RING CIGARETTE HOLDER

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Fig. 1

Fig. 2

Fig. 3

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My invention relates to improvements in cigarette holders and particularly to combination cigarette holders and finger rings.

An object of my invention is to provide means for holding a cigarette holder, which will leave the smoker's hands free for other occupations, such as playing card games, writing letters, etc.

Another object is to provide a combined cigarette holder and finger ring by which the cigarette may be supported on the user's finger without having to be grasped between the fingers.

Another object is to provide a combined cigarette holder and finger ring which will be neat and ornamental and of light weight.

Another object is to provide a combined cigarette holder and finger ring in which the cigarette is fitted, will be directed away from the hand, so that there will be no danger of burning the hand or fingers by contact with the cigarette or the socket holder.

Another object is to provide a combined cigarette holder and finger ring in which the holder includes a light flexible stem capable of being bent to any desired angle with respect to the ring, so as to suit the convenience of the user.

With these and other objects in view which will appear hereinafter, I shall now describe a specific embodiment of my invention and point out the novelty and scope of the invention in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of my combined cigarette holder and ring; Fig. 2 is a side view of the same; and Fig. 3 is a bottom view of the same.

In the drawings I have used the numeral 10 to indicate a finger ring which may be of any desired form and material, preferably metal and which is preferably formed with a head 11. Running under the head is a hollow stem 12 which at one end carries a mouth piece 13 and at the opposite end a socket member 14. The latter has a central bore 15 which communicates with the bore of the stem and, at the outer end, the bore 15 is expanded to form a socket adapted to hold a cigarette. The head 11 and the ring proper 10 are preferably formed with a recess 16 into which the stem 12 fits, so that the stem will project but slightly, if at all, below the inner periphery of the ring at the point of intersection with the ring, and hence will not interfere with the wearing of the ring on the finger.

The stem 12 may be substantially shaped, as shown in Fig. 3, the part which passes under the head being angularly disposed with respect to the plane of the ring while the parts that project beyond the head are bent back toward said plane. The purpose of this is to bring the mouth piece into convenient and natural position for insertion in the smoker's mouth when the ring is worn on the first or second finger of his hand, while the socket member is offset with respect to the mouth piece so as to carry the cigarette near the knuckles at the base of the fingers, thus giving more freedom for manipulating the fingers without danger of touching the cigarette or the socket member. Furthermore, the stem 12 is bent upward at or near the point where it joins the socket member, so that the latter is given an upward tilt. Thus the cigarette is held at such an angle as to clear the hand and prevent the possibility of burns due to accidental touching of the fingers against the lighted end of the cigarette or against the socket member which is likely to become heated when the cigarette burns close thereof.

While I have shown a ring with a head it will be obvious that a plain band ring could be used, with the stem of the holder intersecting the band, but I find it preferable to use a head to cover the joint between the ring proper and the stem. The head also furnishes a broad bearing surface for attachment of the stem, thereby providing a strong and rugged construction. The head may be of any ornamental form and, if desired, may provide a setting for a stone.

The stem 12 preferably consists of a metal tube of small diameter so as to fit conveniently under the head of the ring, thereby providing a holder of slender proportions and neat appearance and so light in weight as not to interfere with the free use of the finger on which it is carried. By using a metal stem the stem may be bent to set the mouth piece at the angle best suited to the user. At the same time the mouth piece and socket member may be made separate from the stem and be cemented thereto, and they may be made of a variety of materials, such as bakelite, casein, hard rubber, etc. and of any size, form and color to suit the user's fancy.
the stem were not materially reduced in diameter with respect to the mouth piece and socket member, it could not readily be passed out of the head and would make a bulky combination which would not only be cumbersome, but would spoil the appearance of the ring.

While I have described my invention as applied to holding cigarettes, it will be evident that the socket member could be made large enough to hold a cigar. Hence, the term ‘cigarette holder’ as used in the foregoing specification and in the following claims, is intended to include a holder for cigars as well.

I claim:

1. A device of the character described comprising a finger ring of conventional design having a head, a metal tube of relatively small diameter secured to said head and projecting from opposite sides thereof, a mouth piece secured to one end of said tube, and a cigarette holder secured to the opposite end of said tube and disposed at an angle to the plane of said head.

2. A device of the character described comprising a finger ring having a head, a metal tube of relatively small diameter obliquely secured to said head so that its ends project at angles to the plane of said ring, a mouth piece secured to one end of said tube, and a cigarette holder secured to the opposite end of said tube.

In testimony whereof, I have signed this specification this 20th day of November, 1926.

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