

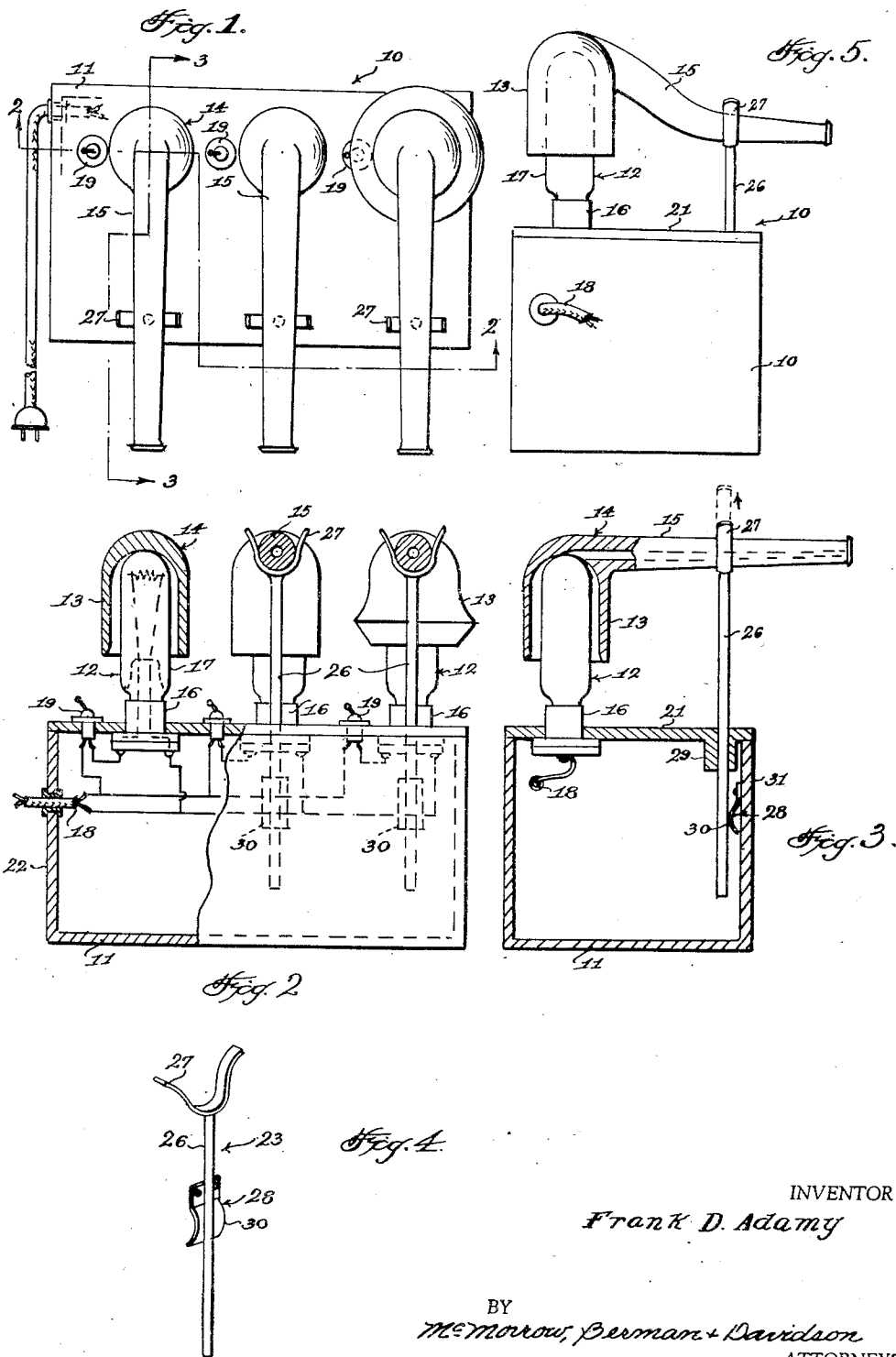
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This invention relates to a pipe holder and drier assembly.

An object of this invention is to provide a pipe holder and drier assembly which may be used for drying the interior of the bowl and adjacent stem portion of a smoking pipe.

Another object is to provide a pipe holder and drier assembly which is adjustable to receive pipes of various sizes and shapes.

Other objects and advantages will become apparent when the following description and claims are considered in conjunction with the drawings.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a pipe holder and drier assembly constructed according to the present invention with pipes supported thereon;

Figure 2 is an elevational view taken along line 2-2 of Figure 1 with a schematic showing of the wiring circuit;

Figure 3 is an elevational view taken along line 3-3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the adjustable pipe stem support; and

Figure 5 is an end view of the device of Figure 1 but with a pipe having a curved stem mounted thereon.

Referring now with more particularity to the drawings wherein like reference numerals are used throughout, the numeral 10 designates generally a pipe drier and holder assembly constructed according to the present invention. The assembly 10 comprises a hollow base 11 from which projects a plurality of spaced heating means 12 adjacent one side edge of the base. Each of the heating means is adapted to be received within and to support the bowl 13 of a pipe 14. Specifically, each means 12 embodies an electrical socket 16 which receives a heating element or incandescent lamp bulb 17 and is actuable by suitable wiring 18 and switch 19. The sockets 16 are mounted in the top wall 21 of the base 11 in aligned longitudinal relation and receive the elongated bulbs 17, each of which is adapted to be received within the bowl 13 of an inverted pipe 14. As shown in Figure 2, the necessary wiring 18 is contained within the base 11 with one end extending through an end wall 22 for connection to a source of electricity. Each of the sockets 16 is actuated by a switch 19 inserted in the wiring circuit 18 and mounted on the top wall 21.

Arranged in spaced relation with respect to each of the heating means 12 is a support 23 which is adjustably connected to the base 11 for holding the stem 15 of a pipe 14 when the bowl 13 of the latter is supported on the corresponding heating means. The support 23, Figure 4, embodies a standard 26 which carries a rest 27 on the upper end thereof and a leaf spring 28 which has its bowed portion 30 abutting the standard 26. Each of

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the standards 26 extends through the top wall 21 and is slidable within the top wall 21 and the corresponding one of the sleeves 29 which are dependently secured to the top wall 21. The spring 28 is secured to the inner surface of the side wall 31 of the base 11 adjacent each of the supports 23 and frictionally abuts the corresponding standard 26 for adjustably connecting each of the supports 23 to the base 11. The rest 27 is loosely mounted on the upper end of each standard 26 which is located exteriorly of the base 11, and holds the stem 15 of the pipe 14 when the bowl 13 of the latter is supported on the heating element or bulb 17.

In operation, a smoking pipe 14 to be dried is inverted and the bowl 13 is placed over one of the heating means 12 for support thereon. The pipe support 23 is raised or lowered to accommodate the shape or size of the pipe 14 and the stem 15 thereof is cradled in the rest 27 carried on the upper end of the vertically slidable support 23. The selected position of the support 23 is maintained by means of the cooperation of the leaf spring 28 and the bearing surface of the sleeve 29 which frictionally engage the adjacent portions of the standard 26, as shown in Figure 3, and prevent accidental displacement of the support 23.

What is claimed is:

1. A pipe holder comprising a base, at least one heating means projecting from said base and adapted to be received within the inverted bowl of a pipe and to support said inverted bowl, and at least one adjustable support arranged in spaced relation with respect to said means and slidably connected to said base for holding the stem of a pipe when the bowl of the latter is supported on said means.

2. A pipe holder comprising a base, at least one heating means projecting from said base and adapted to be received within the inverted bowl of a pipe and to support said inverted bowl, and at least one adjustable support arranged in spaced relation with respect to said means and slidably connected to said base, said support embodying a standard, a rest carried by one end of said standard for holding the stem of a pipe when the bowl of the latter is supported on said heating means, and means on said base engaging said standard for adjustably connecting said support to said base.

3. A pipe holder comprising a base, at least one heating means projecting from said base and adapted to be received within the inverted bowl of a pipe and to support said inverted bowl, and at least one adjustable support arranged in spaced parallel relation with respect to said means and slidably connected to said base for reciprocatory movement toward and away from said base, said support embodying a standard, a rest carried by one end of said standard for holding the stem of a pipe when the bowl of the latter is supported on said heating means, and means on said base engaging said standard for adjustably connecting said support to said base.

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