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Fig. 1.

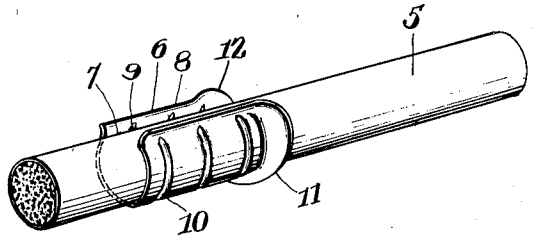


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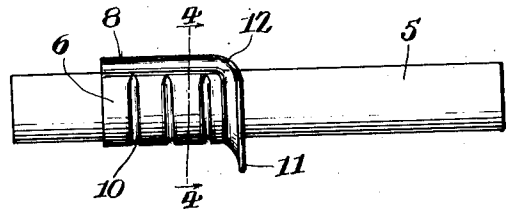


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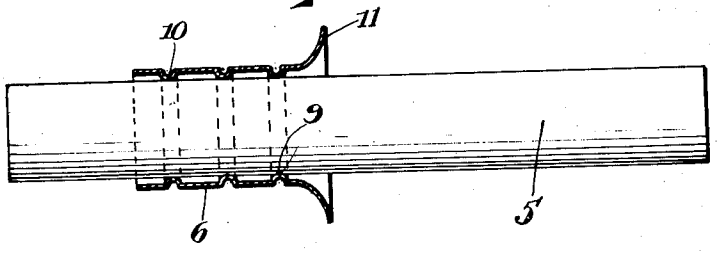
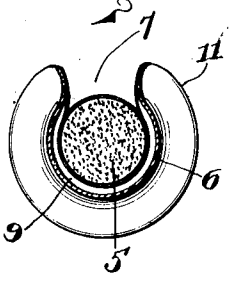


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to cigarette holders.

An important object of the invention is to provide a device of the above mentioned character, which may be clipped over a cigarette to hold the same without the fingers coming in contact with the cigarette, thereby preventing the fingers from becoming discolored.

A further object is to provide a holder as aforesaid equipped with means for holding the main body of the holder away from the cigarette to prevent the holder from becoming heated from the fire on the cigarette.

A further object is to provide a holder as aforesaid constructed in a manner for the ready insertion of a cigarette therein, and with the holder possessing an inherent characteristic for maintaining it in position upon the cigarette.

A further object is to provide a holder as aforesaid which may be stamped from a light material such as metal, oiled paper or the like, and of such economical manufacture that the holders may be distributed with packages of cigarettes.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings, in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cigarette showing the holder positioned thereon,

Figure 2 is an elevation of the same,

Figure 3 is an enlarged view of a cigarette in elevation showing the holder thereon in longitudinal section, and,

Figure 4 is a section taken on line 4—4 of Figure 2, looking in the direction of the arrow.

In the drawings, wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown a preferred embodiment of the invention, the numeral 5 designates a cigarette which may be of any ordinary brand and the numeral 6 designates, as a whole the body of our improved holder positioned thereon.

The body of the holder 6 is preferably arcuate in form to conform with the cylindrical shape usual in cigarettes but this may be varied to conform with any other shape of cigarettes. The body may be formed from any suitable resilient material and is provided with an opening 7, extending throughout the entire length thereof and approximately over one fourth of the circumference.

The longitudinal edges 8 of the body are curved outwardly to form a seat for the cigarette about to be positioned in the holder, to hold the cigarette out of contact with any abrupt edge face of the holder.

Disposed circumferentially and extending inwardly and radially of the holder is a plurality of ribs 9 to grip the cigarette in adjusted position and to hold the same out of contact with the main body of the holder to prevent the latter from becoming heated in case the lighted end of the cigarette recedes within the interior of the holder. The ribs 9 are preferably formed by stamping or pressing the exterior surface of the holder inwardly, thereby forming correspondingly extending grooves 10 in the exterior surface.

The end 11 of the holder, which is disposed toward the lighted end of the cigarette, is flared outwardly to permit the lighted end to recede within the interior of the holder without coming in contact with the main body of the holder, and the corners 12 of the flared end are rounded in order that no sharp surface may come in contact with the cigarette when the latter is positioned on the curved edges 8 of the opening 7.

To position a cigarette within the holder, the cigarette is seated on the curved edges 8 of the opening 7, the holder being disposed at any suitable point intermediate the ends of the cigarette. With the cigarette in this position, a slight pressure thereon will cause the sides of the resilient body to flex outwardly to permit the cigarette to drop through the opening, when the sides will spring back to normal position. When it is desired to remove the cigarette from the holder, a slight outward pressure on the edges 8 will permit the cigarette to be lifted through the opening 7 or to be drawn through either end of the holder.

It is to be understood that the form of our invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as a preferred example of the same, and that various changes in the shape, size, and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the appended claims.

What we claim is:—

1. A device of the character described comprising, a resilient, arcuate body formed with an opening throughout its entire length, and a plurality of radially extending ribs disposed within the body.

2. A device of the character described com-

prising, a resilient, arcuate body formed with an opening throughout its entire length, and a plurality of inwardly, radially extending ribs pressed from the side of said body.

3. A device of the character described comprising, a resilient, arcuate body formed with an opening extending throughout its entire length for the insertion of a longitudinal portion of a cigarette into the body, and means on the body for permitting the lighted end of the cigarette to recede within said body.

4. A device of the character described comprising, a resilient, arcuate body formed with an opening throughout its entire length for the insertion of a longitudinal portion of a cigarette into the body, one end of the body being flared to permit the lighted end of the cigarette to recede within said body.

5. A device of the character described comprising, a resilient, arcuate body formed with an opening throughout its entire length for the insertion of a longitudinal portion of a cigarette into the body, means for permitting the lighted end of the cigarette to recede within the body, and means for holding the lighted end out of contact with the sides of the body.

6. A device of the character described comprising, a resilient, arcuate body formed with an opening extending throughout its entire length to permit the insertion of a longitudinal portion of a cigarette into the body, means for permitting the lighted end of the cigarette to recede within the body, and a plurality of radially extending ribs disposed within the body to engage said longitudinal portion of the cigarette, and to hold said lighted end out of contact with the sides of said body.

7. A device of the character described comprising, a resilient, arcuate body formed with an opening throughout its entire length to permit the insertion of a longitudinal portion of a cigarette into the body, one end of the body being flared to permit the lighted end of the cigarette to recede within the body, and means within the body for holding the lighted end out of contact with the sides of said body.

In testimony whereof, we affix our signatures hereto.

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