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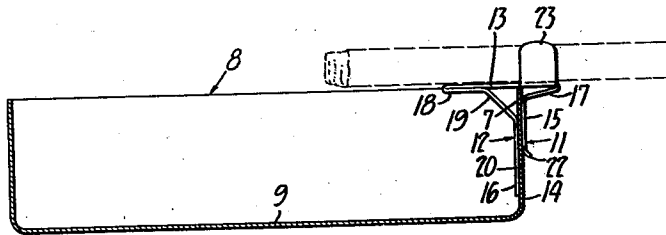


FIG. 1.

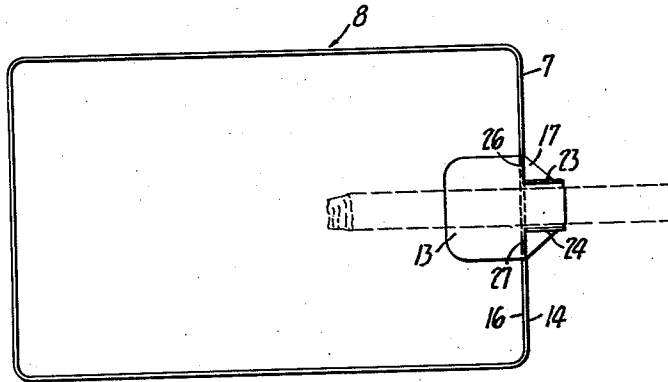


FIG. 2.

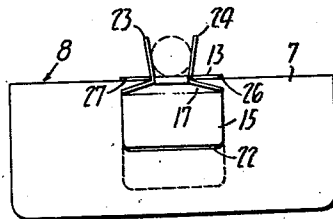


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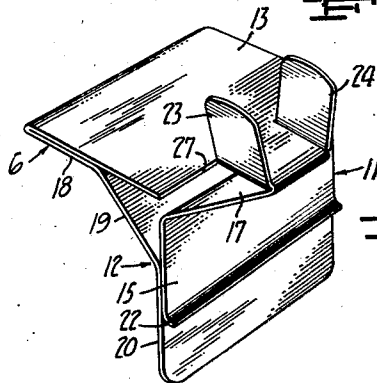


FIG. 4.

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The invention relates to smokers' appliances and more particularly to a cigarette or cigar rest in the nature of a detachable unit which may be applied to and supported on the upper edge of a suitable ash receiver.

An object of the invention is to provide a detachable rest of the character described which may be simply and inexpensively manufactured from a single strip of sheet metal or the like and which may be easily and readily applied to or removed from the side wall of an ash receiver whereby any desired number of rests may be applied to the ash receiver to thereby accommodate the receiver to the group of individuals using the same.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of the character above which will afford an improved resilient gripping of the device on the ash receiver and a steady firm positioning thereon and an improved holding of a cigarette or cigar in proper position on the rest.

The invention possesses other objects and features of advantage, some of which, with the foregoing, will be set forth in the following description of the preferred form of the invention which is illustrated in the drawing accompanying and forming part of the specification. It is to be understood, however, that variations in the showing made by the said drawing and description may be adopted within the scope of the invention as set forth in the claims.

Referring to said drawing:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a detachable rest constructed in accordance with the present invention and shown in operative position upon an ash receiver, the latter being illustrated in cross section.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the rest and ash receiver illustrated in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a front elevation of the rest and ash receiver.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the rest.

The rest for cigarettes or cigars or the like of the present invention consists briefly of a member which may be readily attached and detached to the side wall of an ash receiver and which consists briefly of a single strip of metal formed with a flat intermediate table portion adapted to overlie the top edge of the receiver wall and to support a cigarette or cigar or the like on the top face thereof and in which the end portions of the strip are folded and bent downwardly and under the intermediate portion to define opposed legs adapted to resiliently embrace the side wall of the receiver and wherein the lateral

supporting means for the cigarette or cigar upon the intermediate portion is provided by spaced upright portions forming an integral part of the strip. In this manner every part of the detachable rest is fashioned from a single strip of metal and consequently, the device may be cheaply manufactured as by stamping the same from sheet metal.

Referring more specifically to the accompanying drawing, the detachable rest 6 is illustrated in Figures 1, 2, and 3 operatively disposed upon a side wall 7 of an ash receiver 8. The receiver 8 may be of any desired form and preferably includes a bottom 9 which is bounded by a substantially vertical side wall 7. The rest, as aforementioned, is fashioned from a single strip of sheet metal which prior to fashioning into the rest is of flat elongated form. The opposite end portions 11 and 12 are folded under an intermediate portion so as to define a flat table portion 13 with opposed depending legs which resiliently engage the outer and inner faces or sides 14 and 16 of the wall 7. As will be best seen with reference to Figures 1 and 2, the table portion 13 is adapted to overlie the top edge of the side wall 7 and is supported thereon and is arranged to support a cigarette or cigar or the like on the top side thereof. The outwardly disposed end portion 11 of the strip is folded so that a portion 17 thereof underlies the outwardly protruding overlying part of the table portion 13 and then the end portion 15 is bent straight downwardly at substantially right angles to the plane of the intermediate table portion 13, so as to extend along the outer side 14 of the receiver wall. The inner end portion 12 of the strip is formed with a part 18 which is folded under a part of the intermediate portion extending into the receiver and then a part 19 of the end portion is bent diagonally downward towards the other end portion 11 so as to engage the inner side 16 of the wall 7 at a point spaced below the top edge of the wall so as to act as a diagonal brace member. From the diagonal part 19, the free end portion 20 of the strip is bent straight downwardly at substantially right angles to the plane of the intermediate table portion and substantially parallel and in close proximity to the end part 15 of the opposite leg, whereby the opposed leg portions will resiliently embrace the receiver wall. Preferably also at least one of the lower ends of the legs, here the lower end 22 of the leg 11, is bent away from the opposite leg so as to facilitate the mounting of these legs on opposite sides of the receiver wall. It will be noted

in the foregoing construction that the folding of the end portions under the intermediate portion and also the arrangement of the depending legs as described provides a maximum amount of resilience and strength in these legs to hold the rest in proper position upon the ash receiver.

Means is provided on the intermediate portion 13 for retaining a cigarette or cigar thereupon and as aforementioned, such means is formed from an integral part of the strip. As here shown, a pair of ears 23 and 24 are struck up from that part of the intermediate portion 13 which extends outwardly from the receiver wall 7 and these ears define spaced uprights for holding a cigarette or cigar therebetween and upon the intermediate portion of the rest. As will be seen from the drawing, the planes of the uprights 23 and 24 are substantially at right angles to the receiver wall 7 so as to define lateral boundaries for a cigarette or cigar mounted on the rest and extending longitudinally between the uprights to position the burning end of the cigar or cigarette over the interior of the receiver. Also preferably, the members 23 and 24 diverge upwardly from the plane of the intermediate portion 13 so as to facilitate the engaging of a cigarette or cigar therebetween. It will be noted from the drawing that the members 23 and 24 are struck up from the outer transverse sides of the intermediate portion so as to leave a solid connecting center portion and the arrangement is such that the members 23 and 24 are spaced substantially equally on the opposite sides of a center line across the portion 13 extending at substantially right angles to the depending legs of the rest. Preferably, the members 23 and 24 are spaced to provide a snug fit for a cigarette or the like whereby the cigarette will be held against accidental displacement from the rest and also the snug fit of the ears about the cigarette will tend to extinguish the burning of the cigarette should a cigarette be accidentally burning and unattended.

As an important feature of my rest, the table portion 13 is supported with sufficient rigidity on the receiver to enable the use of the same for tamping out a cigarette or cigar or the like. This stability is afforded the rest by reason of the resilient gripping arrangement of the legs aforementioned and also in the extension of the inner leg 12 to a point considerably below the outer leg 11 so that when the ignited end of a cigarette or the like is pressed forcibly against the top of the table portion 13 to extinguish the cigarette, the table will be adequately supported by the inner leg. Also as will be noted from Figures 1 and 2, the outer edges 26 and 27 of the table portion 13 at that part defined by the striking out of the tongues 23 and 24, lies upon the top edge of the ash receiver wall so as to hold the intermediate table portion against rocking upon the receiver wall.

I claim:

1. A rest for cigarettes or cigars or the like adapted for detachably mounting on an ash receiver and comprising, a member formed with a flat portion intermediate its length adapted to overlie the top edge of a side wall of the receiver and to support a cigarette or cigar or the like on the top face thereof, the end portions of said strip being returned under said intermediate portion to a substantially abutting position under and adjacent said intermediate portion and then extended in parallel depending side by side relation to provide opposed legs adapted to resiliently

engage the opposite sides of said receiver wall, and spaced uprights on said intermediate portion for holding a cigarette or cigar therebetween on said intermediate portion.

2. A rest for cigarettes or cigars or the like adapted for detachable mounting on an ash receiver and comprising a member having opposite end portions thereof folded under a flat planar intermediate portion and then downwardly away from the intermediate portion in close proximity to each other to define opposed resilient legs adapted to detachably engage the inner and outer surfaces of a side wall of said receiver, and portions cut out of and struck up from said intermediate portion and defining spaced uprights for holding a cigarette or cigar therebetween on said intermediate portion.

3. A rest for cigarettes or cigars or the like adapted for detachable mounting on an ash receiver and comprising, a member having opposite end portions thereof folded under a flat planar intermediate portion to a substantially abutting position and then downwardly away from the intermediate portion in substantially parallel side by side relation to each other to define opposed resilient legs adapted to detachably engage the inner and outer surfaces of a side wall of said receiver, the inner of said legs being longer than the outer of said legs and the outer of said legs having the lower end thereof bent away from the other leg to assist in engaging said legs on opposite sides of said receiver wall, and portions cut out of and struck up from said intermediate portion and defining spaced uprights for holding a cigarette or cigar therebetween on said intermediate portion.

4. A rest for cigarettes or cigars or the like adapted for detachable mounting on an ash receiver and comprising, a member having opposite end portions thereof returned under a flat intermediate portion in close proximity thereto and then extended downwardly away from the intermediate portion in substantially parallel side by side relation to each other to define opposed resilient legs adapted to detachably engage the inner and outer surfaces of a side wall of said receiver, the lower end of at least one of said legs being bent away from the other of said legs to facilitate engagement of said legs on opposite sides of said receiver wall, and spaced upstanding portions on said intermediate portion for holding a cigarette or cigar therebetween on said intermediate portion.

5. A rest for cigarettes or cigars or the like adapted for detachable mounting on a side wall of an ash receiver and comprising, a single strip of metal formed with a substantially flat intermediate portion adapted to overlie and rest upon said receiver wall and to support a cigarette or cigar or the like on the top face thereof, one end portion of said strip being folded to underlie a part of said intermediate portion overlying said wall and being bent from said part at substantially right angles to engage the outer side of said receiver wall, the other end portion of said strip being folded under said intermediate portion for a part of the dimension of the same inwardly of said receiver wall and being bent diagonally downward from said last named part towards said first end portion to engage said receiver wall at a portion thereof downwardly disposed from said top edge, and ears struck up from said first named part of said intermediate portion and defining spaced uprights having their horizontal dimension at substantially right

angles to the plane of the depending outer end portion and defining spaced uprights for holding a cigarette or cigar therebetween on said intermediate portion.

6. A detachable rest for cigarettes or cigars or the like as characterized in claim 5 wherein said ears diverge upwardly from said intermediate portion.

7. A rest for cigarettes or cigars or the like adapted for detachable mounting on a side wall of an ash receiver and comprising, a member formed with a substantially flat planar intermediate table portion adapted to overlie and rest upon said receiver wall and to support a cigarette or the like on the top face thereof, the opposite end portions of said member first returning under the parts of said table portion

overhanging said wall and then extending downwardly and at substantially right angles to said table portion to resiliently grip said wall therebetween, and a pair of ears struck up from the opposite transverse sides of said table portion with the planes of said ears extending at substantially right angles to said strip ends, said ears being joined to said table portion along lines spaced from and at opposite sides of the transverse center of said table portion to hold a cigarette or the like positioned therebetween, said table being formed to engage the upper edge of said receiver wall inwardly of said ears whereby said table will be supported along the top of said wall for the full widthwise dimension of said table.

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