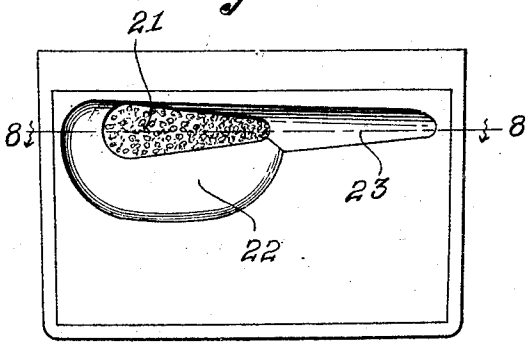
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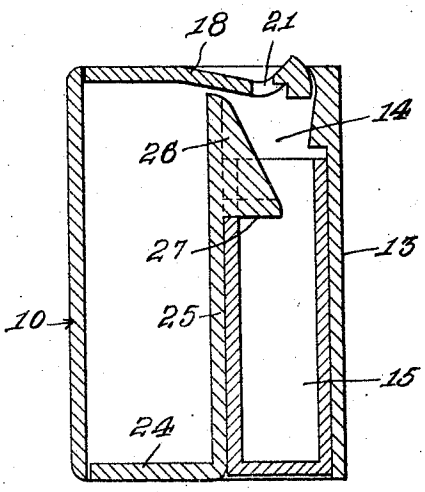
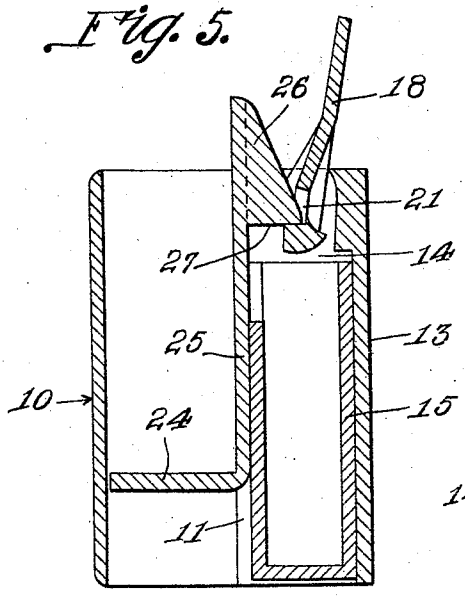


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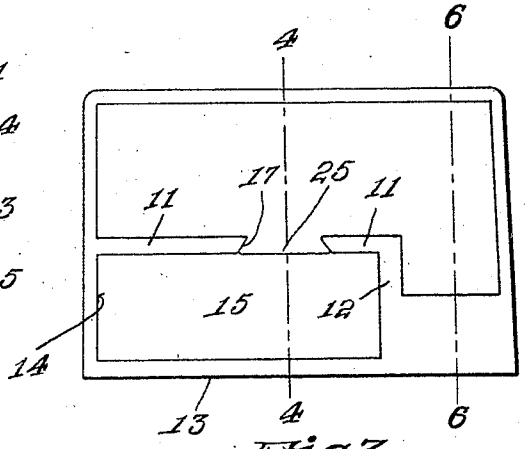


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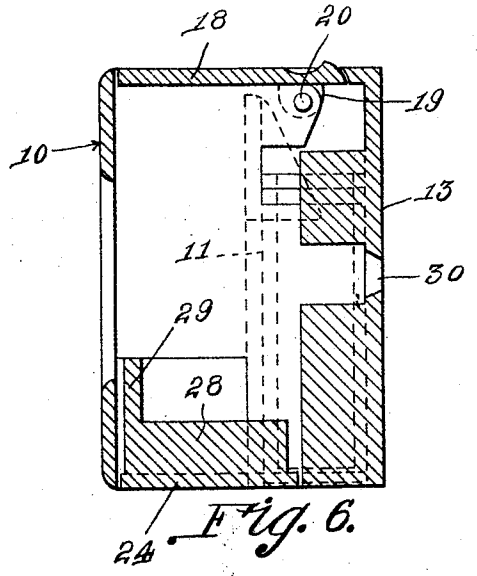


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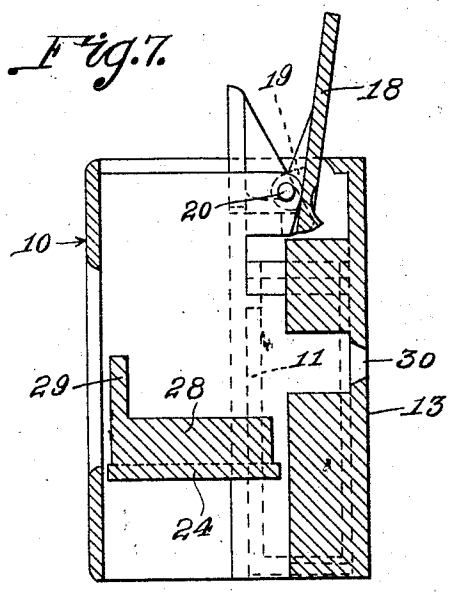


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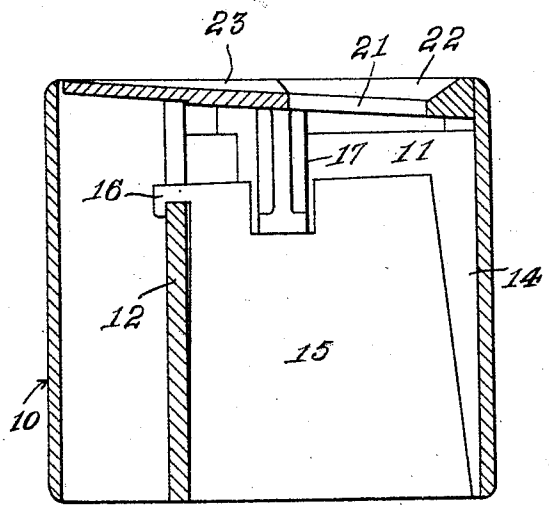


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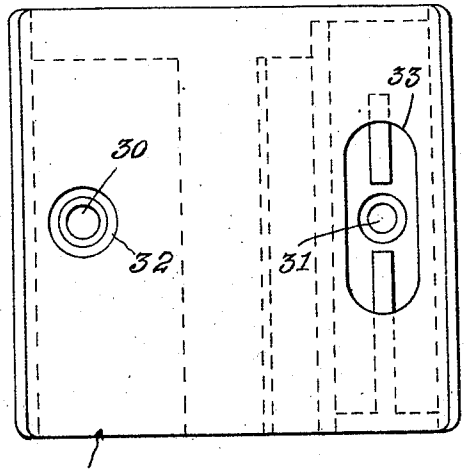


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HAROLD HASSELROTH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Galva, in the county of Henry and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cigarette and Match Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to special receptacles and has for its object the provision of a novel device particularly well adapted for use in automobiles or the like, for holding a package of cigarettes and a box of safety or other matches so that access may be had thereto very conveniently by the driver or other occupant of the car, the device obviating the necessity for fumbling in the pocket for matches and cigarettes and having the further advantage of keeping them in good condition.

An important object is the provision of a device of this character in which the package of cigarettes and the matches are contained within a slidable drawer so constructed and arranged that upon application of upward pressure to the bottom the drawer will automatically open the cover and hold the same open until it is actually pressed down.

A further object is the provision of a device of this character which is also equipped internally with a receptacle for ashes, burnt matches and cigarette stubs.

Another object is the provision of a device of this character which will be simple and inexpensive in manufacture, neat and attractive in appearance, easy to install, positive in action, efficient and durable in service, and a general improvement in the art.

With the above and other objects and advantages in view, the invention consists in the details of construction to be hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the device.

Figure 2 is a front elevation.

Figure 3 is a bottom plan view.

Figure 4 is a vertical section on the line 4—4 of Figure 3 with the cover closed.

Figure 5 is a view taken on the same line but showing the cover open.

Figure 6 is a section on the line 6—6 of Figure 3, with the cover closed.

Figure 7 is a similar view with the drawer pushed upwardly and the cover open, and

Figure 8 is a section taken on substantially the line 8—8 of Figure 1.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, the numeral 10 designates a rectangular casing which is open at its top and its bottom and which is formed with a longitudinally extending partition 11 and a transverse partition 12 which extends from the longitudinal partition to the back wall 13. This partition arrangement defines a rectangular compartment 14 within which is mounted a receptacle 15 designed for the reception of ashes, burnt stubs and burnt matches. At one end this receptacle 15 is formed with a hook shaped extension 16 which engages over the upper edge of the partition 12 whereby to support the ash receptacle properly within the casing. The partition 11 is formed with a vertically extending dove-tailed slot 17 for a purpose to be described.

For closing the top, I provide a cover 18 formed with depending ears 19 pivoted at 20 within the casing 10. Above the ash receptacle this cover is formed with an elongated opening 21 which is surrounded by a depressed portion 22 leading into an elongated channel 23 which is adapted to serve as a rest for a lighted cigarette. Owing to this construction, it will be readily apparent that a partly smoked cigarette may be laid upon the cover and will not pass through the opening 21 until it has burned down to a considerable extent although it is of course apparent that if desired a partly consumed cigarette and also burnt matches or the like may be inserted endwise through the opening 21 into the ash receptacle. The depressed portion 22 surrounding the opening 21 serves more or less as a guide for conducting ashes and the like into the opening.

Slidable within the casing and closing the bottom thereof, with the exception of that part occupied by the receptacle 15, is a drawer structure formed as a plate 24 carrying an upstanding strip 25 which is dove-tailed in cross section and which fits within the dove-tailed slot 17. At its upper end, this strip 25 is formed with an enlarged head 26 having a shoulder 27 adapted to engage against the rear edge of the opening 21 when the cover is in open position as illustrated in Figure 5. This drawer or plate 24 cooperates with the casing 10 to define a com-

partment for the reception of a package of cigarettes and also a box of matches either of the safety or of some other variety. At one end of the drawer or plate is a thickened portion 28 from which rises a lug 29 over which may be engaged the shuck of a safety match box, the drawer of the box resting upon the top of the lug 29.

In case it is desired not to use safety matches, it is apparent that only the shuck of a safety match box may be engaged upon the lug 29 and ordinary matches be engaged upon the top of the thickened portion 28. It will be observed that this structure constitutes a downward offset to compensate for the difference between the length of safety matches and ordinary matches.

The back wall 14 of the casing is formed with a pair of holes 30 and 31 through which may be passed securing screws or the like for holding the device in position at any desired location within an automobile or other place. Access to the hole 30 is had through a hole 32 formed in the front wall of the casing and this hole 32 serves the additional purpose of permitting one to ascertain at a glance whether or not there is a package of cigarettes within the device. Access to the hole 31 is had through an elongated opening 33 formed in the front of the casing, which opening serves the additional purpose of permitting the striking of matches upon the abrasive surface, commonly provided on the shuck of safety match boxes.

Assuming that a package of cigarettes and a box of matches have been placed upon the drawer 25, it will be apparent that ordinarily they are protected by means of the cover 18 which is in closed position. When the cover is closed and the drawer or plate 25 is in its lowermost position, the shoulder 27 on the head 26 rests upon the upper edge of the ash receptacle 15 as clearly shown in Figure 4.

Whenever the operator desires to obtain a smoke, it is merely necessary that he place his fingers under the device and press upwardly upon the drawer or plate 25, whereupon this drawer or plate will slide vertically within the casing, the upper end of the head 26 engaging the cover 18 and swinging it into open position. When the cover has been entirely opened, the shoulder 27 on the head will enter and engage within the opening 21 in the cover and consequently hold the drawer or plate 25 in its elevated position until it is actually released by swinging the cover shut. As above stated, the cover serves as a rest for lighted cigarettes and has the opening for permitting the passage of ashes and other refuse matter into the ash receptacle provided for the purpose. Obviously, whenever it is so desired, the ash receptacle may be removed and emptied.

From the foregoing description and a study of the drawings, it will be apparent that I have thus provided a very simply constructed and attractive device for the purpose specified which will be highly efficient and which will be very convenient in use.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that I reserve the right to make such changes in the form, construction and arrangement of parts as will not depart from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. In a device of the character described, a rectangular casing having its top and bottom open, a receptacle removably mounted within the casing, a cover hinged upon and normally closing the entire top of the casing, the cover being formed with an opening permitting access to said receptacle, and a vertically movable drawer within the casing adapted to support a package of cigarettes and a box of matches.

2. In a device of the character described, a rectangular casing having its top and bottom open, a vertical partition within the casing formed with a slot, a plate mounted within the lower portion of the casing and having an upstanding strip slidable along said slot, said plate serving as a support for a package of cigarettes and a box of matches, a second vertical partition extending between the first named partition and the back wall and an ash receptacle mounted between the first named partition and the back wall and having a hook engaging over said second named partition, and a cover hinged upon the top of the casing and having an opening permitting access to said receptacle.

3. In a device of the character described, a rectangular casing having its top and bottom open, a partition within the casing formed with an elongated slot, a transverse partition within the casing leading between said first named partition and the back wall, a receptacle mounted between said partitions and the back wall and having an extension of a hook like shape engaging over the top of the second named partition, a cover hinged upon the top of the casing for normally closing the same and formed with an opening permitting access to said receptacle, a drawer slidably mounted within the lower portion of the casing and having an upstanding strip slidable along said slot and terminating in a head adapted to engage against the cover for swinging the same into open position, said head being adapted to enter said opening in the cover for holding the same open and for holding the drawer in elevated position.

4. In a device of the character described,

a rectangular casing open at its top and bottom, a guide within the casing, a receptacle removably mounted within the back portion of the casing, a cover hinged upon the top of the casing and having an opening permitting access to said receptacle, a plate slidable within the casing and having an upstanding strip movable along said guide, a head on the upper end of said strip adapted to engage the cover for swinging the same into open position, said head having a shoulder adapted to engage one edge of the opening in the cover for holding the drawer in elevated position, means on said plate for supporting a box of matches, said plate being also adapted to support a package of cigarettes and the front of the casing having an opening permitting engagement of a match against the shuck of the match box whereby to effect striking.

5. In a device of the character described, a rectangular casing open at its top and bottom, a guide within the casing, a receptacle removably mounted in the back portion of the casing, a cover hinged upon the top of the casing and having an opening permitting access to said receptacle, a plate slidable within the casing and having an upstanding strip movable along said guide, a head on the upper end of said strip adapted to engage the cover for swinging the same into open position, said head having a shoulder adapted to engage one edge of the opening in the cover for holding the drawer in elevated position, means on said plate for supporting a box of matches, said plate being also adapted to support a package of cigarettes and the front of the casing having an opening permitting engagement of a match against the shuck of the match box whereby to effect striking, the back of the casing being formed with holes for the passage of securing members, access being had to one of said holes through said opening, and the front of the casing being formed with an opening registering with the other one of said holes for permitting access thereto and for permitting inspection to ascertain whether or not there is a package of cigarettes within the device.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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