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CIGARETTE HOLDER

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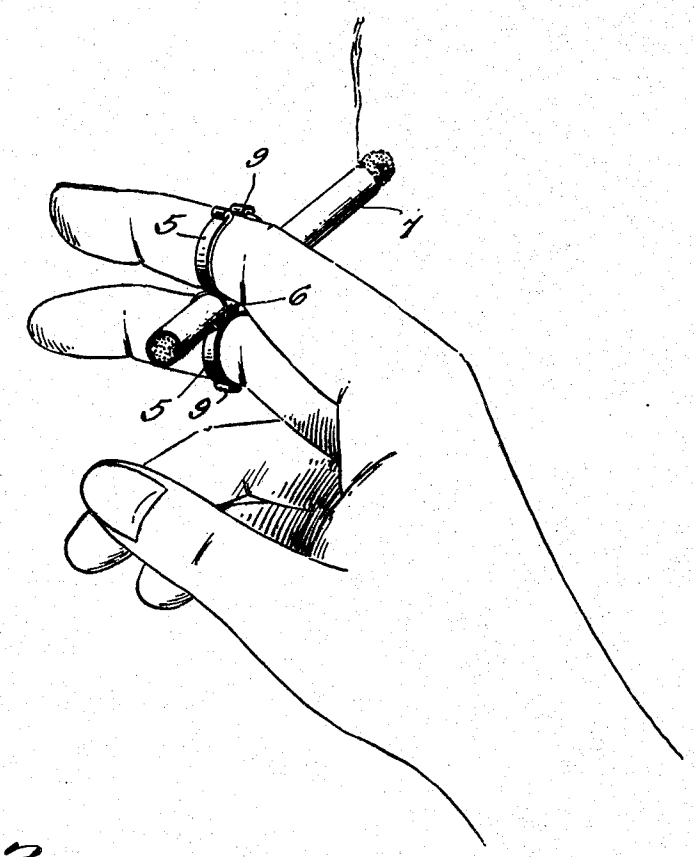


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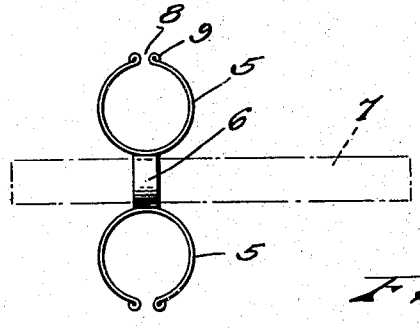


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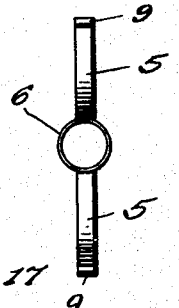


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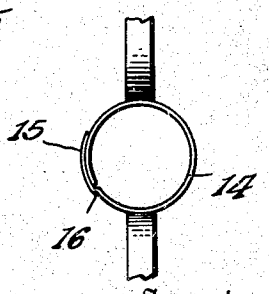


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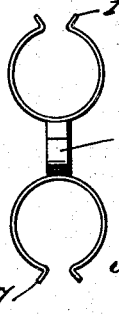


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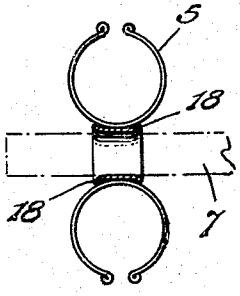
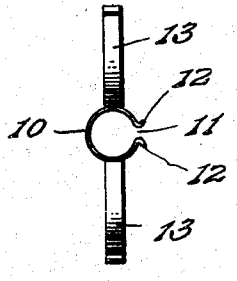


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This invention relates to smokers' appliances and more particularly to a support or holder for cigarettes and the like.

The object of the invention is to provide a cigarette holder of simple and inexpensive construction especially adapted to be worn or supported on the fingers of the hand and by means of which a lady may powder her face, play cards, or perform different kinds of work or other duties while smoking without liability of staining her finger tips with nicotine or without the necessity of laying the lighted cigarette on an ash tray or other support while engaged in performing such duties.

A further object of the invention is to provide a cigarette holder which may be quickly and conveniently applied to or removed from the fingers and which will support a cigarette in proper position for smoking and permit longitudinal adjustment of the cigarette within the holder as said cigarette is consumed.

A further object is to provide a cigarette holder comprising companion resilient finger engaging loops and an intermediate cigarette supporting loop disposed at substantially right angles to the finger engaging loops whereby to hold adjacent fingers against spreading movement but permit free lateral movement of the fingers relative to each other and thus permit a cigarette to be supported between the fingers in the usual manner when smoking.

A further object of the invention is to provide a holder, the cigarette supporting loop of which is free to expand and contract so that by exerting a slight outward pulling action on the finger loops, a cigarette may be readily inserted in or removed from said supporting loop.

A still further object of the invention is generally to improve this class of devices so as to increase their utility, durability and efficiency.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification and in which similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawing,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cigarette holder constructed in accordance with the present invention showing the same in position on the hand.

Figure 2 is a front elevation of the holder.

Figure 3 is an end view.

Figure 4 is an end view of a modified form of cigarette holder.

Figure 5 is a front view of a further modification.

Figure 6 is an enlarged side elevation of a portion of the holder shown in Figure 5.

Figure 7 is an enlarged front elevation, partly in section, illustrating a further modification.

The improved cigarette holder forming the subject-matter of the present invention comprises companion finger engaging loops 5 each preferably constructed from a thin flat strip of resilient material and an intermediate cigarette supporting ring or loop 6 interposed between the finger engaging loops and soldered, welded, or otherwise rigidly secured thereto, as shown. The cigarette supporting loop 6 is preferably of a diameter to snugly receive a standard cigarette, indicated at 7, and this intermediate loop 6 is preferably disposed at substantially right angles to the finger engaging loops 5 so that when the holder is in position on the fingers of the hand of the user, the cigarette 7 will assume a normal smoking position, that is to say, with the cigarette extending between the first and second fingers, as best shown in Figure 1 of the drawing.

Each finger engaging loop 5 is split transversely at one side thereof, as indicated at 8, and the metal at said split portion is preferably bent or curved laterally to form terminal beads 9 so as to prevent cutting or scratching of the fingers when positioning said holder on or removing the holder from the hand. The split portions 8 of the finger engaging loops permit said loops to expand and contract so as to accommodate fingers of different sizes and said loops 5 will also hold adjacent fingers against spreading movement relative to each other and prevent accidental displacement of the holder.

In using the device, a cigarette is inserted in the intermediate loop 6 and adjusted longitudinally of the holder to the desired position, after which the holder is slipped on the fingers with one of the loops 5 engaging the forefinger, preferably immediately below the second joint thereof and with the other loop engaging the middle finger. With the holder in this position, a lady may powder her face, play cards, and perform different kinds of work or other duties while smoking without liability of staining her fingers with nicotine or without the necessity of laying the lighted cigarette on an ash tray or other support while engaged in the performance of such duties. Furthermore, as the cigarette is consumed, the latter may be adjusted longitudinally within the loop 6 by exerting a slight pressure on the butt end of the cigarette with the thumb, as will be readily understood. As the position of the cigarette holder on the hand does not inter-

fere with the free use of the tips of the fingers, it follows that a person may write, take stenographic notes and the like without removing the holder from the hand. Moreover, as the loops 5 engage both fingers and the cigarette is held between said loops, it follows that said cigarette is always supported in a convenient position for smoking.

In Figure 4 of the drawing there is illustrated a modified form of the invention, in which the intermediate cigarette supporting loop 10 is resilient to facilitate insertion and removal of a cigarette. In this form of the device, the loop 10 is provided at one side thereof with an open throat 11 terminating in diverging lips 12 which serve to guide the cigarette into the loop. The loop 10 is preferably normally of a diameter to snugly receive a cigarette, but when a slight outward pressure is exerted on the terminal loops 13 with the fingers, the intermediate loop 10 will expand and permit ready insertion of a cigarette therein through the flared mouth of the throat of said loop. As soon as the outward pressure on the terminal loops is removed, the loop 10 will contract and grip the cigarette, as will be readily understood.

In Figures 5 and 6 of the drawing there is illustrated a further modified form of holder, in which the intermediate cigarette supporting loop 14 is preferably in the form of a split ring, the ends of which are overlapped, as indicated at 15, the outer overlapped end portion of the ring being offset to form a seat 16 for the adjacent end of the loop so that the interior of the loop will be smooth and unobstructed and will not tend to cut or mutilate the paper wrapper of a cigarette. In this form of the device, instead of having the metal at the ends of the split portion of the finger engaging loops bent to form beads, said ends are deflected laterally to form guide lips 17 which facilitate placement of the holder on or removal of the holder from the fingers. The cigarette supporting loop 14 may be expanded and contracted to accommodate a cigarette by exerting a slight outward pull on the finger engaging loops, as before stated.

In order to facilitate the insertion of a cigarette within the intermediate supporting loop or ring, the interior walls of said ring may be flared laterally at either or both ends thereof to form a guide lip 18 for directing the cigarette within the supporting loop, as best shown in Figure 7 of the drawing. It will, of course, be understood that the guide lip 18 may, if desired, be used on any or all of the different forms of cigarette holders previously described without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The holders are preferably positioned on the hand by sliding the loops 5 over the finger tips and can be removed in the same manner. Should it be desired, however, to quickly release the holder, it is merely necessary to exert a separating action on the fingers which expands the loops 5 and permits the fingers to be released through the split portions of said loops.

It will, of course, be understood that the holders may be made in different sizes and shapes and nickeled, silver-plated, japanned, or otherwise ornamented to give them a neat and attractive appearance. It will also be understood that the holders may be worn or supported on the fingers of either hand with equally good results.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A cigarette holder comprising companion finger-encircling loops, and an intermediate cigarette-supporting loop connected with and disposed at an angle to the companion loops, said companion loops serving to normally hold adjacent fingers against spreading movement relative to each other.

2. A cigarette holder comprising companion finger-encircling loops, and an intermediate cigarette-supporting loop secured to and disposed at substantially right angles to the companion loops, said companion loops serving to normally hold adjacent fingers against separating movement but permitting lateral movement of one finger relative to the other.

3. A cigarette holder comprising companion finger-encircling loops, and an intermediate resilient cigarette-supporting loop rigidly secured to the companion loops and disposed at substantially right angles thereto, said companion loops serving to normally hold adjacent fingers against spreading movement relative to each other.

4. A cigarette holder comprising companion finger-encircling loops each split transversely at one side thereof to form an opening, the walls of which are deflected laterally, and an intermediate cigarette-supporting loop rigidly secured to the companion loops at substantially right angles thereto and having its interior walls flared laterally, said companion loops serving to normally hold adjacent fingers against spreading movement relative to each other.

5. A cigarette holder comprising companion finger-encircling loops disposed in fixed relation to each other under normal smoking conditions and serving to normally hold adjacent fingers against spreading movement, and a resilient cigarette-supporting loop interposed between and connected with the companion loops and adapted to expand when outward pressure is exerted on said companion loops.

6. A cigarette holder comprising companion resilient loops disposed in one plane and adapted to substantially encircle adjacent fingers, and an intermediate cigarette-supporting loop interposed between and secured to the companion loops and disposed in another plane whereby when the companion loops are fitted over adjacent fingers of a hand said fingers will be held against spreading movement relative to each other and the cigarette held between the fingers in said supporting loop.

7. A cigarette holder comprising companion finger-gripping loops disposed in superposed relation when in normal smoking position and adapted to hold adjacent fingers against spreading movement relative to each other, and a transversely split intermediate cigarette-supporting loop disposed at substantially right angles to the companion loops and rigidly secured thereto, the ends of the cigarette-supporting loop at the split portion thereof being overlapped and one of said ends offset to form a seat for the other whereby to provide a smooth inner wall for the supporting loop.

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