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SMOKER'S RECEPTACLE

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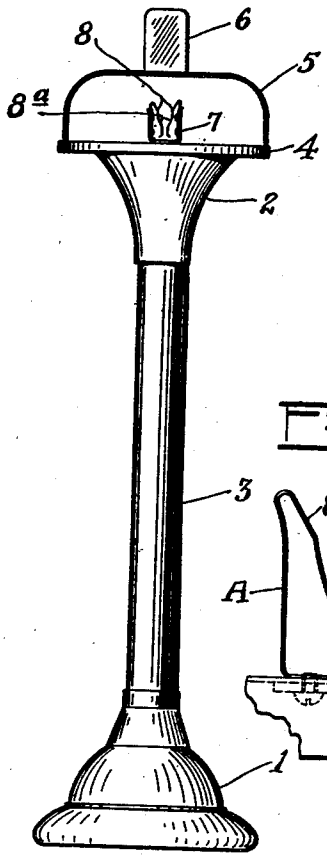

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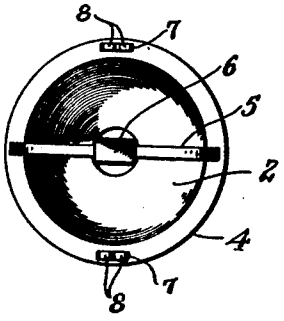

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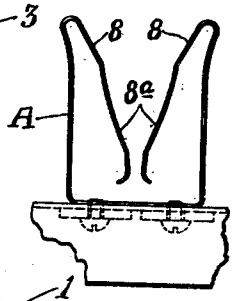

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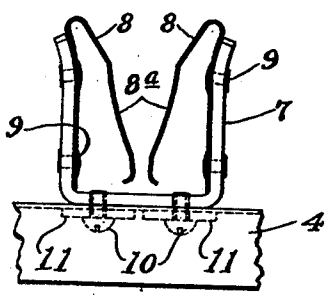

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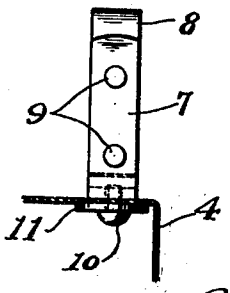

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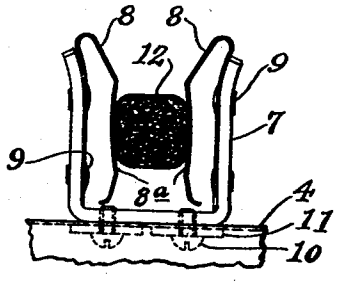

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SMOKER'S RECEPTACLE

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This invention relates generally to certain new and useful improvements in smokers' receptacles and relates more particularly to a device for firmly holding a cigar, cigarette or other article in a stationary position on an ash receiver stand or other means of support so as to prevent the article from being thrown on the floor in the event that the stand is moved or thrown over.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide an improved device constructed of spring metal having considerable resiliency and so formed as to effectively grip the cigar or other article in position so as to resist dislodgment upon any movement of the receptacle.

A further object of my invention is to produce a smoker's stand of the pedestal type, having the usual flared and weighted hollow base connected to a funnel shaped top portion by means of a pipe of rather small diameter, the top portion having fastened thereto the usual handle supporting a means for holding a box of matches in position, and two or more spring devices for holding cigars, cigarettes or other articles in a horizontal position. These spring devices are composed of a U shaped member of any suitable rigid material having fastened to each of their upward extending legs, thin flat springs which are so formed to lightly hold a cigar or cigarette between them without crushing it. These spring members are fastened to the flange of the top portion and are so arranged to make them accessible to a smoker from either side of the stand.

A further object of my invention is to provide a holder of the character herein described which will be ornamental as well as practical, simple in construction, compact and inexpensive to manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, to be more fully set forth hereinafter, the invention consists in the novel construction, combination of elements and arrangement of parts which will be exemplified in the operation and construction herein described in the following specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

The disclosure made the basis of exemplifying the present inventive concept suggests a practical embodiment thereof, but the invention is not to be restricted to the exact details of this disclosure, and the latter therefore, is to be understood from an illustrative, rather than a restrictive standpoint.

The invention will first be described in connection with the drawings, wherein similar reference characters are used to designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and more specifically defined and indicated in the appended claims.

The inventive idea involved is capable of receiving a variety of mechanical expressions some of which, for the purpose of illustration, are shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of a smoker's stand having my spring cigar or cigarette holders fastened to the flange of the top portion;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of same;

Fig. 3 is a full size side elevation of my spring holder illustrating the normal position of the flat springs;

Fig. 4 is a full size and elevation of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a side elevation same as Fig. 3 illustrating the position of the springs when a cigar is placed between them; and

Fig. 6 illustrates a modified form of a device embodying my invention.

Referring to the drawings the smoker's stand consists of the flared hollow base 1 which is weighted and has for its purpose the reception of cigar or cigarette stubs, ashes, burnt matches, etc. which are cast into the funnel shaped top portion 2 which is securely connected to the base by means of the pipe 3 which is of rather small diameter. Rigidly connected to the flange 4 of the top portion 2 is the handle 5, having centrally located and fastened to it, the match box holder 6. Also fastened to the flange 4 are the spring holders 8 having fastened thereto U shaped member 7, preferably made from rectangular strip metal to give rigidity to the holder, the said spring members 8—8 being fastened to the upward extending legs of the U shaped member by the rivets 9. The holder is se-

curely fastened in position on the flange 4 by the screws 10 and the washers 11.

The springs 8—8 are made from very thin flat spring steel and are formed with indentations 8^a—8^a so as to allow an even pressure to be exerted upon the sides of a cigar 12 when gripped between them as illustrated in Fig. 5. The springs must be very weak so as to prevent a cigar or cigarette from being crushed out of shape when their combined pressure is exerted upon it.

In Fig. 6 I have illustrated a modified form of my invention in which the holder is made of a single piece of metal A bent to a substantial U shape form in which the two members 8 are bent inwardly and are provided with indentations 8^a adapted to firmly grip and hold the cigar or other like article in position. Said holder being held on the stand in substantially the same manner as the device illustrated in Fig. 3.

In accordance with the provisions of the patent statutes, I have described my invention but I desire it understood that it is not confined to the particular form shown and described, the same being merely illustrative, and that the invention can be carried out in other ways without departing from the spirit of my invention, and therefore, I claim broadly the right to employ all equivalent instrumentalities coming within the scope of the appended claims, and by means of which, objects of my invention are attained and new results accomplished; as it is obvious that the particular embodiments herein shown and described are only some of the many that can be employed to attain these objects and accomplish these results.

What I claim as new and desire to obtain by Letters Patent is—

1. In a device of the character described, comprising a smoker's stand having secured to the top portion of the stand a holder for a cigar or other article, said holder being composed of substantially rigid U-shaped body portion, having two spring members securely fastened thereto, said spring members having indentations therein between which the cigar or other article can be wedged and firmly gripped in position on the stand.

2. In a device of the character described, comprising a smoker's stand having secured to the top portion of the stand a holder for a cigar or other article, said holder being composed of a substantially rigid U-shaped body portion having two flat spring members secured thereto, said spring members having indentations between which the cigar or other article can be wedged and firmly gripped and held in position on the stand.

This specification signed this 25th day of August, 1927.

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