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Fig. 1

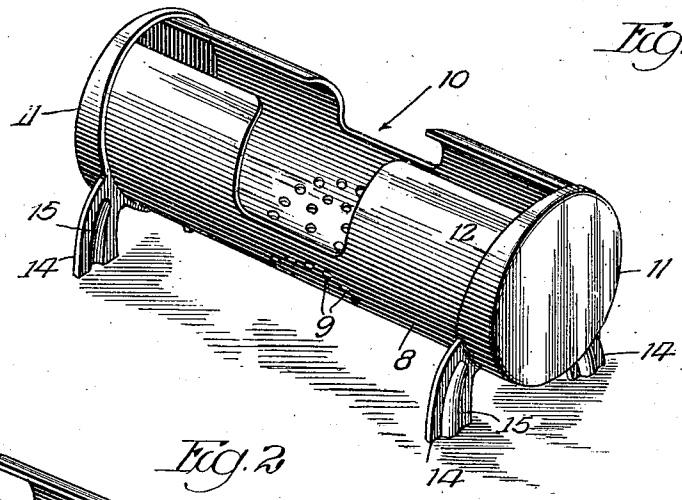


Fig. 2

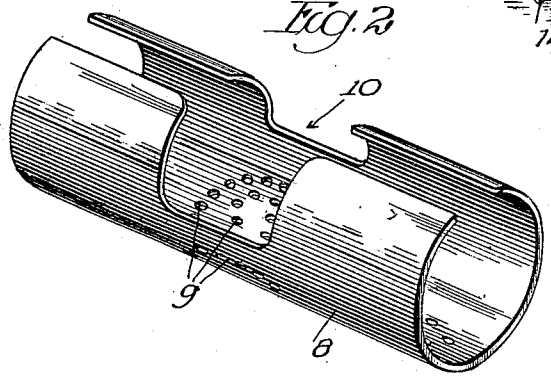


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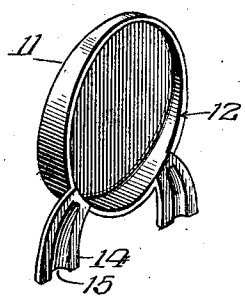
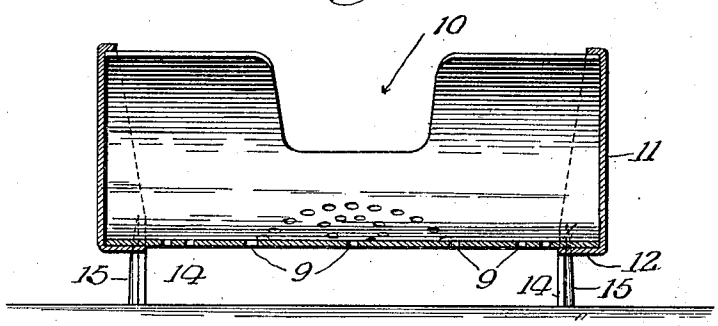


Fig. 4



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The invention relates to tooth-pick holders, and its object is to provide a sheet metal holder which is of new and improved construction and which may be produced at a low cost.

The invention consists in the several novel features hereinafter set forth and more particularly defined by the claims at the conclusion hereof.

In the drawing: Fig. 1 is a perspective of a holder embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective of the sheet metal body member. Fig. 3 is a perspective of one of the end members. Fig. 4 is a vertical longitudinal section.

The invention is exemplified in a tooth-pick holder which is formed from sheet metal and comprises a hollow cylindrically shaped body member 8 for retaining the tooth-picks. The upper or side margins of this member are spaced apart a sufficient distance to form an opening through which the tooth-picks may be removed from the holder. To facilitate removal of the tooth-picks the side margins of the body member 8 are cut away to form finger and thumb openings 10.

The holder also comprises a pair of end members 11 each of which is provided with an inwardly extending annular flange 12. These flanges are suitably secured respectively to the ends of body member 8 and are tapered from the bottom portion thereof to the top portion so that the flanges are of a minimum width adjacent the longitudinal opening and hence will not interfere with the removal or withdrawal of the tooth-picks. Each end member 11 is provided with a pair of legs 14 which are integrally formed with flange 12 and bent at substantially right angles relatively thereto so as to support the body member 8 and hold it in spaced relation with respect to a table or any other surface upon which the holder may rest. Each leg is provided with an instruck portion 15, which extends longitudinally and to the edge thereof. These portions reenforce the legs and give the latter greater areas upon which to rest.

Holes 9 are punched in the bottom of body member 8 so that dust and other particles will not collect or gather within the holder.

The invention is not to be understood as restricted to the details set forth, since these may be modified within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. As a new article of manufacture a tooth pick holder comprising a cylindrical body member adapted to hold tooth-picks, said member having an opening through which the tooth-picks may be withdrawn, and end members formed of sheet metal and provided with inwardly extending annular flanges fitting around and secured to the body member, the free margins of said flanges having formed integrally therewith a plurality of tongues, said tongues being bent downwardly and at substantially right angles to the flanges to form supporting legs for the holder.

2. As a new article of manufacture a tooth pick holder comprising a cylindrical body member adapted to hold tooth-picks, said member having an opening through which the tooth-picks may be withdrawn, and end members formed of sheet metal and provided with inwardly extending annular flanges fitting around and secured to the body member, the free margins of said flanges having formed integrally therewith a plurality of tongues, said tongues being bent downwardly and at substantially right angles to the flanges to form supporting legs for the holder, said tongues being provided with instruck portions extending longitudinally and to the lower edges thereof.

Signed at Chicago, Illinois, this 29th day of October, 1924.

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