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Fig.1

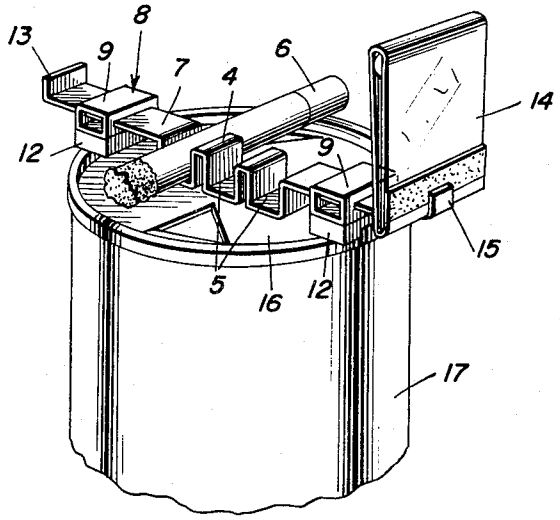


Fig.2

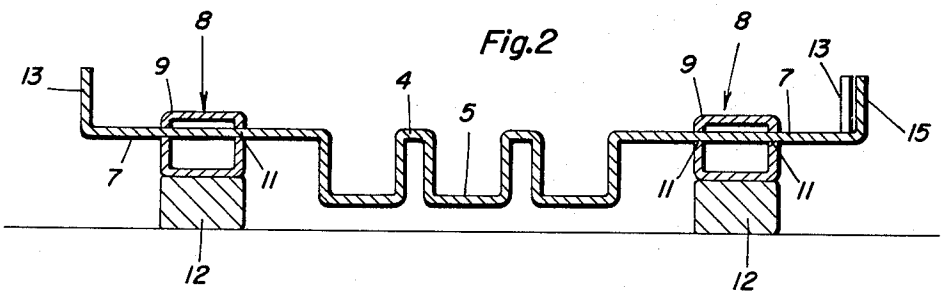
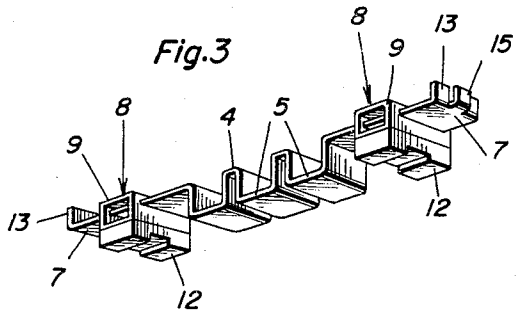


Fig.3



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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in holders particularly for cigarettes, matches, etc., although it will be understoood, of course, that the device may be used for any other purpose for which it may be found adapted and desirable.

The primary object of the invention is to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a holder of the character described which may be magnetically secured on any suitable metallic surface or support such, for instance, as the top of an opened beverage can, whereby said can may be utilized as a disposable ash receptacle.

Another important object of the present invention is to provide a holder of the aforementioned character wherein the magnetic attaching means may readily be adjusted to meet various conditions which may be encountered.

Other objects of the invention are to provide an adjustable, magnetically attached holder of the character set forth which will be comparatively simple in construction, strong, durable, compact, of light weight and which may be manufactured at low cost.

These together with other objects and advantages which will become subsequently apparent reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view, showing a device embodying the present invention in use as a cigarette and match holder on top of a beverage can;

FIGURE 2 is an enlarged view in vertical longitudinal section through the holder; and

FIGURE 3 is a perspective view of the device.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that the embodiment of the invention which has been illustrated comprises a bar **4** made from suitable flat metal, which bar may be of any desired dimensions. The intermediate portion of the bar **4** is formed to provide a plurality of transverse grooves or depending loops **5** for the reception of cigarettes, as indicated at **6**.

Slidably mounted on the end portions **7** of the bar **4** are adjustable supporting brackets **8**. The brackets **8** comprise tubular members **9** of rectangular cross section which are mounted transversely on the end portions **7** of the bar **4**. To this end, the tubular members **9** have formed therein slots **11** through which the end portions **7** of the bar **4** pass. The attaching brackets **8** further include permanent magnets **12** which are fixed beneath the tubular members **9**.

The bar **4** terminates in upturned end flanges **13** which function as stops for the attaching brackets **8**. Struck from one of the end flanges **13** and cooperable therewith for receiving and retaining a match book **14** is a clip **15**.

Briefly, when used, as shown, as a cigarette and match holder, the bar **4** may be mounted diametrically on the punched top **16** of a beverage can **17** through the medium of the magnets **12**. Of course, the device may be mounted on any other suitable support. The brackets **8** being slidable on the end portions **7** of the bar **4**, permit the magnets **12** to be readily adjusted to meet various conditions. A cigarette or other articles may be mounted transversely in one of the grooves or loops **5** as shown in FIG. 1. The clip **15** and a flange hold a match book **14** as shown.

The foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is a follows:

For use on the top beads of opened metallic beverage cans of various diameters, a cigarette holder comprising a metallic bar including a plurality of depending, generally U-shaped loops on its intermediate portion for receiving and retaining cigarettes, and adjustable brackets on the end portions of the bar for removably securing same on top heads of cans of various diameters, said brackets comprising transverse tubes of rectangular cross-section including side walls having opposed slots therein slidably receiving the bar, and permanent magnets secured beneath said tubes for engagement on the cans, said bar further including upwardly angularly bent end flanges providing stops for the brackets.

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