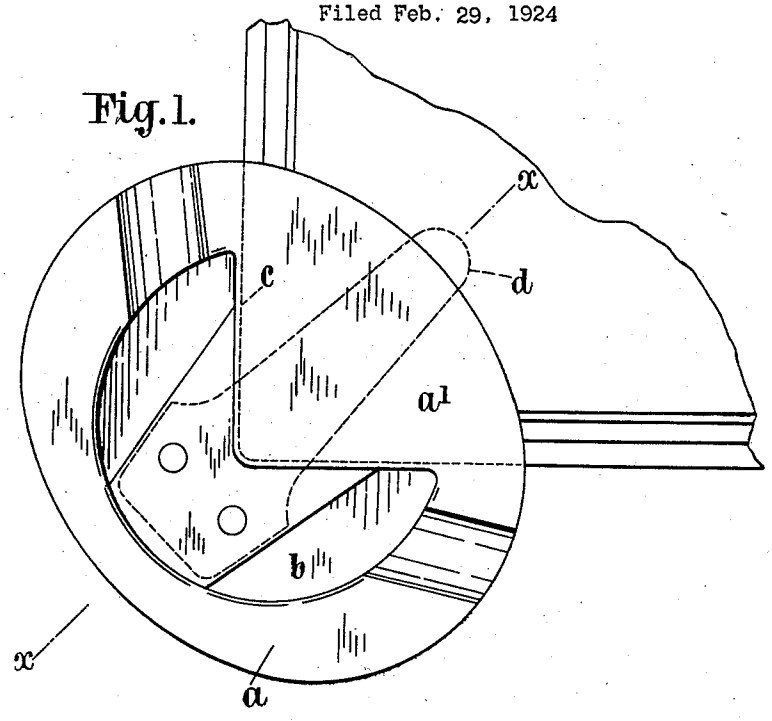
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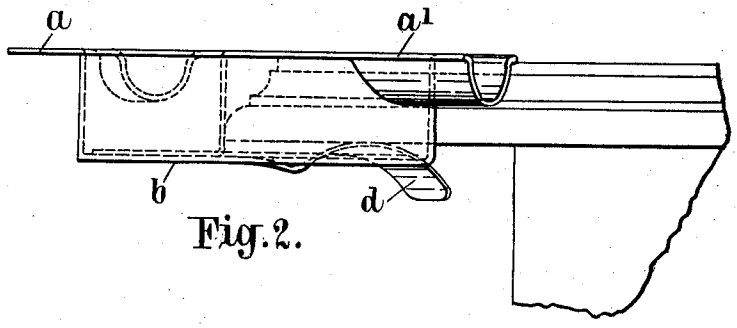
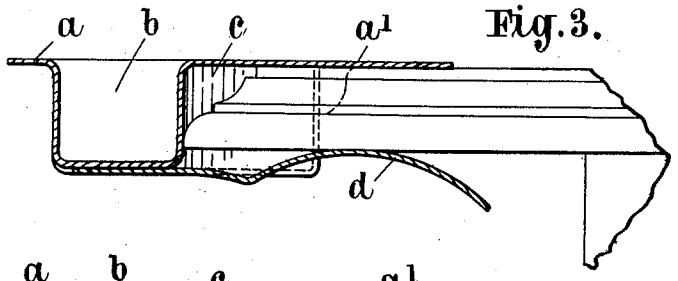


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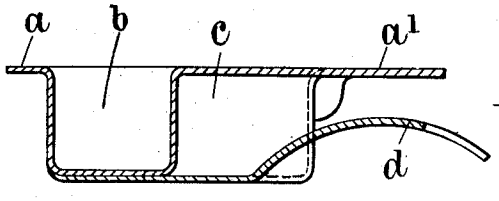


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that WALTER FRANCIS SMITH, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at 42 Frederick Street, Birmingham, England, has invented certain new and useful Improvements in Smokers' Ash Trays or Similar Receptacles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has reference to smokers' ash-trays and similar receptacles (such as receptacles for counters and money) that are adapted to be removably secured to the edge of a table or the like by means of a clip attached to the underside of the receptacle, and consists in an improved tray that comprises a well having a peripherial recess to adapt the article to fit snugly on the corner of a rectangular table-top or the like and means of attachment constituted by a flange or web surrounding the well, and co-operating with a spring or equivalent tongue attached to the underside of the said well; the well of the tray is formed with a peripherial recess to adapt the same.

Figure 1 shows a form of the improved tray in plan, applied to the top of a table.

Figure 2 is an edge view of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a section of Figure 1 on the dotted line x, and

Figure 4 is a section of the tray separately.

The same letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

In the construction represented, a is the flange or web that constitutes the top of the tray and surrounds the ashwell b, the periphery of which is shaped with a substantially right angled recess c that enables the tray to be applied to the corner of a table, as shown in Figure 1, in such a manner that the recessed part of the well fits onto the said corner whilst the portion a' of the tray-top or flange that overhangs the said recess lies upon the table-top; the said part a' (which is preferably flat) together with the recessed seating c, affording ample bearing surfaces for ensuring the firm attachment of the tray when the latter is clipped onto the table and also constituting one member of the fixing clip.

The base or bottom of the well has attached to it, the shank of a spring tongue d, disposed in a position substantially as shown and adapted, when the tray is applied to the corner or other part of the edge of a table, to bear against the underside of the table-top; the tray being thus clipped to the table by the portion a' of the tray-top and the the spring d.

Whilst the most rigid support is obtained when the tray is applied to the corner of a square or rectangular table, the right angled recess enables the tray to be also applied to rounded corners, or even to the straight edge of a table; the support in the latter case being again provided by the clip action of the tray-portion a' and the spring tongue d.

The shank of the spring d is preferably let flush into a recess in the bottom of the well so that the tray may stand flat upon the top of a table or elsewhere, like an ordinary tray.

Having described my invention what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. An improved clip-on ash-tray or similar receptacle comprising a well whose periphery is recessed to adapt the article for attachment to the corner of a rectangular table.

2. An ash-tray or the like according to claim 1, wherein the means of attachment is constituted by a flange or web surrounding the well and co-operating with a spring or equivalent member attached to the underside of the said well.

In testimony whereof he hereunto affixes his signature.

W. F. SMITH.