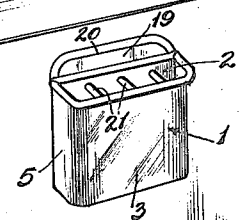
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Fig. 1.



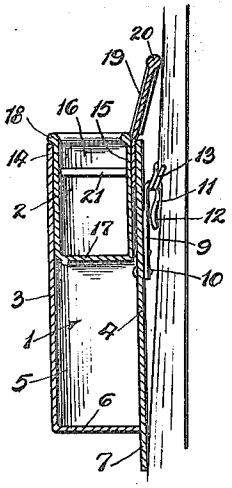


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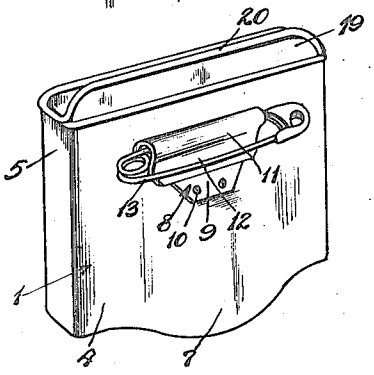


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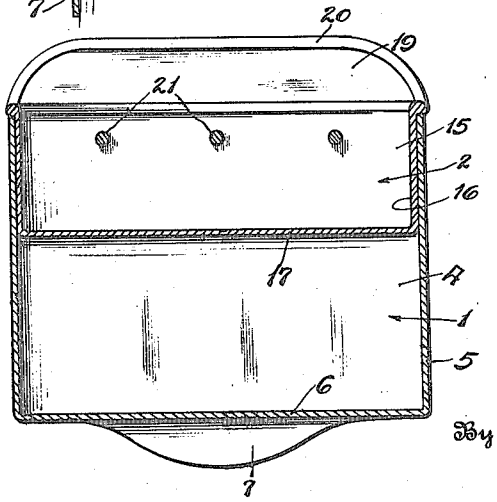


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRA A. GAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar Holders and Ash Receivers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in cigar holders and ash receivers of that class used in automobiles and more especially to one designed for use in a closed car. It is customary to secure such devices in place by screws but it has been found, in most instances, impracticable to locate the devices in a position convenient for use as the screws must be driven into some portion of the woodwork, and wooden parts are not always accessible at the point where it is desired to locate the device. Therefore it is one of the objects of the present invention to provide a cigar holder and ash receptacle so constructed that it may be mounted within the interior of a car at practically any desired point where most convenient for its use, as for example upon the upholstery of the door.

Another object of the invention is to so construct the device that while it may be attached to the upholstery of the car its attachment and use will not be liable to injure the upholstery nor distort the same.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device for the purpose stated embodying an ash receptacle which also serves as a support for a burning cigar, and which may be readily separated from the remainder of the device for the purpose of dumping its contents.

Another object of the invention is to so construct the device that while adapted to support a cigar or a number of cigars without pinching or gripping the same, the burning end of the cigar will be prevented from coming into contact with the upholstery or other portion of the interior of the car upon which the device is mounted and setting fire to the same or causing other damage.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device for the purpose stated which will be simple in construction, neat in appearance and attractive, and inexpensive to manufacture.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device embodying the invention mounted upon the upholstery of an automobile door;

Figure 2 is a perspective view looking at the rear side of the device, the same being removed from the door;

Figure 3 is a vertical transverse sectional view through the device;

Figure 4 is a vertical front to rear sectional view through the device supported upon upholstery.

The device embodying the invention comprises, generally speaking, a pocket which is indicated in general by the numeral 1, means for attaching the pocket to some portion of the interior of the car and which means will presently be described, and a receptacle which is indicated in general by the numeral 2 and which is removably supported within the pocket. The pocket 1 may be made from any suitable materials such for example as leather, leatherette, or the like, and comprises a front wall 3, a rear wall 4, end walls 5, and a bottom 6, the pocket being open at its top. The said pocket is preferably flat and relatively shallow from front to rear and it may be of any desired depth, and for the purpose of ornamentation the rear wall 4 thereof may be extended downwardly to provide a scalloped apron 7.

In order that the pocket may be supported it is provided upon the outer side of its rear wall 4 with an attaching clip indicated in general by the numeral 8 and this clip may be formed from a blank of resilient sheet metal and preferably comprises a portion 9 which is riveted or otherwise secured as at 10, permanently, to the said wall 4 of the pocket. The clip further includes a tongue 11 which is overturned in a rearward direction and near its lower edge is deflected inwardly, as at 12, and in contact with or suitably spaced from the portion 9 of the clip. The tongue of the clip is resilient due to the inherent resiliency of the metal of which the clip is formed, and the clip is relatively broad and extends transversely of the wall 4 of the pocket preferably near the upper end thereof. The said clip may have its tongue engaged through a slot formed in the upholstery or over the edge of a portion of the window frame or any convenient part of the woodwork, but preferably over the bar of a safety pin 13 of ordinary construction and of a suitable size

to securely support the pocket, the pin being first secured through the upholstery within the car at any convenient point at which it is desired to locate the device, and the tongue of the clip being then engaged over the bar of the pin. By forming the clip relatively broad its engagement with the bar of the pin 13 will serve to support the pocket in a relatively rigid manner, and likewise it is only necessary to employ a single one of the clips.

The receptacle 2 comprises a front wall 14, a rear wall 15, end walls 16, and a bottom 17, and the same is formed from metal or any other fireproof material suitable for the purpose and is of dimensions to adapt it to be removably and yet snugly fitted within the end of the pocket 1. However, the receptacle will ordinarily be of a depth somewhat less than that of the pocket so that its bottom 17 will be spaced above the bottom of the pocket an appreciable distance. In order to limit the insertion of the receptacle into the pocket, a bead 18 is formed at the upper edges of the walls of the receptacle and preferably extends continuously about the upper end of the receptacle at the front and sides thereof.

The numeral 19 indicates a shield which is likewise of metal or any other suitable fireproof material and which is secured upon or formed integral with the rear wall 15 of the receptacle and extends above the upper edge of this wall, the shield 19 being preferably inclined rearwardly at an angle, as best shown in Figure 4 of the drawing, to engage more or less snugly against the upholstery against which the attaching pin 13 is secured and thus not only prevent the upholstery bulging out over the upper end of the receptacle but in fact holding it somewhat spaced from the receptacle so as to minimize the conduction of heat from the device to the upholstery when the device is in use and is supporting a burning cigar. If desired, a bead 20 may be formed about the periphery of the shield 19 so that no sharp and wearing edges will be presented to the upholstery.

A number of cross bars 21 are arranged within the receptacle 2 near the upper end thereof and extend between the front and rear walls 14 and 15 and are suitably relatively spaced both from one another and from the end walls 16 of the receptacle. These cross bars divide the interior of the receptacle, in a sense, into a number of compartments or stalls adapted to individually receive burning cigars so that one or a plurality of burning cigars may be simultaneously supported in the receptacle and yet be suitably relatively spaced. The cross bars 21 serve also as a convenient means against which the burning end of a cigar may be stroked in order to dislodge the ashes accumulated thereon, the ashes falling into the bottom of the receptacle and being there collected until the receptacle is removed from the pocket and inverted to discharge the accumulated ashes.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. In an ash tray, the combination of a pocket, a receptacle removably fitting in the upper end of the pocket and having an imperforate bottom wall spaced above the bottom of the pocket, and means interiorly of the receptacle dividing the receptacle into compartments.

2. In an ash tray, the combination of a pocket, a receptacle removably fitting in the upper end of the pocket and having an imperforate bottom wall spaced above the bottom of the pocket, and a bar extending across the interior of the receptacle between opposite walls thereof dividing the receptacle into compartments.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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