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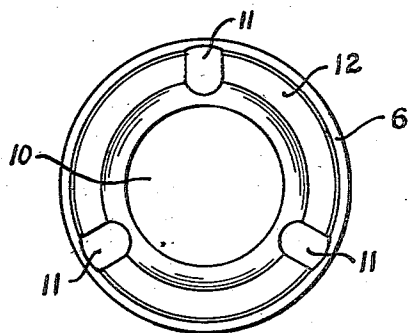


FIG. 1.

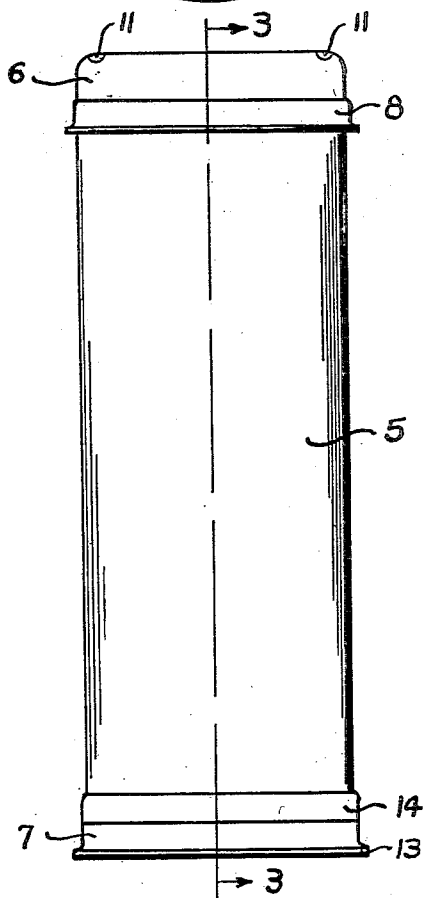


FIG. 2.

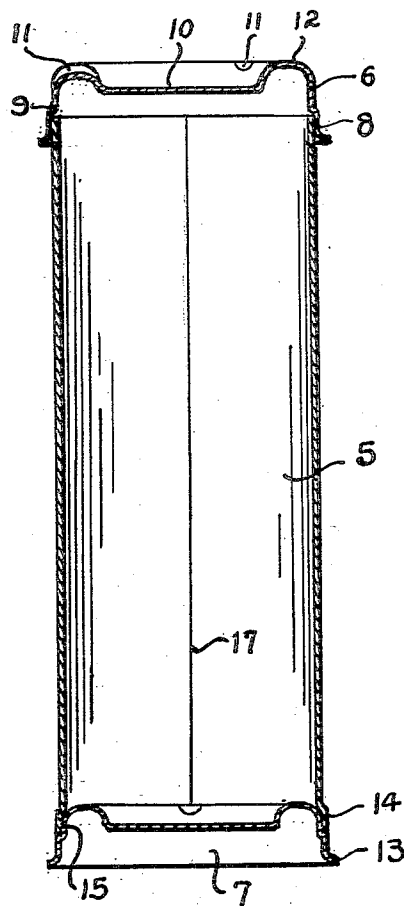


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This invention relates to a combination ash tray and receptacle and more particularly to the type where the receptacle is used for storage purposes.

My ash tray and receptacle is particularly adapted for storing toilet tissue in bathrooms. Many times a host is embarrassed when the supply of toilet tissue is depleted while guests are visiting. It also often happens that a person desiring to use toilet tissue finds that the roll has been depleted and then he or she has to call some other member of the family to bring a roll of toilet tissue from the storage place. My ash tray and receptacle provides a neat appearing piece of furniture to overcome these situations. The body of my ash tray and receptacle provides a place for storing several rolls of toilet tissue and at the same time provides an ash tray. My ash tray and receptacle is adapted to be placed on the floor in a bathroom so that when the normal supply of toilet tissue is depleted an additional supply is available, within reach of the user. My ash tray and receptacle is neat in appearance and serves the dual purpose of providing an ash tray and a storage chamber.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a neat appearing unit that serves the dual purpose of an ash tray and a storage chamber.

Another object of my invention is to provide an ash tray and receptacle that is adapted to store several rolls of toilet tissue.

Another object of my invention is to provide an ash tray and receptacle that can be placed in bathrooms so that the stored toilet tissue is readily accessible when the normal supply of toilet tissue is depleted.

Another object of my invention is to provide an ash tray and receptacle in which the top and bottom members are identical.

Another object of my invention is to provide an ash tray and receptacle that is simple, durable and inexpensive.

With these and other objects in view, my invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangements of the various parts of my improved device as described in the specification, claimed in the claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my novel ash tray and receptacle.

Figure 2 is a front view of my novel ash tray and receptacle shown in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken along line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Referring to the drawing, in more detail, I have shown one form of my invention comprising a tubular body portion 5, a cover member 6 and a base member 7. The body portion 5 is made from a substantially rectangular blank of sheet metal that is formed into a cylindrical member. The edges of the blank may be lapped and welded, crimped and folded, tabbed and slotted, or butted thus forming the seam 17.

The cover member 6 is provided with an annular portion 8 that telescopes over the upper periphery of the

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tubular body member 5. An annular ledge portion 9 limits the distance that the cover member 6 telescopes over the tubular body member 5. A concave portion 10 in the cover member 6 provides a place for ashes, matches and the like. Indentations 11 in the upper periphery 12 of the cover member 6 provide places for laying cigarettes and cigars.

The lower or base member 7 is preferably made of the same configuration as the cover member 6. The outwardly extending flanges provide a foot or base adapted to rest on the floor of a room. The lower periphery of the tubular base member 5 is of slightly greater diameter than the remainder of the body member 5. The enlarged diameter portion 14 telescopes over the portion 15 of the base member 7.

It will be noted that the cover member 6 and the base member 7 of my novel ash tray and receptacle can be identical. This construction eliminates the necessity of two different parts in assembly and also eliminates the necessity of two different dies to make the cover member and base member.

The body member 5 is made of sufficient diameter so that standard rolls of toilet tissue can readily be inserted and removed. The body member 5 is preferably of sufficient height that three rolls of toilet tissue can be stacked on top of each other, thus, also providing convenient heights for the ash tray.

It will be noted that the cover member 6 provides a removable cover for the tubular body member 5 and at the same time provides an ash tray.

It can readily be seen that my novel ash tray and receptacle can readily be placed in a bathroom so that the toilet tissue stored in my novel ash tray and receptacle is readily accessible when the normal supply is depleted. At the same time my novel device provides an ash tray that is accessible. Hence, my novel device provides a neat appearing piece of furniture that serves the dual purpose of an ash tray and an out-of-sight storage place for toilet tissue where it is readily accessible.

My novel device can also be used in living and sewing rooms for storing magazines and sewing material.

The surface of my novel ash tray and receptacle may be enameled or otherwise provided with a suitable finish.

It will also be noted that part or all of my novel ash tray and receptacle can also be made of plastic or other suitable material.

While I have described one form of my invention, I do not wish to be limited to the particular form shown and described as it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that many modifications therein can be made without departing from the scope of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. An ash tray and receptacle comprising an open ended cylindrical body portion adapted for storage purposes, a cover member removably closing the upper end of said cylindrical body portion, said cover provided with an annular portion of substantially the same diameter as said cylindrical body portion, an annular portion of greater diameter extending downwardly therefrom and telescoping over said cylindrical body portion, the upper surface of said cover member provided with a concave portion adapted to provide an ash tray, and a base member removably closing the lower end of said cylindrical body portion, said base member provided with an annular portion adapted to telescope within said cylindrical body portion and an annular portion of greater diameter extending downwardly from first said annular portion of said base member, the lower portion of said base member provided with a radially outwardly extending flange providing the foot of said ash tray and receptacle.

2. An ash tray and receptacle comprising a cylindrical

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body member and a cover member and a base member of similar configurations, said cover member provided with an annular portion telescoping over the upper portion of said body member and a concave portion in the upper surface of said cover member providing an ash tray, said base member provided with an annular portion telescoping within the lower portion of said cylindrical body member and a radially outwardly extending flange providing the foot of said ash tray and receptacle.

3. An ash tray and receptacle comprising a cylindrical body member and a cover member and base member of substantially the same configuration, said cover member comprising an annular band portion telescoping over the upper portion of said body member, an annular outwardly curved flange extending downwardly from said annular band portion adapted to facilitate the telescoping of said band portion over said cylindrical body portion and a concave portion in said cover member providing an ash tray, said cylindrical body portion provided with an enlarged diameter portion at the lower end thereof said base member provided with an annular band portion telescoping within said enlarged diameter portion of said cylindrical body member and an annular outwardly curved flange extending downwardly from said annular band portion of said base member providing the foot of said ash tray and receptacle.

4. An ash tray and receptacle comprising a cylindrical body member, a cover member removably closing the upper end of said body member and a base member removably closing the lower end of said cylindrical body

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member, said cover member comprising an upper portion, a dished portion in said upper portion providing an ash tray, an annular portion extending downwardly from said upper portion, an enlarged diameter portion extending downwardly from said annular portion adjacent the outer surface of cylindrical body portion whereby said cover member can readily be removed and replaced, said cylindrical body portion provided with an enlarged annular portion at the lower end thereof, said base member provided with an annular portion engaging said enlarged annular portion of said cylindrical body member and a flange extending outwardly from said annular portion of said base member providing a foot for said ash tray and receptacle.

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