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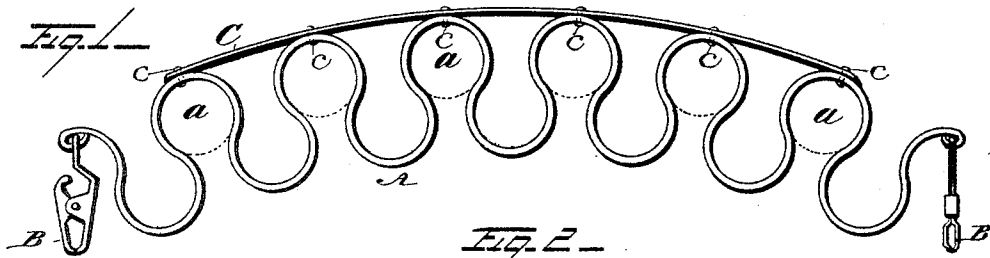
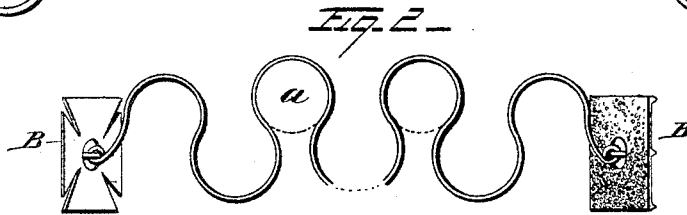
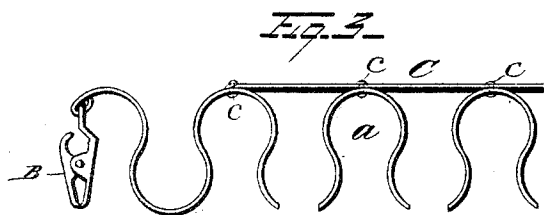
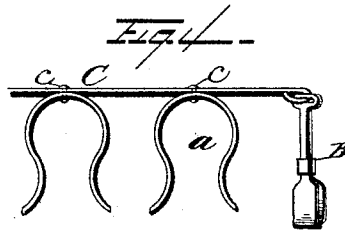
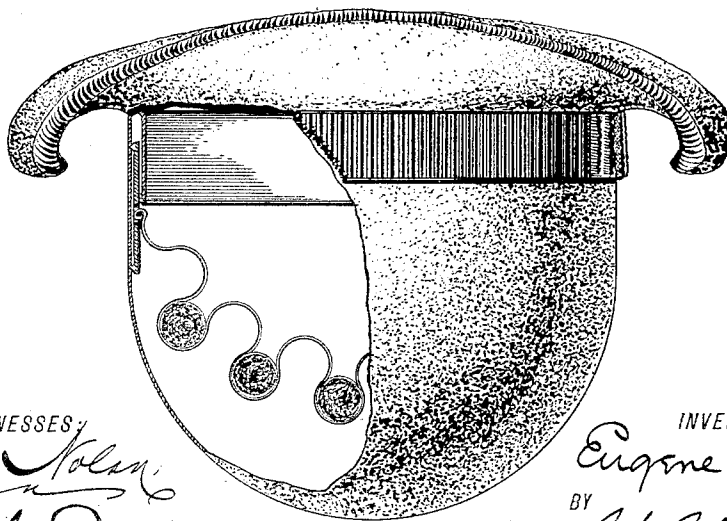


Fig. 5



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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, in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a device adapted to hold cigars in such manner that they are easily removable therefrom, which device is so designed and constructed as to be supported and operated within a hat; and it consists of the combination, construction, and operation of parts hereinafter more particularly set forth and claimed.

In the drawings, Figures 1 and 2 represent good forms of my invention. Figs. 3 and 4 are fragmentary views of modified forms of my device; and Fig. 5 is a view of a hat, partly in section, showing a holder embodying one form of my invention in place therein, and illustrating the employment of a friction-plate as a good method of support for the holder, and also showing several cigars in place within the holder.

Referring to the drawings, A is a strip of any suitable flexible metal or material, which is bent to the sinuous form shown.

a are the cigar-holding bights or loops. The individual bights or loops a, formed by the bending or working of the strip A, are preferably constructed wider at their bights than at their mouths, and they should at their bights be of breadth about correspondent to the thickness of a cigar.

The material of which the holder is composed should be of such length and flexibility or resilience as to permit it to be curved as to its longitudinal axis to be placed within a hat.

B are supporting devices for the holder, attached to the extremities thereof.

In Fig. 1 I have shown two forms of clasp- ing devices, and when the like are employed they are attached to the sweatband of the hat.

In Fig. 2 I have shown two forms of "friction" or "pressure" supporting-plates, so called. The one at the right-hand extremity of the holder is represented as provided with spurs or teeth as an additional means of securing a firm support, while the one on the left-hand extremity of the holder is repre-

sented as being without any such additional means of securing a support, and when in use is retained in place by applied pressure alone. When friction or pressure supporting-plates are employed, they are preferably located within the hat next to the inner surface and beneath the sweatband, near its top or free edge, so as not to interfere with the set of the hat on the wearer's head, the bending of the holder, as shown and described, serving to retain the plates in place. These plates may be of any suitable size and desired design, and are attached to the extremities of the holder. As shown in the drawings, I have conveniently formed this connection by bending the respective extremities of the holder proper to form an eye which encircles the rear extension of the clasp, as in Fig. 1, or a cross-bar at the center of the friction-plate, as in Fig. 2. These supporting devices are located within the hat, one on each side thereof, and the holder proper 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 to impart to it the required clearance for the head.

When it is desired to place or remove the cigars, the holder A may, without disconnecting it from its supports, be sprung outward and so form an arc of a circle extending away from the crown of the hat. This operation, as will be obvious, distends or widens the mouths of the bights and permits of the easy insertion or removal of the cigars. It is to permit this springing out of the holder that the connection between it and the supporting devices at the points of juncture is a loose joint-hinge, so to speak.

C, Figs. 1, 3, and 4, is a strip of resilient, elastic, or flexible material. When employed as shown in Fig. 1 its function is to strengthen the holder and to keep the bights or loops from being twisted out of shape. When employed as shown in Fig. 3, it permits of the employment of separate or independent bights or loops, which may be of various sizes, mounted thereon and attached by solder, rivets, or kindred fastenings, and yet is not of sufficient length to form direct contact with the supporting devices B, while in Fig. 4 I have shown this strip forming contact with the supporting devices B and the individual cigar-holder

bights mounted thereon. These individual holders are preferably attached to the strip C by rivets *c* passing through their bases and said strip. The modifications shown as to the individual bights and supporting devices are but few of the many forms in which I might embody my invention without departing from the spirit of my invention strictly as such.

It is apparent that by my invention a convenient, cheap, and accessible receptacle for cigars is provided, wherein they are secure from accidental breakage, and at the same time the large space within a hat is made useful.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. In combination with a hat, a cigar-holder consisting of a strip of flexible metal or other suitable material bent or shaped to form a series of cigar-holding bights or loops and of length in excess of the width of the crown of the hat to which it is to be applied, the extremities of said strip provided with means for attaching or supporting the same within the hat, said holder adapted to lie above or below the points of support, in either case assuming the form of an arc of a circle, the

bights or loops, as to their mouths, widening when the holder is arched away from the crown and narrowing when the holder is arched within the crown, as and for the purposes set forth.

2. In combination with a hat, a cigar-holder formed of a strip of flexible metal or other suitable material bent or shaped to form a series of cigar-holding loops or bights and of length in excess of the width of the crown of the hat to which it is to be applied, and provided with an exterior strengthening-strip of suitable flexible material in contact with and secured to said loops or bights, the extremities of said holder provided with means for attaching or supporting the same within the hat, said holder adapted to lie above or below the points of support, in either case assuming the form of an arc of a circle, as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 12th day of September, A. D. 1889.

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In presence of—

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