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Fig. 1.

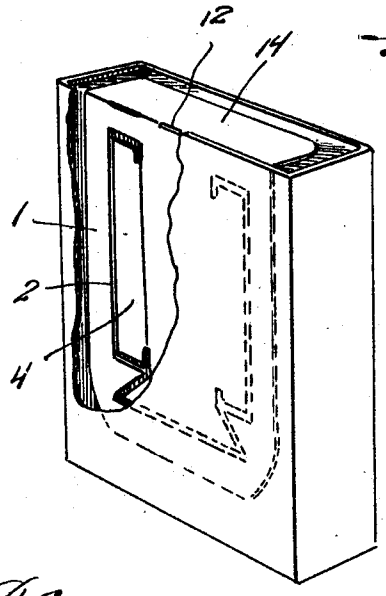


Fig. 3.

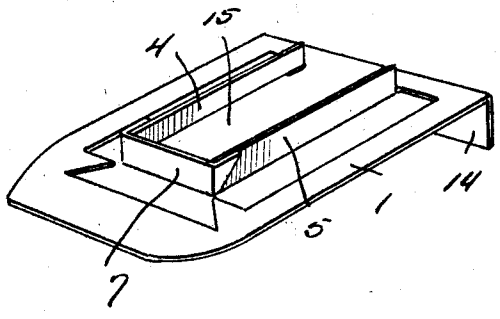
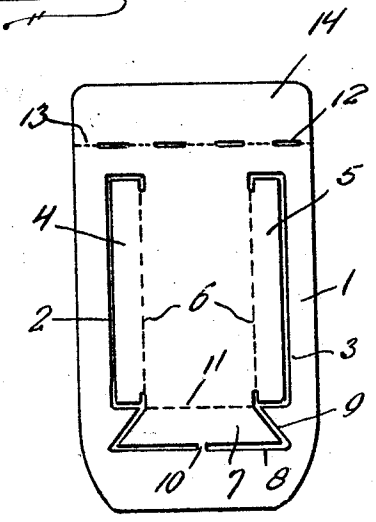


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY W. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bamberg, in the county of Bamberg and State of South Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Cigarette Receptacle, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in cigarette receptacles and has for its principal object to provide an article of manufacture which is adapted to be placed in a package of cigarettes, the article being of such construction as to enable the same to be readily formed into a cigarette receptacle and ash tray when removed from the package of the cigarettes.

A further object of the invention is to provide a cigarette receptacle of the above mentioned character, which will be inexpensive, strong and durable and easily assembled for use as a receptacle and as an ash tray after the same has been removed from a package of cigarettes.

A further object of the invention is to provide a cigarette receptacle of the above mentioned character, which comprises a blank of material adapted to be inserted within a package containing cigarettes, means being further provided for forming a receptacle and ash tray for the cigarettes after the blank has been removed from the package, additional means being provided for supporting the receptacle in spaced relation with respect to the surface upon which the receptacle is placed.

Other objects and advantages of this invention will become apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification and in which like numerals designate like parts throughout the same:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the blank of material showing the same in a package of cigarettes.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the blank, and

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the article of manufacture showing the same in assembled position for receiving and supporting a cigarette.

In the drawing wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown the preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 1 designates a single blank of any suitable light metallic material, the same being substantially rectangular in design. The blank is provided with the longitudinally extending slots 2 and 3, the ends of which extend inwardly whereby a pair of longitudinally extending lips or tongues 4 and 5 respectively are formed, the portion of the blank 1 forming the lower edges of the lips or tongues being weakened as illustrated at 6 for the purpose of permitting the tongues or lips to be readily bent up from the blank. It is of course to be understood that the lips or tongues are normally in the same plane as the blank.

Cooperating with the lips or tongues 4 and 5 which form the sides of the cigarette receptacle is the substantially dove tail shaped lip or tongue 7 which forms the end of the cigarette receptacle in the manner hereinafter to be more fully described. The lip 7 is formed by providing the transversely extending slot 8 in the blank 1 adjacent one end thereof and the inwardly inclined slots 9 formed at the ends of the transverse slot 8. A connection 10 is disposed between the lip 7 and the blank 1 for the purpose of normally holding the central portion of the blank and which forms a cigarette receptacle in the same plane as the blank. The connection 10 is of course adapted to be easily severed so as to permit the lip 7 to be bent up into cooperative engagement with the lips 4 and 5 respectively. The portion of the blank forming the bottom edge of the lip 7 is also weakened as is illustrated at 11 for the same purpose as the weakened portion 6.

The opposite end of the blank 1 is provided with the transversely extending spaced slots 12, the portions of the blank in between the slots being weakened as illustrated at 13 whereby a tongue 14 is formed on the end of the blank. The tongue is adapted to be bent at substantially right angles to the blank and the purpose thereof is to provide a means whereby the blank may be inserted within a package of cigarettes so that the main portion of the blank is disposed between the wrapper around the cigarettes and the side of the container and the tongue 14 will extend over the top of the wrapper below the closure for the container or package. The manner in which the article is associated with a package of cigarettes is more clearly illustrated in Figure 1. This construction enables the article to be placed in every package of cigarettes to be sold

and after the seal on the package of cigarettes has been broken, the article may be removed and the lips 4, 5 and 7 respectively bent up from the blank in the manner as illustrated in Figure 3 whereby a cigarette receptacle and ash tray 15 is formed.

As is clearly illustrated in Figure 3 the end of the dove tailed lip 7 will extend over the adjacent ends of the lips 4 and 5 whereby the side and one end of the cigarette receptacle are formed, the opposite end being opened to enable the cigarette to be easily inserted and removed from the receptacle and without having the cigarette resting on any sharp edges. The provision of the tongue 14 furthermore enables the article to be supported at an incline on any flat surface such as a table, desk or the like and further cause a cigarette receptacle 15 to be disposed in such a position as to prevent the cigarette from falling out of the receptacle.

It will thus be seen from the foregoing description, that an article of manufacture has been provided which in its blank form may be placed in a package of cigarettes or cigars without causing any injury to the cigarettes or cigars and may furthermore be easily and readily assembled to provide a cigarette or cigar receptacle and one which will be strong and durable.

While I have shown the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that various changes in the size, shape and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:—

1. An article of manufacture comprising a single blank of material having longitudinally extending slots formed therein, the ends of said slots being disposed inwardly whereby a pair of longitudinally extending lips are formed, said blank having a substantially dove-tailed slot formed therein transversely thereof, a substantially dove-tailed lip formed by said slot, said lips normally lying in the same plane as the blank, said lips being adapted to be bent upwardly to provide a cigarette receptacle

2. An article of manufacture comprising a single blank of material having longitudinally extending slots formed therein, the ends of said slots being disposed inwardly whereby a pair of longitudinally extending lips are formed, said blank having a substantially dove-tailed slot formed therein transversely thereof, a substantially dove-tailed lip formed by said slot, said lips normally lying in the same plane as the blank, the portions of the blank adjacent the lips being weakened to permit the lips to be bent up and provide a cigarette receptacle.

3. An article of manufacture comprising a single blank of material having longitudinally extending slots formed therein, the ends of said slots being disposed inwardly whereby a pair of longitudinally extending lips are formed, said blank having a substantially dove-tailed slot formed therein transversely thereof, a substantially dove-tailed lip formed by said slot, said lips normally lying in the same plane as the blank, the portions of the blank adjacent the lips being weakened to permit the lips to be bent up and provide a cigarette receptacle, and a tongue formed on the end of the blank and adapted to be bent downwardly at substantially right angles thereto to provide a supporting means for the cigarette receptacle.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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