3. For this purpose, the wall 4 is preferably formed as a leaf spring and it tends to spring toward the wall 3 by virtue of its inherent resiliency.

The outer wall 3 is provided at its sides with inwardly directed substantially parallel arms, or equivalent members, 5. Where the cigar holder includes a base or attachment plate 1, as shown and preferred, the arms 5 are rigidly secured to said plate, for this purpose being provided with terminal lugs 6 which are passed through openings in said plate and clenched and secured against the under face thereof. But the plate 1 may, if desired, be omitted, in which case, the arms 5 will be directly attached, in any suitable manner, to the wall or support upon which the cigar holder is held. The arms 5

prevent the displacement or removal of the cigar in a lateral direction from the holder and also prevent any lateral springing of the inner wall 3.

Where the inner wall 3 is formed as a leaf spring, it is preferably formed integral with the outer wall 4 and for this purpose a bow or bend 7 connects the walls 3 and 4 at their lower ends. The bow or bend 7 also provides a bottom for the receptacle and, when the cigar is inserted into the receptacle throughout the depth thereof, said bottom will engage the lower end of the cigar, providing a rest therefor.

For comparatively thin cigars, such as "panatelas" or stogies, it is desirable that provision be made against their falling obliquely through the space under either of the arms 5 and for this purpose, and also for the purpose of insuring the more secure retention of such thin cigars, the arms 5 may be provided, as shown in Figs. 4, 5 and 6, with depending spring fingers 8 which engage the cigar at opposite sides thereof between the walls 3 and 4. The spring fingers 8, while preferred, are not indispensable.

The walls 3 and 4, throughout practically their whole extent are of curved cross section, presenting their concave faces in adjacency, to conform to the cross sectional curvature of the cigar. In this way said walls engage the cigar throughout a substantial area thereof and center the cigar in the holder. The walls 3 and 4 at their upper ends are provided with out-turned lips 9 which facilitate the introduction of the cigar in the holder.

The walls 3 and 4 are of a length to retain either unused cigars or cigars which have been partly smoked. Where the cigar is unused or has been shortened comparatively little by smoking, it may be inserted between the walls 3 and 4 as far as possible, as shown by dotted lines in Figs. 2 and 5. But where the cigar has been materially shortened by smoking, *e. g.*, where it is only half of its original length, it is inserted between the walls 3 and 4 throughout only an inch or so of the depth of the holder.

The arrangement of the spring or spring-urged wall 3 behind the fixed wall 4 and between the arms 5 protects the spring-urged wall against injury in consequence of the holder being caught by garments or lap robes. It is, therefore, possible to make the spring engaging action of the wall 3 relatively light without impairing the retaining efficiency of the holder, while at the same time guarding against injury to the cigar.

The form of cigar holder herein shown may be made at very small cost, the holder *per se*, *i. e.*, including the walls 3 and 4 and the arms 5, with or without the spring fingers 8, being integrally formed of light gage sheet metal.

The device has been described as a cigar holder because its special features of structure and arrangement render it particularly advantageous for such use, and it is contemplated that the retention of cigars will be the principal use of the device. It will be understood, however, that the invention includes within its scope any use of the device for the retention of other articles for which the device may be advantageously employed by virtue of and without departure from its essential features of structure and operation above described and to be now set forth in the appended claims and which render the device of especial advantage as a cigar holder.

I claim as my invention:

1. A cigar holder comprising a rigid outer wall provided at its sides with in-turned members for its rigid attachment to a support, an inner wall arranged behind the outer wall and between said members, said inner wall being spring-urged toward the outer wall, and depending inwardly directed spring fingers carried by said members, the two walls being shaped to conformably engage a cigar at opposite sides thereof.

2. A cigar holder comprising a rigid outer wall provided at its sides with in-turned members, a leaf spring arranged behind the outer wall and between said members and free at its upper end, said leaf spring forming an inner wall and springing toward said outer wall, and a base at the lower ends of said walls, the two walls being shaped to conformably engage a cigar at opposite sides thereof.

3. A cigar holder comprising a rigid outer wall provided at its sides with in-turned members for its rigid attachment to a support and having at its lower end a curved bow provided with a leaf spring projecting between said members and behind said outer wall, said leaf spring forming an inner wall and springing toward said outer wall, the two walls being shaped to engage a cigar at opposite sides thereof.

4. A cigar holder comprising a rigid outer wall provided at its sides with in-turned members for its rigid attachment to a support and having at its lower end a curved bow provided with a leaf spring projecting between said members and behind said outer wall, said leaf spring forming an inner wall and springing toward said outer wall, and depending inwardly directed spring fingers carried by said members, the two walls being shaped to engage a cigar at opposite sides thereof.

5. A cigar holder comprising a rigid outer wall having in-turned means for its rigid attachment to a support and having at its lower end a curved bow provided with a leaf spring projecting behind said outer wall, said leaf spring forming an inner wall

and springing toward said outer wall, the two walls being shaped to engage a cigar at opposite sides thereof.

6. A cigar holder, comprising a receptacle having a rigid outer wall provided at its sides with inturned members, an inner wall arranged behind the outer wall and between said members, and a base at the lower end of said walls, said inner wall being spring urged toward the outer wall and being secured at its lower end and having its upper end free, and the two walls being shaped to conformably engage a cigar at opposite sides thereof.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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