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Fig. 1.

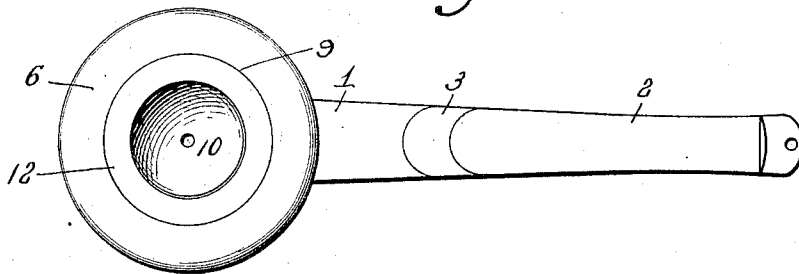
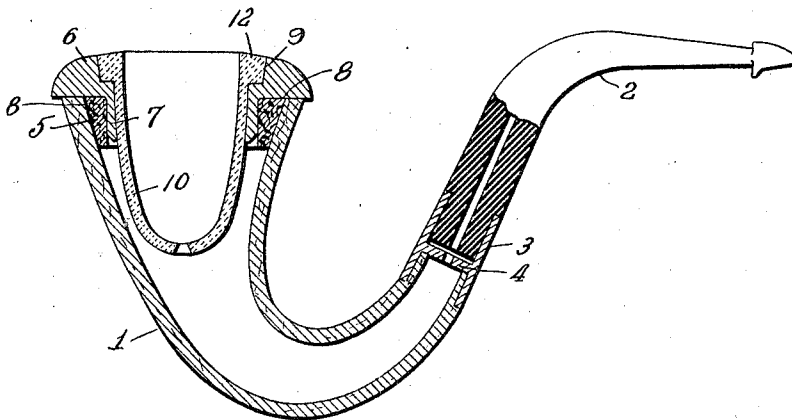


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN GLOSSINGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Smoking-Pipes, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in smoking pipes and has to do more particularly with that type known as the "calabash," such as usually provided with a removable meerschaum or composition tobacco-bowl. This style of pipe has now come to be quite extensively used, but from a practical and economical point of view they are open to certain objections that I seek to obviate by my improved construction, and the objects of the present invention are: First,—to standardize the meerschaum or composition tobacco-bowl as to size and construction so that the smoker may purchase on the open market a meerschaum or composition bowl that will accurately fit his calabash pipe shell no matter what the size of the shell may be, and without being compelled to go to the expense of having a new bowl specially made, in case the bowl that originally came with his pipe has become broken, lost, or burned out, and second,—to provide a special construction of carrier-ring or collar for the meerschaum or composition tobacco-bowl designed to serve as a protector therefor, and for the rim of the calabash shell, and to prevent breakage of the bowl which is more than likely to occur and usually does occur, with the old constructions of calabash pipes, having meerschaum bowls with marginal projecting rims, whenever the smoker attempts to remove the tobacco "heel" from the pipe in the accustomed way, as by tapping the same upon or against some hard object.

The calabash being a "gourd" and a natural product varies in size and in the thickness of its walls, no two shells being exactly alike in these respects, and the meerschaum or composition bowls being a manufactured product, must be specially molded or turned to suit the particular calabash shells, with which they are to be associated; hence if

the meerschaum or composition bowl should become broken or otherwise destroyed it would become necessary to have a new one specially molded or turned and this would involve an extraordinary expense which is obviated by the present invention.

According to my invention I propose to make the meerschaum or composition tobacco-bowls in standard sizes to be sold separately as an article of manufacture, and I propose to furnish the calabash shell in the first instance with a ring or collar made preferably of brier or some other suitable material especially constructed to receive the said standard sized meerschaum or composition tobacco-bowls, so that in case a person who has purchased a calabash pipe constructed according to this invention, should break, loose or burn out the meerschaum bowl thereof he can purchase a new bowl on the open market and thus save the expense and inconvenience of having a new bowl specially made, as it has been necessary to do in the past.

With these ends in view the invention comprises the features of construction and combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described in detail and then more definitely pointed out in the claims.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a pipe constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view.

Referring to the drawings, reference numeral 1 designates a gourd shell commonly known as a calabash, to the smaller end of which is attached a mouth-piece 2, the latter being connected to the shell by means of a sleeve 3 preferably made of brier, the said mouth-piece having a reduced end which provides a so-called push-fit with the said sleeve. The sleeve 3 is shown as provided with an integrally formed partition having a central aperture.

The gourd shell 1, at its open end, is provided with a cork or similar packing ring 5, into which is removably fitted a tobacco bowl carrier-ring or collar 6, which is provided with a depending annular flange 7 that fits snugly into the opening surrounded

by the packing ring 5, the under annular face 8 of the ring or collar fitting closely upon the upper face of the packing ring, and against the marginal edge of the gourd shell. The ring or collar 6, which is preferably made of brier or other suitable material preferably projects slightly beyond the outer face of the shell 1 in order to protect the edge thereof.

10 The carrier ring or collar 6 is provided with a counterbored opening 9 into which is removably fitted a meerschaum or composition tobacco-bowl 10, the latter being provided at its upper end with an annular flange 12 that is shaped to closely fit the counterbored opening 9 of the carrier ring or collar.

The counterbored opening in the carrier ring or collar is made of standard size, and the meerschaum or composition tobacco bowls 10 are also made of standard size especially designed and constructed to closely fit the counterbored opening in the ring or collar 6, the object of this special construction being that in case the tobacco bowl should become broken, burned out, or otherwise destroyed, the owner of the pipe may purchase upon the open market a new bowl to take the place of the discarded one, and without being compelled to go to the expense of having a new bowl specially made, this being rendered possible by reason of the fact that owing to the present invention the tobacco bowls will be placed on sale in open market in standard sizes especially adapted to fit the carrier rings or collars made according to the present invention.

As now usually constructed calabash pipes are provided with meerschaum bowls that are removably fitted in the calabash shell, and these meerschaum bowls are usually provided with an annularly projecting flange, the meerschaum bowls being especially constructed, particularly as to size, to fit the particular calabash shells with which they are to be associated, this being necessary owing to the fact that calabashes being a natural product vary as to size, and as to the thickness of their walls, no two calabashes being exactly alike in these respects. As meerschaum bowls as now usually constructed each have an annularly projecting rim, these bowls often become broken, which renders the pipe useless unless a new bowl is provided, and as this bowl would have to be especially turned for the particular calabash pipe, the smoker is, therefore, subjected to quite considerable expense in ordering a new bowl. This expense, and the inconvenience of waiting until a new bowl is provided is entirely obviated by the present invention wherein I propose to make the counterbored open-

ing in the carrier ring or collar of standard size, and wherein the meerschaum or composition bowls are also made of standard size exactly fit the carrier ring. Hence the smoker, at a small cost, may obtain upon the open market a new meerschaum or composition tobacco bowl that will accurately fit his calabash pipe, said bowl being purchasable at a relatively small cost.

By providing the carrier ring or collar which, as before stated, is preferably made of brier root, not only is the pipe given a novel and distinctive appearance, but there is no danger of the meerschaum or composition bowl becoming broken if the edge of the pipe is tapped against or upon a rigid object in the act of jarring the tobacco "heel" from the pipe, as the blows or concussions to which the pipe is subjected in this operation are imparted directly to the brier carrier ring or collar and the meerschaum bowl is thus fully protected.

The carrier ring or collar is removably connected to the calabash shell by means of a slip-fit, and the same is true with reference to the meerschaum or composition tobacco bowl. Hence these parts may be readily removed from the shell in order to facilitate cleaning the pipe.

Calabash pipes constructed in accordance with the present invention overcome several objectionable features present in the old form calabash pipe, and provide a more durable and a more sightly pipe structure.

What I claim is:—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a calabash smoking-pipe comprising a gourd shell having a mouthpiece, a carrier-ring or collar removably fitted in the open end of the shell and having an opening of standard size, a tobacco bowl of earthy material and of standard size removably fitted in said ring or collar and a packing ring interposed between the shell and collar.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a calabash smoking-pipe comprising a gourd shell having a mouth-piece, a flanged carrier ring or collar removably fitted in the open end of the shell and having its flange projecting over the upper edge or rim of the shell, said ring or collar having a counterbored opening of standard size, a tobacco-bowl of earthy material and of standard size having an annularly projecting rim removably fitted in said counterbored opening of the carrier ring or collar and a packing ring interposed between the shell and the collar.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a calabash smoking-pipe comprising a gourd shell having a mouth-piece, a flanged carrier-ring or collar of brier removably fitted in the open end of the shell and having its flange projecting over the upper edge

thereof, said ring or collar having a counterbored opening of standard size, a meerschäum tobacco-bowl of standard size having an annularly projecting rim at its upper
5 end shaped to fit said counterbored opening of the carrier-ring or collar and a packing ring interposed between the shell and collar.

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

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