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Fig. 1.

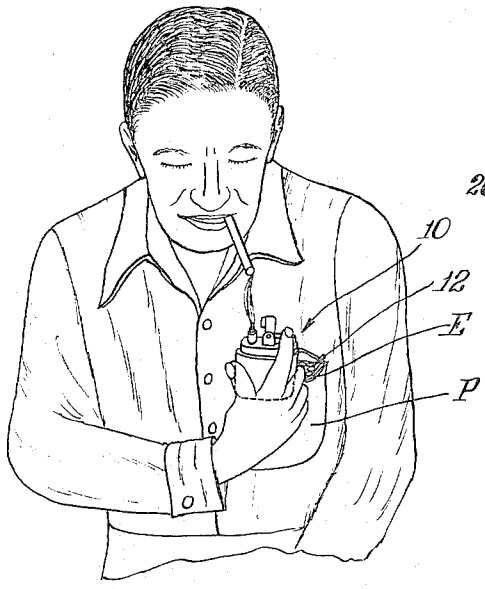


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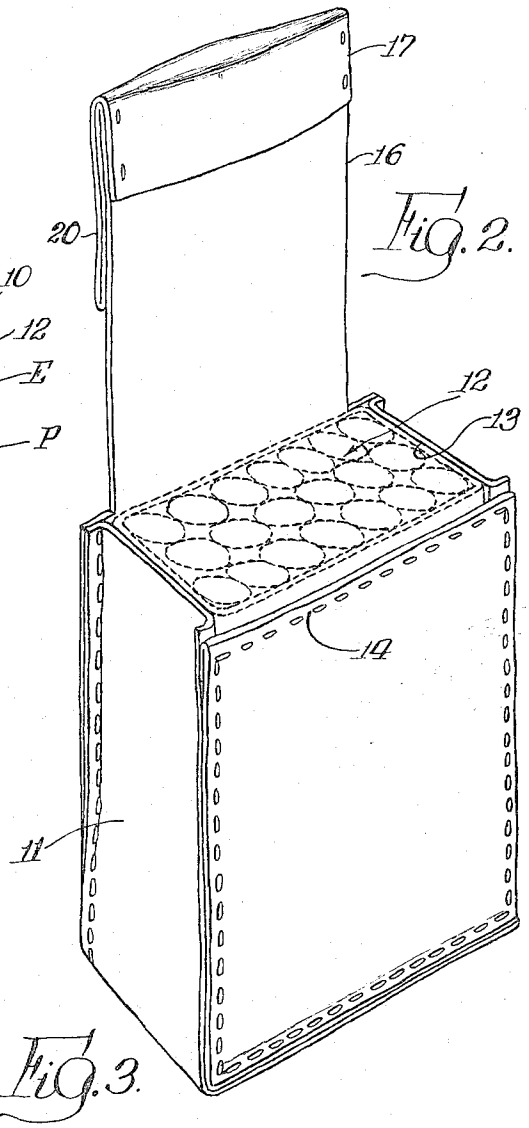


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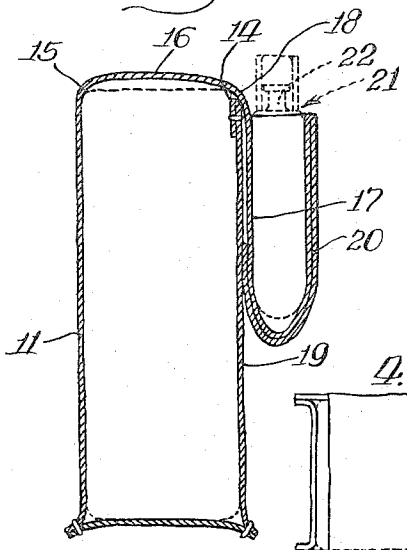
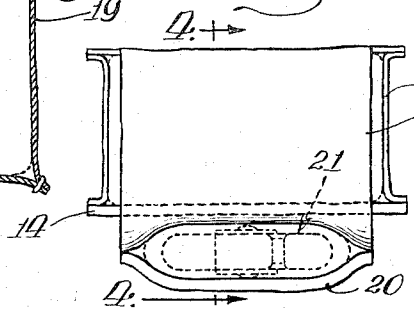


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to a smoking accessory and particularly to a tobacco product holder.

Because of the crushable characteristic of packaging means utilized with tobacco products such as cigarettes, receptacles are often employed to house the tobacco product when it is carried by the user. One disadvantage of the known receptacles is limited ease of accessibility to the tobacco products within the housing, and another disadvantage is the relatively complicated, and therefore costly, means for affecting the closure of the housing. Another disadvantage is that completely satisfactory means for associating a lighter therewith have not been developed.

The principal feature of this invention is to provide a new and improved tobacco product holder.

Another feature is the provision of such a holder having new and improved cover means.

A further feature is the provision of such a holder having a cover means provided with means for carrying a lighter for ready accessibility.

Still another feature of the invention is that the cover means comprises a flap removably disposable across an open top of the tobacco product holding means, which flap is maintained closed by the action of the weight of the lighter carried thereby.

Yet another feature is that the holder is adapted to be received in the breast pocket of a person's chest covering clothing, such as a shirt or a coat, and is provided with a flap arranged to position the lighter outside the pocket so that the lighter may be used without requiring removal of the device from the user's pocket.

Other features and advantages of this invention will be apparent from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings;

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a smoking accessory embodying the invention carried by and being used by a person;

Fig. 2 is an isometric view of the smoking accessory having a tobacco product received therein;

Fig. 3 is a top plan view thereof with the cover member closed; and

Fig. 4 is a vertical section thereof taken approximately along the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

In the exemplary embodiment of the invention as disclosed in the drawings, a smoking accessory generally designated **10** is shown to comprise a receptacle or case **11** adapted to hold a tobacco product such as a package of cigarettes **12**. The holder is provided with an open top **13** through which the upper end of the cigarette package **12** is accessible. The front upper edge **14** of the receptacle **11** may be depressed somewhat below the other edges defining top **13** to provide improved accessibility to the cigarette package **12**.

Extending upwardly from receptacle **11**, preferably from the portion **15** thereof opposite front edge **14**, is a cover member **16**. Portion **15** comprises hinging means to permit the extension of cover **16** alternatively across the open top **13** and upwardly therefrom when desired.

As best seen in Fig. 4, when the cover is extended across open top **13**, the top is effectively completely closed, thereby protecting cigarette package **12** within receptacle **11** against contamination by means such as dust, perspiration, etc. When cover member **16** is extended upwardly, as best seen in Fig. 2, cigarette package **12** is readily accessible.

Extending from the free end of cover member **16** opposite portion **15**, is an extension **17** associated with cover **16** by means of a hinged connection **18**. When cover member **16** is arranged to extend across top **13**, extension **17** hangs downwardly in facial juxtaposition to the front face **19** of receptacle **11**. On the front of extension **17** is provided means defining a pocket **20** adapted to receive a conventional pyrophoric cigarette lighter **21**. Pocket means **19** is preferably arranged so that when lighter **21** is inserted therein it will be substantially permanently retained by the frictional gripping action thereof. As best seen in Fig. 4, pocket **20** is arranged so that the flame producing mechanism **22** of lighter **21** extends outwardly from the pocket and is, thus, readily accessible for use. The weight of lighter **21** causes extension **17** to act through the connection **18** and urge cover **16** downwardly across top **13** of the receptacle. However, when desired, extension **17** may be readily swung upwardly about connection **18** to swing cover member **15** upwardly about portion **15** (lighter **20** being retained in place in pocket **19**) to open the receptacle. To close the receptacle, extension **17** is released and the weight of lighter **20** causes the cover member **16** to swing downwardly and extend closingly across the top **13**.

The entire smoking accessory **10** may be formed of a substantially flexible material such as leather or plastic, whereby the flexibility thereof automatically provides the hinged functioning of connecting portions **15** and **18**. Comprehended within the scope of the invention, however, is an accessory **10** formed of a more rigid material wherein the hinged relationship of extension **17** to cover member **16** and of cover member **16** to receptacle **11** is effected by other suitable hinge means (not shown).

The disclosed structure of smoking accessory **10**, has been found to have substantially improved efficacy where the accessory is carried in the breast pocket P of a person's shirt or similar wearing apparel. Thus, as best seen in Fig. 1, smoking accessory **10** may be used by placing cigarette package **12** therein and inserting the receptacle portion **11** of the accessory with front face **19** facing outwardly, into pocket P. The flap defined by cover member **16** and extension **17** is thus arranged to extend forwardly from rear portion **15** of the receptacle across top **13** thereof and over the front upper edge E of pocket P. Extension **17** thus lies in facial juxtaposition to the pocket P and lighter **21** is completely accessible at all times.

When the user wishes to smoke a cigarette of package **12**, he need only grasp extension **17** and raise it (and cover member **16**) so that top **13** of the receptacle is unobstructed. The holder is allowed to remain in the waist pocket. The selected cigarette is then removed from package **12** and inserted into the user's mouth in the conventional manner. Extension **17** is allowed to fall back to the hanging position, as seen in Fig. 1, so that the flame mechanism **21** thereof is disposed uppermost relative to pocket **20** of the extension **17**. The mechanism is then operated so as to produce a flame and the user need merely tip his head downwardly so that the outer end of the cigarette may be disposed in the flame produced by mechanism **21** whereby the cigarette is properly lighted.

While I have shown and described certain embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that it is capable of many modifications. Changes, therefore, in the construction and arrangement may be made without depart-

ing from the spirit and scope of the invention as disclosed in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A smoking accessory of the character described, comprising: a pyrophoric lighter having flame producing mechanism at one end; and a receptacle having an open top, adapted to retain tobacco products to be accessible at said top, and a cover element secured to said receptacle to extend removably across and resultingly close said top and having an extension extending downwardly from said top when the cover element is arranged to close said top and provided with a pocket having an open top, said pocket having a depth substantially equal to the height of the lighter below the flame producing mechanism to retain the lighter with the flame producing mechanism thereof accessible at the top of said pocket when said extension extends so downwardly, whereby the weight of the lighter retains the cover across said receptacle top, said pocket further being disposed on said extension to position the flame producing mechanism of the lighter adjacent the top of the receptacle.

2. The smoking accessory of claim 1 wherein the receptacle is receivable in the pocket of the chest-covering clothing of a person, said receptacle includes a front wall, and said extension is freely movable on said cover to be spaced forwardly of the front wall for receiving a sheet of fabric such as comprising a front portion of a pocket therebetween.

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