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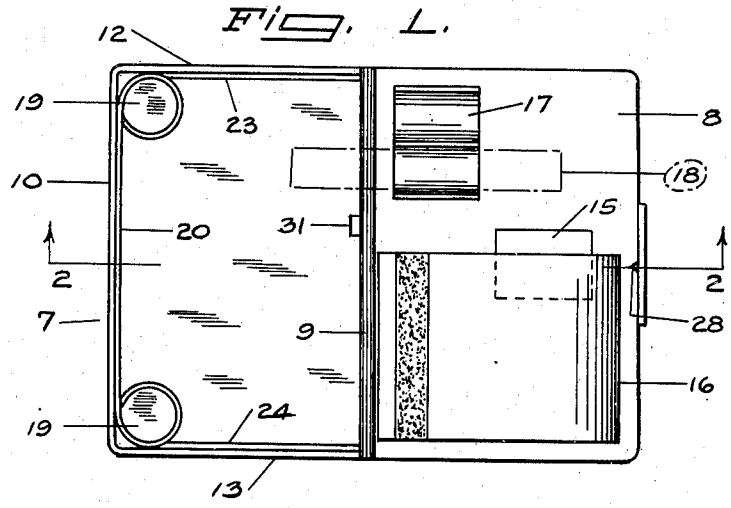


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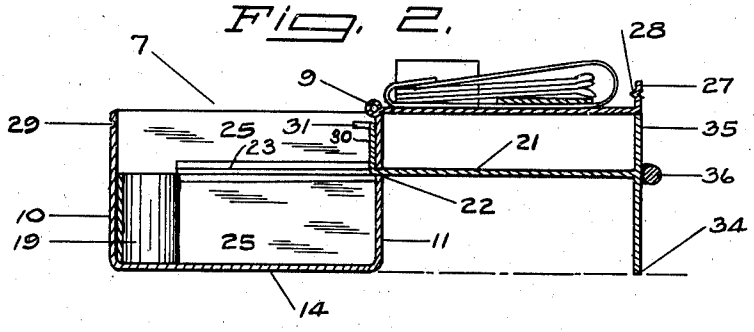


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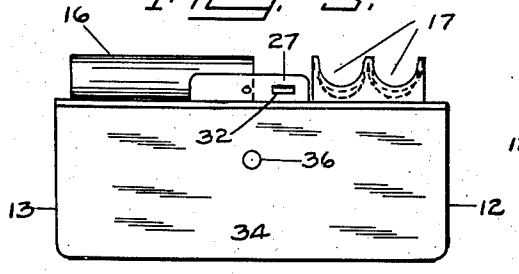


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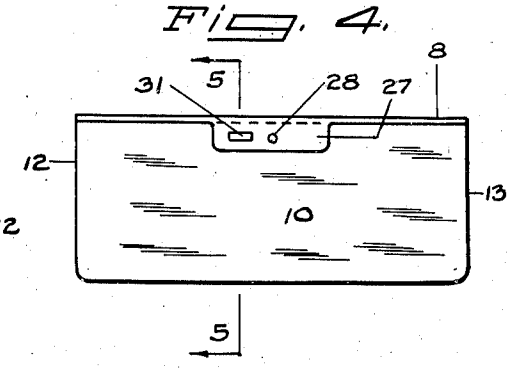
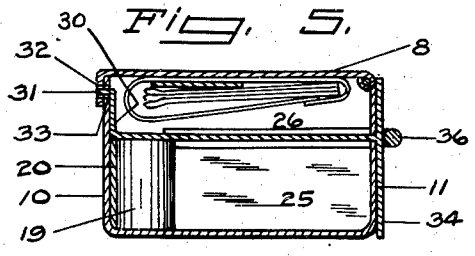


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This invention relates to an improved ash receptacle and particularly relates to an especially constructed neat and compact device, which can readily be carried in the pocket or purse of an individual and which device when in open position will support a burning cigarette or the like in a convenient position for the user and will serve as an individual ash tray for receiving ashes, cigarette and match butts and the like and when closed will retain the said elements therein and be doubly sealed and doubly locked, positively fireproof and perfectly safe tc be carried.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a neat compact container having a top hinged cover and an intermediate sliding cover to lock the said hinged cover to the wall of the container and to further provide a second locking means which will be automatically controlled by the opening and closing of the said sliding cover, whereby the hinged cover is locked by the sliding cover.

Another object of the present invention is to provide means on the inner face of the top hinged cover for supporting a plurality of burning cigarettes when the said cover is in its open position.

A further object of the present invention is to provide means on the said hinged cover for removably retaining a conventional book of matches.

A still further object of the present invention is the provision within the container of a plurality of specially shaped cups for extinguishing burning cigarettes and the like.

A still further object of the present invention is the provision of means for preventing accidental tilting of the container when the covers are in their open positions.

A still further object of the present invention is to provide a pocket ash receptacle of the character described that is durable, economical to manufacture, simple in construction, positively fireproof and highly serviceable in use.

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

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of the description and wherein for the purpose of illustration like numerals designate like parts throughout the same,

Fig. 1 is a top plan view of the improved device shown in its open position,

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view taken through line 2—2 of Fig. 1, looking in direction of the arrows,

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Fig. 3 is a rear elevational view of the device when in its open position as illustrated in Fig. 2,

Fig. 4 is a front elevational view of the device in its cloesd position,

Fig. 5 is a transverse vertical sectional view taken through line 5—5 of Fig. 4, showing the device in its closed position.

Referring in detail to the drawing and the numerals thereof the numeral 7 designates as a whole a suitable container made of sheet metal or any suitable fireproof material and the numeral 8 a top cover that is hinged thereto as at 9. The said container is preferably rectangular in shape having front and rear sides 10 and 11 respectively, two opposite ends 12 and 13 and a flat bottom portion 14.

A suitable clip 15 is preferably fixed to the inner face of the hinged cover 8 for removably retaining a conventional match book 16. The inner portion of the said cover is also provided with a plurality of cigarette supporting members or holders 17, which holders are preferably U-shaped and taper downwardly toward the inside of the container and are soldered or otherwise fixed to the inner surface of the cover in any suitable manner. It will be obvious that a cigarette 18, shown in dot and dash lines, can be placed in one of the said holders 17 in the usual manner, whereby the device will serve as a convenient individual ash tray. The inside of the container 7 preferably has a plurality of cup-shaped members 19 which provide a suitable medium for extinguishing burning cigarettes in the usual manner. The present illustration shows two cup shaped members 19 formed from a single strip of material 20 and positioned in oppositely opposed corners as shown in Fig. 1.

The numeral 21 designates an intermediate sliding cover supported in the slot 22 provided in the rear wall 11 of the container and in suitable grooves 23 and 24 formed in the end walls 12 and 13 respectively. When in closed position the said cover 21 fits over the cups 19 and over the top edge of the strip 20 forming a lower sealed ash chamber 25 as shown in Fig. 5. When the hinged cover 8 is in its closed position the match book 16 and cigarette holders 17 positioned on the inner face thereof fit into the upper chamber 26 and above the sliding cover 21.

As hereinbefore stated one of the principal objects of the present invention is to provide the container with a top hinged cover and an intermediate sliding cover and to provide a double locking means for locking the hinged cover to the container whereby the accidental opening of

the same and the fire hazard caused thereby will be positively prevented. Accordingly, a resilient lip 27 having a projection 28 is provided on the front end portion of the cover 8, which projection is capable of fitting into an indentation 29 provided in the front wall 10 of the container thus providing a snap fastener for locking the said cover 8. The intermediate sliding cover 21 is formed at the front end portion thereof with an upward extension 30 and a horizontal projection 31, which projection is capable of fitting into the apertures 32 and 33 provided respectively into the said lip 27 and front wall 10 of the container when the intermediate sliding cover is in its closed position as shown in Fig. 5, thus double-locking the hinged cover to the container.

In order to rigidly support the device when the same is in its open position the rear portion of the sliding cover 21 preferably extends downwardly to a distance in alignment with the bottom of the container providing a rest for the same as indicated at 34 in Fig. 2 and upwardly as indicated at 35 for supporting the cover 8. A small knob 36 is fixed on the back of the said sliding cover to provide a finger hold for actuating the same.

From the foregoing description considered in connection with the accompanying drawing it will be obvious that I have produced a sanitary and unique article that can be safely transported in the purse or the pocket of a garment.

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

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A pocket ash receptacle of the character described comprising a container, an opening at the upper portion thereof, a cover capable of closing the said opening hingedly secured to the said container, a lip on the front extremity of the said cover capable of overlapping the front portion of the said container, means for locking the said lip to the said container, an intermediate cover slidably positioned in the container, a projecting element on the front end portion of the said intermediate cover and means whereby the said projecting element will engage with the said lip when the intermediate cover is in its closed position for doubly locking the hingedly secured cover to the container.

2. A pocket ash receptacle of the character described comprising a container, an opening at the upper portion thereof, a cover capable of closing said opening hingedly secured to the container, a cigarette holding means fixed on the inner face of the said cover, a match book retaining means fixed on the inner face of said cover, a cigarette extinguishing means provided within the container, an intermediate cover slidably positioned in the container to retain ashes therein, and means for doubly locking the top hinged cover to the container, said locking means including a horizontally extending locking member on the front extremity of the intermediate cover, and the rear portion of the said intermediate cover having a vertically extending member capable of supporting the covers when the said covers are in their open positions.

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