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Fig. 1.

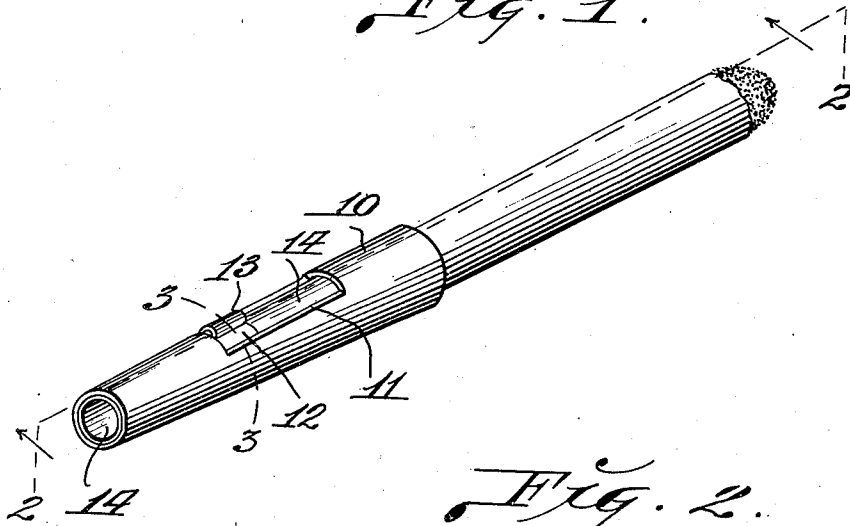


Fig. 2.

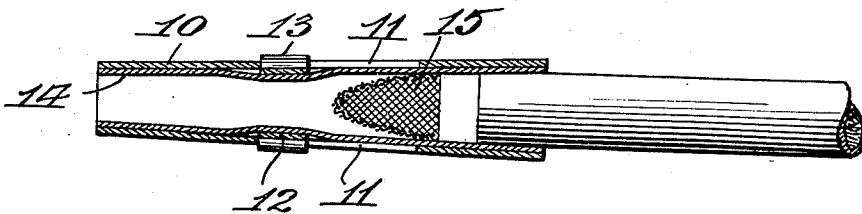
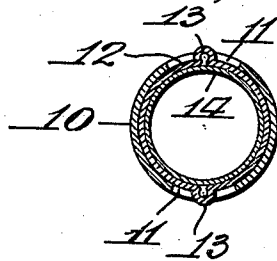


Fig. 3.



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My invention relates to a holder for cigarettes, cigars, cheroots and the like, and has for its principal object, the provision of a relatively simple, practical and inexpensive device that may be conveniently employed for holding cigarettes and the like, while the same are being smoked.

Further objects of my invention are, to provide a cigarette holder having a tubular body member within which is arranged for limited longitudinal and rotary movement, a ring that encircles a tubular lining member, preferably of paper, that extends the entire length of the body of the holder, said lining member capable of being easily positioned within or removed from the body of the holder, and further to arrange within the lining of paper or the like, a screen of fibrous material such as gauze, in order to prevent tobacco dust and small particles of tobacco from being drawn into the mouth of the smoker, and also to absorb nicotine from the smoke as it is drawn through the holder by the smoker.

A further object of my invention is, to provide a cigarette or cigar holder with a lining member of paper or the like, that extends throughout the entire length of the holder, thus forming a protecting cover for the entire inner surface of the holder, so as to prevent the inserted end portion of the cigarette or cigar and the smoke that is drawn therefrom, from making contact with any portion of the inner surface of the holder, thus effectually preventing any tobacco particles or nicotine from contaminating the inner surface of the holder.

With the foregoing and other objects in view my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangements of parts that will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a cigarette holder constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawing which illustrates a preferred embodiment of my invention, 10 designates the outer shell or body of the holder which is in the form of a tube that gradually decreases in diameter toward its rear end, and said tube being formed of any suitable material, for instance, light weight metal such as aluminum.

Formed through the wall of the tube, at or near

the center thereof, are diametrically arranged longitudinally disposed slots or openings 11.

Arranged for sliding and rotary movement within the tubular body 10 is a ring 12, preferably formed of metal, and formed at diametrically opposite points on said ring, are outwardly projecting ribs or lugs 13.

These ribs or lugs project through the slots or openings 11, and thus limit the sliding and rotary movements of the ring within the holder.

Positioned within the holder and extending through ring 12, is a tapered tubular lining member 14, preferably of thin flexible paper, the length of which is approximately equal to the length of the body 10 of the holder and thus said member 14 forms a removable lining or cover for the entire inner surface of the holder in which it is inserted, and prevents the inserted portion of the cigarette and smoke and particles of tobacco that are drawn through the holder from contacting the inner surface of the body of the holder.

Positioned in the forward portion of the tubular lining 14, is a screen or strainer 15 which, as illustrated in Fig. 2, is preferably in the form of an elongated cup with its closed end rearwardly presented, and this screen or strainer is preferably formed of fibrous material or loosely woven fabric such as gauze. This screen or strainer prevents tobacco dust and small particles of tobacco from being drawn through the holder into the smoker's mouth, and likewise functions as an absorbent screen to separate free nicotine and the like from the smoke that passes rearwardly through the holder.

The paper liners 14 carrying the screens 15 are inexpensive of manufacture, and it is the intention to produce and sell the same in quantities to the users of my improved holder, in order that the liners, after being used one or more times, are ejected from the holder and discarded and new liners placed in the holders.

To position one of the liners in the holder, the ring 12 is moved to its forward limit through the slots or openings 11, and the small end of one of the liners is inserted in the large forward end of the body 10 of the holder and through the ring 12.

The ring 12 is now moved to its rearward limit of movement through the slots or openings 11, and at the same time the liner, is adjusted lengthwise through the ring so that the ends of the liner practically coincide with the ends of the body 10. A cigarette is now inserted in the forward end of the liner, and the holder is ready for use.

If there should be any tendency of the liner to

stick in the body of the holder after a number of cigarettes have been smoked, the ring can be rotated for a limited degree, first in one direction and then in another, and at the same time moved forwardly through the slots or openings 11, thereby projecting the forward portion of the liner from the forward end of the holder, so that it may be readily engaged and removed.

If desired, the fabric or fibrous material forming the screen or strainer 15 may be impregnated with an aromatic substance or substances which, when subjected to the heat of the smoke drawn through the screen gives off a pleasing aroma or fragrance, or a small body of fibrous material such as cotton impregnated with an aromatic substance or substances may be packed into the apex or small end of the screen or strainer.

Thus it will be seen that I have provided a holder for cigarettes, cigars, cheroots and the like, that is relatively simple in construction, inexpensive of manufacture and very effective in performing the functions for which it is intended.

It will be understood that minor changes in the size, form and construction of the various parts of my improved cigarette holder may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing from the spirit of the invention, the scope of which is set forth in the appended claim.

I claim as my invention:

A cigarette holder, comprising a tubular body, said body being formed to provide a pair of oppositely disposed openings in the side walls thereof, a substantially concentric ring arranged for sliding movement in a central portion of said body, said ring being provided with means extending through said openings for limiting the sliding movement of said ring, a removable tubular liner of fibrous material concentrically arranged within said holder and extending substantially the entire length thereof, said liner extending through said ring and a central portion thereof being frictionally engaged thereby.

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