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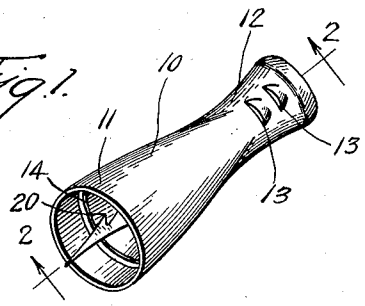



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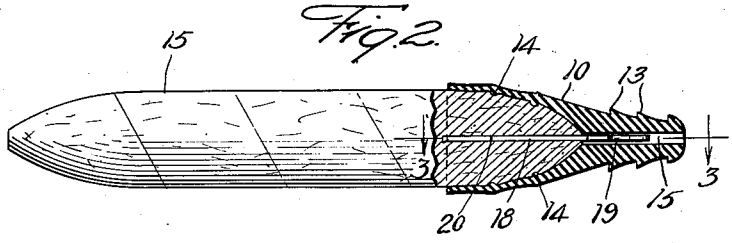



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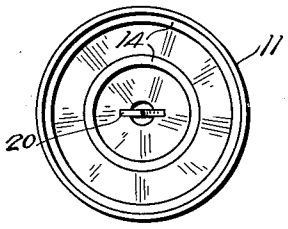



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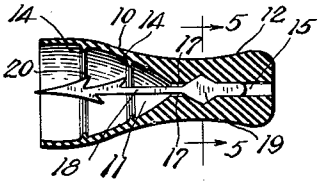



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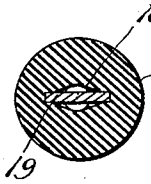
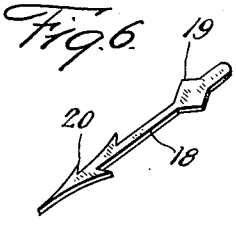



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The present invention relates to improvements in cigar holders and more particularly to cigar holders capable of fitting any size cigar and having a cigar impaling member anchored therein.

Cigar holders with flexible or non-flexible cigar receiving portions and containing cigar puncturing members are well known in the prior art. They have been uniformly unsatisfactory and so far as known there are no such cigar holders being sold commercially at the present time. It has been found that almost all such prior art holders depend upon the cigar piercing member to keep the cigar in the holder.

It is well known that in order to function properly the cigar must virtually be sealed in the holder so that air may be drawn through the cigar into the mouth of the smoker. If air is admissible around the end of the cigar fixed in the holder it is difficult to draw smoke from the cigar and smoking satisfaction is greatly impaired if not entirely lost.

Impaling members of many kinds have been tried including members with hollow centers. Such devices are easily clogged and becomes useless. Furthermore, difficulty has been experienced in properly anchoring such impaling or piercing members in the holder. If permanently secured they are impossible to clean and soon acquire an offensive odor. If they are not so secured they wobble in the holder and fail to serve the intended purpose.

It is an important object of the present invention to provide a cigar holder which will overcome the deficiencies above stated.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a cigar holder which will receive any size cigar and effectively seal the cigar in the cigar receiving portion of the holder.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a cigar impaling member which is securely anchored in the holder and yet may be easily removed and replaced.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a cigar holder which is inexpensive to manufacture, efficient and easily cleaned.

Numerous objects and advantages will be apparent throughout the progress of the following specifications.

The accompanying drawing illustrates a selected embodiment of the invention and the views therein are as follows:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the improved cigar holder ready for use.

Fig. 2 is a side view partly in section taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1 showing a cigar in the holder.

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Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a front view.

Fig. 5 is a cross section taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the cigar impaling member.

The cigar holder shown herein for the purpose of illustrating the present invention comprises a cigar holder 10 having a cigar receiving portion 11 which may be of a flexible and elastic material such as rubber and a mouthpiece 12 of the same material but of substantially more rigid construction formed integral therewith. The mouthpiece 12 is provided with a plurality of protuberances 13 for comfortable and easy adjustment in the mouth.

The inner face of the cigar receiving portion 11 is formed with a plurality of flexible and elastic annular ribs 14 of decreasing diameter, spaced to any desired distance and designed to firmly grip and retain the end of the cigar 15 and to provide an air seal in the holder. While two such ribs are illustrated, any desired number may be employed.

Extending longitudinally through the holder 10 is the smoke passage 15 having a diamond shaped dished recess 16 beginning slightly beyond the apex of the cigar receiving portion 11 as shown in Fig. 3. The cigar receiving portion and the two sides of the diamond recess form shoulders 17 for the reasons hereinafter set forth.

Secured in the smoke passage 15 is the flat cigar impaling member 18 which may be constructed of metal or any rigid heat resisting material shaped with the diamond shape 19 near its anterior end and having barbs 20 at its posterior end. The shank of the said impaling member 18 from the barbs 20 to the diamond 19 is slightly less wide than the width of the smoke passage 15 but the width of the portion extending beyond the diamond is substantially the same width as that of the passage. When the impaling member 18 is secured in the smoke passage 15 the diamond 19 fits into the dished recess 16 and is held firmly therein. The end portion of the shank being substantially of the same width as the passage provides further means for holding the impaling member in said passage.

When a cigar is inserted in the holder, the annular ribs 14 being elastic and flexible grasp the cigar and create an air seal in the holder. In so doing they distort slightly the circular shape of the cigar receiving portion as shown in Fig. 2. The cigar impaling member 18 which is forced

into the cigar holds the cigar rigidly in position, prevents the breaking of the air seal formed by the ribs 14 and creates an air passage in the cigar. The barbs 20 being hook shape, combine with the shoulders 17 to prevent the involuntary withdrawal or displacement of the impaling member. In smoking, air can be drawn only through the end of the cigar thus insuring a satisfactory smoke.

The present invention provides a cigar holder which may be cheaply constructed, is extremely simple, yet which overcomes the deficiencies of the prior art and insures a completely satisfactory smoke. While the shoulders 17 prevent displacement of the cigar impaling member 18 while in use, the said member when not in use may easily be removed by pressure and the holder cleaned for further use.

Changes may be made in the form and construction without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages and the right is hereby reserved to make all changes as fairly fall within the scope of the following claims.

What is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent of the United States is as follows:

I claim:

1. A cigar holder comprising a flexible and elastic cigar receiving portion and a mouthpiece of one-piece construction therewith, said mouthpiece being substantially more rigid than the cigar-receiving portion and having a plurality of protuberances formed thereon, said cigar receiving portion being formed on its inner face with a plurality of flexible and elastic annular ribs of decreasing diameter, a smoke passage extending through said cigar holder, said smoke passage being formed with a relatively large substantially diamond shaped recess in the more rigid mouth piece portion to secure and anchor a cigar impaling member and a rigid cigar impaling member securely anchored in said smoke passage.

2. A cigar holder comprising a flexible and elastic cigar receiving portion and a mouthpiece of one-piece construction therewith, said mouth piece being substantially more rigid than the cigar-receiving portion and having a plurality of transverse protuberances formed thereon, said cigar receiving portion being formed on its inner face with a plurality of flexible and elastic annular ribs of decreasing diameter, a smoke passage extending through said cigar holder, said smoke passage being formed with a relatively large diamond shaped recess in the more rigid mouthpiece portion to secure and anchor a cigar impaling member and a rigid cigar impaling member formed in diamond shape near its posterior end and having a plurality of withdrawal preventing barbs at its anterior end, securely anchored in said smoke passage.



3. A cigar holder comprising a flexible and elastic cigar receiving portion and a mouthpiece of one-piece construction therewith, said mouthpiece being substantially more rigid than the cigar-receiving portion and having a plurality of transverse protuberances formed thereon, the said cigar receiving portion being provided on its inner face with a plurality of flexible and elastic annular ribs of decreasing diameter, said cigar holder having a smoke passage extending therethrough, said smoke passage having a relatively large diamond shape dished recess, a pair of shoulders formed by said recess for seating and securing a cigar impaling member, and a rigid cigar impaling member seated and secured in said smoke passage, said member being formed in diamond shape near its posterior end and having a plurality of barbs at its forward end.

4. A cigar holder comprising a flexible and elastic cigar receiving portion provided on its inner face with a plurality of flexible and elastic annular ribs of decreasing diameter, a mouthpiece of one-piece construction therewith, said mouthpiece being substantially more rigid than the cigar-receiving portion and having a plurality of transverse protuberances formed thereon, said cigar holder having a smoke passage extending therethrough, said smoke passage having a relatively large diamond shaped dished recess, a pair of shoulders formed by said recess, and a rigid cigar impaling member different in cross section from the shape of the cross section of said smoke passage, said cigar impaling member being formed in the diamond shape near its interior end and having a plurality of barbs at its exterior end, and the said diamond shape being adapted to fit snugly into the diamond shaped dished recess in the smoke passage whereby the cigar impaling member is firmly anchored in said smoke passage.

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