

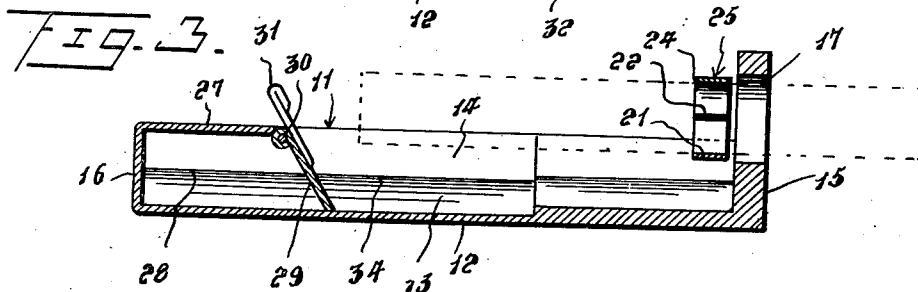
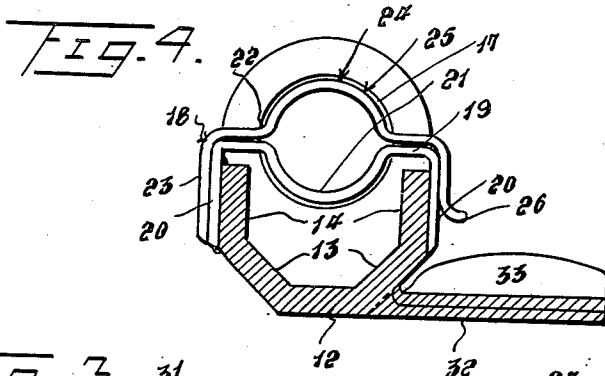
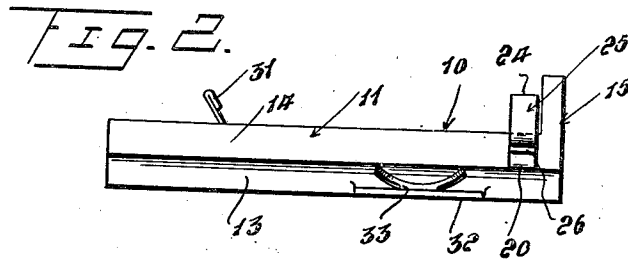
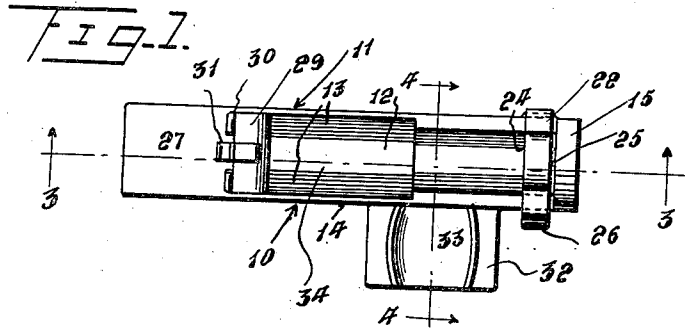
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## SMOKER'S APPLIANCE

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This invention relates to an improved appliance for use with cigarettes or cigars for holding a cigarette or cigar while it is being smoked and for positioning the lighted end above an ash receiver.

It is a primary object of this invention to provide an improved appliance for smokers primarily intended to eliminate or minimize the fire hazard due to smoking, the staining by nicotine of a smoker's fingers, and the soiling of clothes or furniture due to ashes.

More particularly, it is an aim of this invention to provide a simple device into which a cigarette or cigar may be readily inserted and releasably held while smoking with the lighted end thereof positioned above a receiver into which the ashes from the cigarette may readily fall.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a device, as heretofore described, for releasably holding a cigarette with one end extending therefrom to be engaged by the lips of the smoker, said device being so constructed that it will automatically extinguish the cigarette when it has burned down to a certain length.

Still a further aim of the invention is to provide a device for holding a cigarette or cigar and for receiving the ashes therefrom having a compartment provided with a closure into which the ashes and the butt end of a cigarette or cigar may be dumped when it is otherwise inconvenient to dispose of the ashes and cigar or cigarette butt.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter become more fully apparent from the following description of the drawing which illustrates a preferred embodiment thereof, and wherein—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the invention,

Figure 2 is a side elevational view of the same,

Figure 3 is an enlarged longitudinal vertical sectional view taken along the line 3—3 of Figure 1, and

Figure 4 is an enlarged transverse view taken along the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, wherein like reference characters designate like or corresponding parts throughout the different views, 10 designates generally the appliance comprising the invention which includes a channel shaped member, designated generally 11 having a bottom 12 provided with the inclined portions 13 which terminate in the upright sides 14. The channel shaped member 11 is provided with the ends 15 and 16, the former of which is elongated to extend upwardly substantially above the sides

14. End 15 is provided with an opening 17 for a purpose which will hereinafter be described.

The appliance 10, as illustrated, is intended for use as a holder for cigarettes but could obviously be used for holding small cigars and could be enlarged for holding larger cigars. The appliance 10 is provided with the cigarette retaining member, designated generally 18 which includes a strip of metal 19 having the downturned ends 20 which are adapted to be secured in any suitable manner to the outer side of the sides 14. Strip 19 is provided with a depending arcuately shaped intermediate portion 21 which depends into the channel member 11. The retaining member 18 also includes a strip 22 of resilient material of substantially the same length, width and thickness as the strip 19 which is provided with the downturned end 23 suitably secured to one of the ends 20 in overlying relationship thereto. The strip 22 is provided with an upwardly projecting arcuately shaped portion 24 disposed contiguously with the portion 21 and forming therewith the retaining ring designated generally 25 which is adapted to hold a cigarette. The opposite end of the strip 22 extends downwardly in overlapping relationship to the opposite end 20 and is flared outwardly at its end as indicated at 26 to provide a finger grip for raising the last mentioned end of the strip 22 to move the portion 24 of the ring 25 away from the portion 21 to thereby enlarge the opening of the ring. As best seen in Figures 3 and 4, ring 25 is disposed adjacent to the end 15 and in alignment with its opening 17.

A top wall 27 extends from the end 16 of the channel member 11 to a point intermediate the ends of said member to form the compartment 28 having an open inner end adapted to be closed by a gravity actuated door 29 pivotally connected at its upper end, at 30, to the inner end of the top 27. Door 29 is provided with a handle 31 which extends above the top of the door and above the top wall 27 for swinging the door 29 upwardly for opening the inner end of the compartment 28.

The appliance 10 is provided with a handle 32 which is secured to the channel shaped member 11 adjacent its bottom and which projects outwardly therefrom. Handle 32 preferably includes an arcuately shaped upper portion 33 shaped to receive a finger and is adapted to be used for holding the appliance. The portion 33 may be made separate and secured to handle 32 in any suitable manner, as by welding, or may be molded integral therewith. The base of the handle 32

is substantially in a plane with the bottom 12 of the channel member 11 to rest flat on a supporting surface to prevent the appliance 10 from overturning. Handle 32 is preferably disposed adjacent the end 15 and may extend from either side of the appliance 10 depending upon whether the device is intended to be held in the right or left hand. As illustrated, the handle 32 extends from the left side of the appliance and is adapted to be held in the left hand.

From the foregoing it will be seen, that a cigarette, as seen in dotted lines in Figure 3, may be inserted through opening 17 and into the ring 25, when the ring is expanded by raising the element 26 and adjusting it to a proper position, as illustrated in Figure 3, after which end 26 is released to cause the portion 24 to move downwardly to yieldably clamp the cigarette therein. The end of the cigarette which is disposed above the channel member 11 is adapted to be lighted while the opposite end which extends beyond the end 15 of the appliance 10 is adapted to be placed in the mouth for smoking. It will thus be seen that the ashes from the cigarette need not be knocked off as they will readily drop into portion 34 of the channel member 11. The slight pressure of the ring 25 on the cigarette is sufficient to extinguish it when it has burned down to the ring thereby eliminating putting out the cigarette and insuring that no damage can occur should a lighted cigarette be forgotten and left in the holder. Obviously, the position of the cigarette in the holder may be varied so that it can burn to any desired length. Should it be inconvenient to dump the ashes from the portion 34 after smoking, the door 29, can be raised by operating the handle portion 31 and the appliance 10 tilted so that the ashes will pass into compartment 28 where the butt of the cigarette may also be placed after which the device can be placed in a pocket until such time as it is convenient to remove and dump the ashes and cigarette butt.

Various modifications and changes are contemplated and may be resorted to provided they fall within the spirit and scope of the invention as hereinafter defined by the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. A smoker's appliance comprising a channel shaped member having end walls, one of said end walls extending above the sides of said member and being provided with an opening for loosely receiving a cigarette, a cigarette retaining device carried by said channel shaped member and disposed adjacent to said end wall, said retaining device including a strip having downturned ends secured to the outer side of the sides of said channel member and having a depending arcuately shaped intermediate portion depending into the channel shaped member, and a strip overlying said first mentioned strip and secured at one end to an end of the first mentioned strip, the intermediate portion of said last mentioned strip having an upwardly projecting arcuately shaped portion forming with said first mentioned arcuately shaped portion a ring, the opposite end of said last mentioned strip extending downwardly on the opposite side of the channel shaped member and having an outwardly flared terminal forming a finger grip, said last mentioned strip being formed of yieldable material for yieldably engaging and releasably holding a cigarette.

2. A device as in claim 1, comprising a top wall extending from the opposite end of said channel shaped member and terminating intermediate of its ends to form a compartment in said last mentioned end, and a closure hinged to the inner end of said top wall for closing the open end of said compartment.

3. A cigarette holder and ash receiver comprising a channel shaped base member having end walls, one end wall being elongated and having an opening for receiving a cigarette, clamping means supported by the base, adjacent said opening, for releasably holding the cigarette in position above an end of the base, a top wall extending inwardly of the base from its opposite end wall and forming a compartment in the opposite end of the base, said compartment having an open inner end, and a closure pivotally connected to the free end of the top wall for closing said compartment.

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