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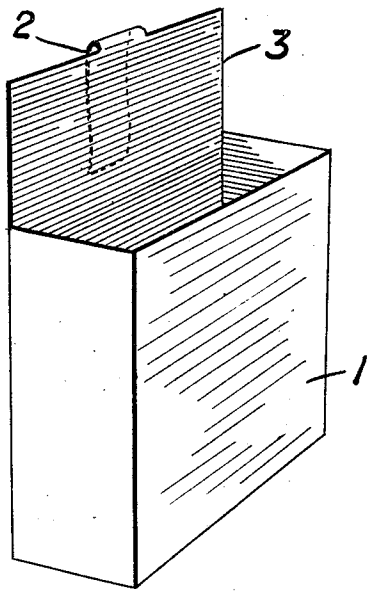


FIG. 1.

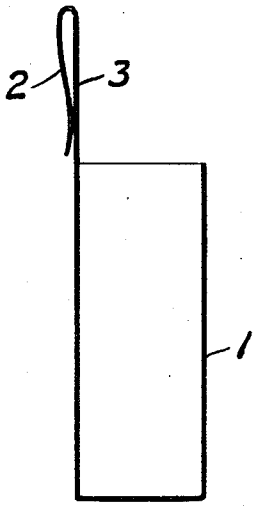


FIG. 2.

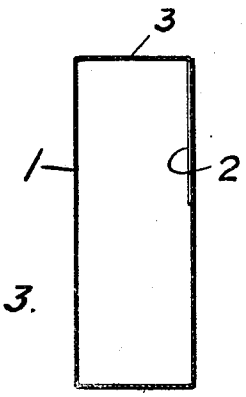


FIG. 3.

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Smokers, more particularly smokers of cigarettes, are frequently inconvenienced by the lack of available ash receptacles because, although ash trays may be provided, the smoker naturally moves from one piece of furniture to another and may occupy a position remote from any ash tray.

The principle object of the present invention is to overcome these defects and disadvantages and to provide smokers with ash trays in whatever part of the room or apartment they may occupy.

To these and other ends hereinafter set forth the invention, generally stated, consists of an article of personal equipment comprising an ash receiver arranged for attachment to the person of the user and having an opening to receive ashes and cigar or cigarette stumps together with means to protect the clothing of the user from contact with the cigar or cigarette while ashes are being deposited in the receiver.

The invention also comprises the improvements to be presently described and finally claimed.

In the following description reference will be made to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof and in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one embodiment chosen from among many embodiments of the invention for the sake of illustration.

Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view of the same, and

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 illustrating a modification of the invention.

Referring to Figs. 1 and 2, 1 is an ash receiver having exterior attaching means 2, and having a guard 3 at the top of one of its edges.

In use the receiver is made of such size and shape that it can be conveniently applied to the clothing of the user. For example, it may be arranged outside of the breast or other pocket and the means 2 may be hooked into the pocket or it may be put into a pocket. The device is therefore an article of personal equipment and is always ready and convenient for use whether the user be seated or be moving about. The guard 3 serves to protect the clothing from ashes which the user may knock from the end of a cigarette or cigar into the receptacle.

It is an advantage of the invention that the device may be made of comparatively flexible material and in that case the fastening means 2 can be arranged inside of the receptacle, as shown in Fig. 3, so that the guard 3 serves the purpose of a lid. In consequence it is possible, although of course not necessary to the invention, to utilize the device as a package for cigarettes and when the package is open the guard and fastening means can be bent to occupy the positions indicated in Figs. 1 and 2.

This device may be made of metal, leather, paper, fibre or other suitable material and may vary widely as to shape from the form illustrated. It may be plain or ornamented to any extent desired.

It will be obvious to those skilled in the art to which the invention relates that modifications may be made in details of construction and arrangement and matters of mere form without departing from the spirit of the invention which is not limited to such matters or otherwise than the prior art and the appended claims may require.

I claim:

1. An article of personal equipment comprising an open top ash receiver, a flexible guard integral with said receiver and adapted by bending to closed position to cooperate with said receiver to form a holder for smoker supplies and by bending to open position to form a guard for clothing to which the article is applied, and a flexible fastening means integral with said guard adapted by bending to closed position to form a fastener for said holder and by bending to

open position to form a support for attaching said article to the clothing of the user thereof.

2. A package for cigarettes comprising a receptacle adapted to be attached to the clothing of the user to serve as an ash receiver, a guard member integral with and forming an extension of one of the walls thereof and adapted by bending to one position to close the receptacle and by bending to another position to guard the clothing of the user, and means attached to said receptacle for supporting it from the clothing of the user.

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