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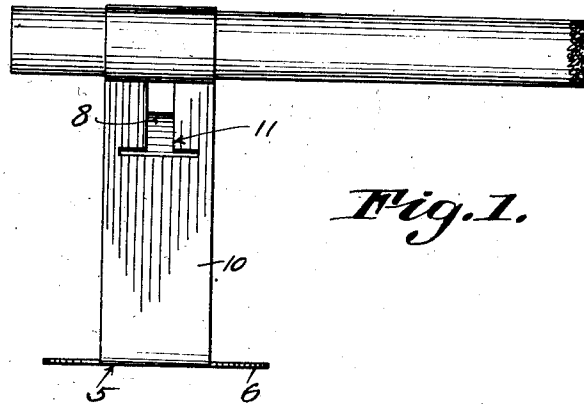


Fig. 1.

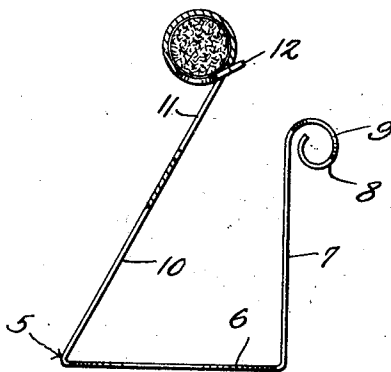


Fig. 2.

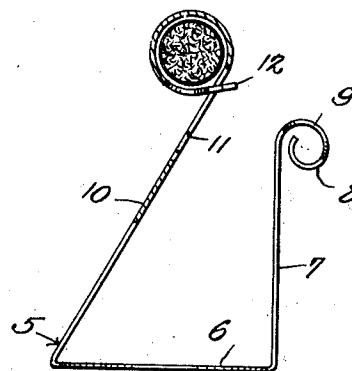


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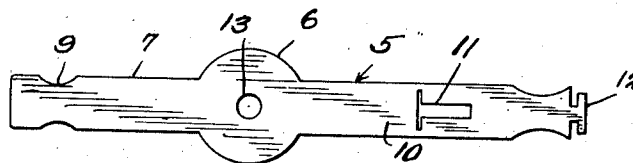


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to cigarette or cigar holders, the primary object of the invention being to provide a device of this character which may be held in the hand of the smoker in such a way that the fingers will not be discolored by nicotine stains from the smoke of the cigarette or cigar being smoked.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character wherein the cigarette held therein, will be automatically extinguished when the cigarette burns to that portion of the cigarette gripped by the holder.

A further object of the invention is to provide a holder which will support a cigarette while it is being smoked, and one which will insure against the cigarette falling from the holder to cause damage by fire, when the holder is positioned on a supporting surface.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a cigarette holder having a gripping member which may be readily and easily operated to facilitate the positioning of a cigarette therein, or the release of the cigarette stump, when it is desired to clear the holder.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein described, may be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 is an elevational view of a holder constructed in accordance with the invention, and illustrating a cigarette as held therein.

Figure 2 is a side elevational view of the holder, parts thereof being shown in section.

Figure 3 is a side elevational view of the holder, partly in section, and illustrating the cigarette gripping device as released.

Figure 4 is a view of the blank, from which the holder is formed.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the holder comprises a body portion indicated generally by the reference character 5, the body portion being constructed preferably of sheet metal material and so designed that it may be formed by a single stamping operation of a stamping machine.

The reference character 6 designates the base of the holder, and comprises an enlarged portion, preferably with circular sides, the enlarged portion or base being formed laterally of a line drawn transversely through the center of the body por-

tion, for purposes to be hereinafter more fully described.

In the formation of the device, the portion 7 is extended vertically, as shown by Figures 2 and 3 of the drawing, the upper extremity of the portion 7, being curved as at 8 providing a finger grip. The side edges of the curved portion 8 are cut-away as at 9, so that the fingers of the person using the holder, will have ample gripping surface.

At the opposite side of the base 6, is a substantially long arm 10 which is formed with a T-shaped slot 11 for the reception of the T-head 12, formed at the free end of the arm 10, when the free end of the arm 10 is bent or moved to the position shown by Figures 2 and 3 of the drawing. In forming the curved end of the arm 10, the resiliency of the metal of which the device is formed, is relied upon to lend the gripping qualities to the holder, required in securing a cigarette in the curved portion. In other words, the curved end of the arm will be of a diameter less than the diameter of the usual cigarette, so that upon positioning a cigarette therein, it will be necessary to move the free end of the arm 10 within the slot to enlarge the diameter to receive the cigarette. Upon releasing the end of the arm 10, the cigarette will be gripped and held in position.

Due to the construction shown and described, it will be seen that a substantially wide cigarette gripping section is provided at the free end of the arm 10, which will prevent the cigarette from burning past the edge of the curved portion, should the holder be positioned on a supporting surface and forgotten. Thus the fire at the end of the cigarette will be extinguished, eliminating a common fire hazard.

An opening indicated at 13 is formed in the base 6, and affords means whereby the base may be positioned over a peg or pin which may be provided on a supporting surface, to prevent the holder from being knocked over, when the holder is positioned on a supporting surface.

In using the holder, a cigarette is positioned in a manner as shown, and the finger piece gripped at the curved portions 9. The cigarette may now be supported while it is being smoked, without danger of the smoke from the cigarette depositing nicotine stains on the fingers of the smoker.

When it is desired to remove the stump, after smoking, the user may press the portion 12 downwardly, with his thumb, opening the gripping section of the arm 10, releasing the cigarette stump.

It might be further stated that the substan-

tially long arm 10 is extended inwardly towards the arm or portion 7, and is disposed at an oblique angle with respect to the base, to the end that the weight of the cigarette positioned within the holder will not overbalance the holder, when the holder is positioned on a supporting surface, since the weight of the cigarette is disposed directly over the center of the base.

What is claimed is:

1. In a cigarette holder, a body comprising a narrow length of yieldable sheet metal, one end thereof being extended laterally providing a supporting arm having a T-shaped opening formed therein, the extremity of the arm being T-shaped and adapted to be rolled and extended into the T-shaped opening, whereby a cigarette may be

gripped thereby, and said body having a wide portion intermediate its ends, providing a supporting base.

2. In a cigarette holder, a body comprising a narrow length of yieldable sheet metal material, one of the ends of the body being extended upwardly and rolled at its extremity, providing a finger piece, the opposite end of the body being extended upwardly and having a T-shaped opening formed therein near the extremity, the extremity being substantially T-shaped and adapted to be rolled and fitted in the T-shaped opening, and adapted to grip a cigarette, and a portion of the body between the upstanding ends being substantially wide, providing a support.

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