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Fig. 1.

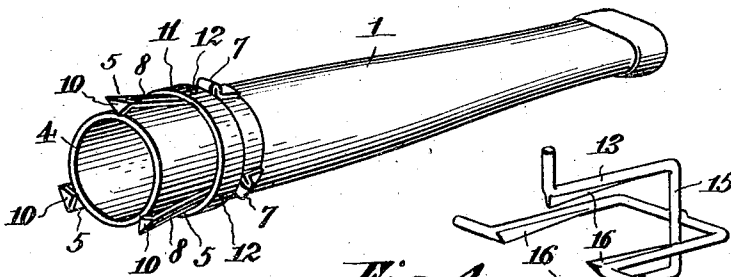


Fig. 4.

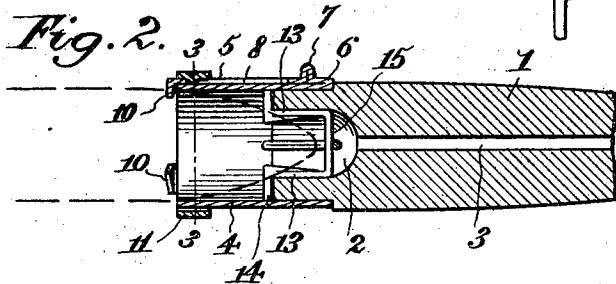


Fig. 2.

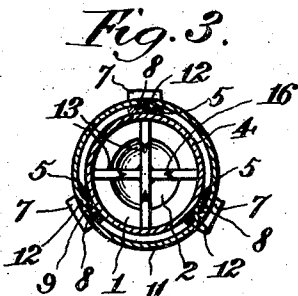


Fig. 3.

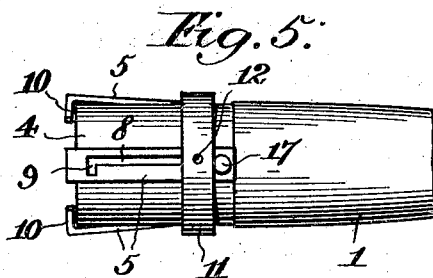
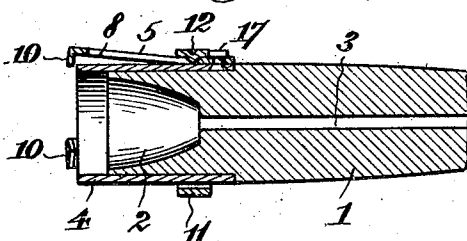


Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN M. SCHNEIDER, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to cigar holders and has for its principal object the provision of a device of this character whereby a lighted cigar, cigarette or the like may be positively held within the holder and against any accidental displacement therefrom while in use.

A further object of the invention is to provide the holder with gripping devices arranged at relatively spaced points in the length of the holder whereby to grip the cigar at a plurality of places and thereby insure the retention of the cigar in the holder.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character with gripping device arranged within the holder and adapted to penetrate the cigar along longitudinal lines so as to form therein suitable draft openings, communicating directly with the draft channel or bore of the holder.

With the above and other objects in view which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the improved construction and novel arrangements of parts which will hereinafter be fully described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, has been illustrated, preferred forms of the invention, it being, however, understood that no limitations are necessarily made to the precise structural details therein exhibited, but that changes, alterations and modifications within the scope of the claims may be resorted to when desired.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section there-through.

Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the cage-like gripping device.

Fig. 5 is a side view of a portion of the holder showing a slightly modified form thereof.

Fig. 6 is a longitudinal section there-through.

The body or mouthpiece 1, may be of any suitable well known form, it being preferred, however, that the same have formed therein a socket 2, at its outer end. This socket communicates directly with the draft channel or bore 3, of the holder. Aside from these specific details, the mouthpiece is of common form as described.

The invention consists of a means for holding the cigar or cigarette in the holder while in use and against accidental displacement therefrom. The invention also has for its purpose, the provision of a cigar or cigarette holder comprising a plurality of gripping devices, one set of which is designed to penetrate the cigar and to cut the same along a plurality of lines so as to form draft openings therein and effectually eliminate the necessity of having to bite or clip the tip from the body of the cigar. The numeral 4 designates a metal sleeve secured in any suitable well known manner to the outer end of the body or mouthpiece 1. It is extended for some distance beyond the forward end of the same as will be observed on reference to Fig. 2.

The sleeve is provided with a plurality of relatively resilient gripping jaws 5, each formed as an integral part of the sleeve. Each jaw is up-set from the rear end of the sleeve at 6, forward of which it has a transverse up struck portion 7, which forms a stop for a purpose to be presently described. The jaws are further provided with longitudinal guide slots 8, having angular branches 9, near the forward end of the sleeve. In advance of the branches 9, all of the jaws are formed with (V) shaped spurs 10. It is not necessary to limit myself to the use of spurs 10, as shown herein but it is necessary that if other means are to be substituted therefor, care be exercised in providing a means which will lie in advance of the forward end of the sleeve and be capable of moving toward the axial center of the holder, as shown in Fig. 2. In other words, the spurs 10, must be advanced beyond the inner wall of the sleeve in a direction toward the axis of the holder in order to be effective as gripping devices to engage the cigar at a multiplicity of points. The jaws are resilient and normally they extend outwardly at an angle to the sleeve as shown in Fig. 1. The spurs, therefore, will not form obstruction to the normal insertion of the cigar in the holder. Mounted to move in

a longitudinal direction over the jaws, is a clamping collar 11. This collar has small projections 12, adapted to play in the slots 8, and to be moved into the angular branches 9. Normally the collar abuts against the forward faces of the stop portions 7 to prevent the collar from moving inwardly beyond a certain point. The projections 12, prevent the collar from moving forwardly beyond a certain point by co-acting with the angular branches 9. After the cigar is placed in the holder as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2, the collar 11, is moved in a forward direction. This causes the jaws 5, to be moved into clamping positions and the spurs 10, are made to indent the cigar. By turning the collar, the projections 12, will be made to enter the branches 9, and by co-acting therewith the collar is held against accidentally returning to its normal position against the stops 7.

The spurs 10, act as one set of gripping devices which will operate against the cigar at a certain point in advance of the tip of the cigar. In order that the cigar may be gripped at another point in its length, whereby to insure its retention in the holder, I provide other gripping devices which are in the form of a cage including a series of arms 13 standing parallel with the axis of the mouthpiece and having their forward portions deflected radially outward into feet 14 passing over the end of said mouthpiece and secured at their outer extremities within the sleeve 4. These arms are connected at their rear ends by crossed branches 15 normally disposed in advance of the inner end of the socket 2, and spaced from the draft bore 3. The arms normally lie against the sides of the socket 2 at opposite diametric points, and as illustrated, and are formed with knife-like edges 16, which are adapted to cut the cigar along longitudinal lines so as to form draft openings therein and thereby to eliminate the necessity of having to bite or clip the tip from the body of the cigar. The knife edges are restricted in width in an inward direction so as to cause only their extreme front ends to engage with the cigar. These cutting devices assist and complement the action of the other gripping devices or spurs 10, as will be understood and perfect draft openings may be made in the cigar at the time of inserting the same in the holder.

In the form of the invention shown in Figs. 5 and 6, the device is identical with the preferred embodiment except that the jaws are riveted at 17, to the sleeve 4. These rivets form stops to limit the movement of the sleeve 11, in one direction.

What is claimed as new is:

1. A cigar holder comprising a tubular mouthpiece whose bore is enlarged at its front end into a socket, and a cage-like structure therein including a plurality of

parallel arms lying along the walls of said socket and crossed branches connecting their inner ends in pairs and extending across the socket forward of the bore.

2. A cigar holder comprising a tubular mouthpiece whose bore is enlarged at its front end into a socket, and a cage-like structure therein including a plurality of parallel arms lying along the walls of said socket and crossed branches connecting their inner ends in pairs and extending across the socket forward of the bore, the front ends of said arms being formed with knife-edges within said cage whereby a cigar tip thrust into the latter is punctured and held therein.

3. A cigar holder comprising a tubular mouthpiece whose bore is enlarged at its front end into a socket, and a cage-like structure therein including a plurality of parallel arms lying along the walls of said socket and crossed branches connecting their inner ends in pairs and extending across the socket forward of the bore, the front ends of said arms being formed with knife-edges within said cage; combined with a second gripping device including a sleeve secured around the forward portion of said mouthpiece and projecting beyond its front end and internally larger than the interior of said cage, and means at the front end of the sleeve for indenting the cigar.

4. A cigar holder comprising a tubular mouthpiece whose bore is enlarged at its front end into a socket, and a cage-like structure therein including a plurality of parallel arms lying along the walls of said socket and crossed branches connecting their inner ends in pairs and extending across the socket forward of the bore, the front ends of said arms being formed with knife-edges within said cage; combined with a second gripping device including a sleeve secured around the forward portion of said mouthpiece and projecting beyond its front end and internally larger than the interior of said cage, longitudinal jaws outside said sleeve secured at their rear ends thereto with their front ends normally diverging therefrom, intumed spurs at the front ends of said jaws, and means for bearing the latter inward.

5. In a cigar holder, the combination with the mouthpiece having a socket in its front end, and a gripping device consisting of a cage-like structure mounted in said socket and having feet upturned over the front end of the mouthpiece; of a second gripping device including a sleeve surrounding the mouthpiece and projecting beyond its front end and to whose interior the outer extremities of said feet are secured, normally divergent jaws mounted on the exterior of said sleeve having intumed spurs at their free ends standing beyond the front end of the sleeve, and means for bearing said jaws inward.

6. In a cigar holder, the combination with the mouthpiece having a socket in its front end, and a gripping device consisting of a cage-like structure of wire mounted within  
5 said socket and having knife edges on its arms projecting toward the axis of the socket; combined with a second gripping device including a sleeve surrounding the  
10 mouthpiece and projecting beyond its front end, normally divergent jaws mounted on the exterior of said sleeve and having inturned spurs at their free ends standing be-

yond the front end of the sleeve, said arms having longitudinal slots laterally offset at their front ends, and a collar inclosing and  
15 slidable on said arms and having radially extending projections entering said slots, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I, affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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