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Fig. 1

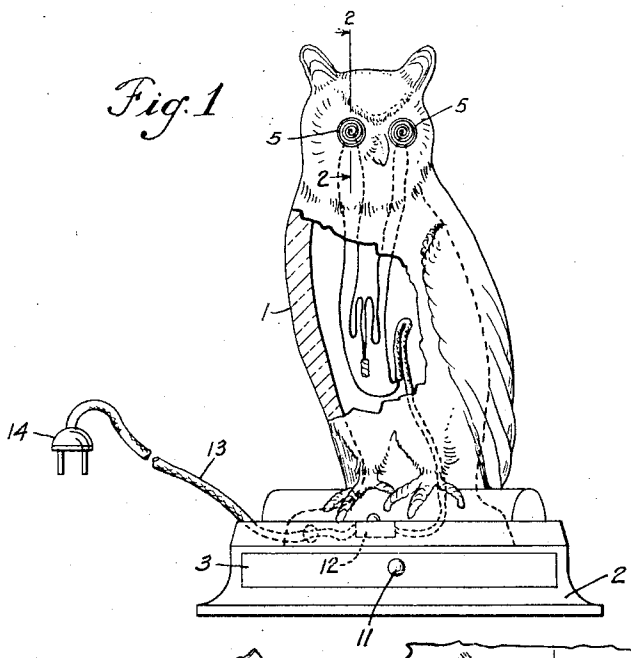
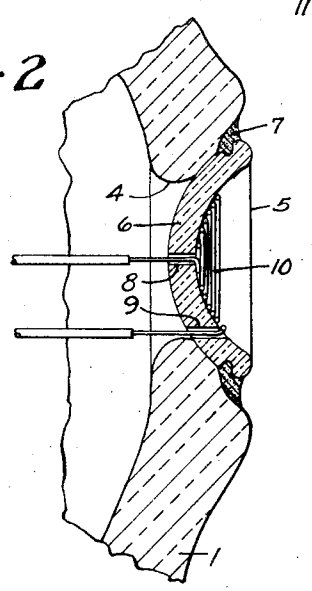


Fig. 2



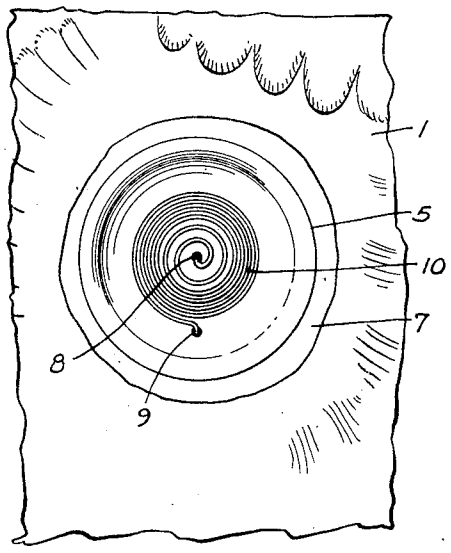


Fig. 3

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The invention relates in general to cigar lighters and more particularly, to an electric cigar lighter which is also a novelty.

According to one embodiment of the invention, the lighter comprises a body in the form of an animal, such as an owl, which has associated with the eyes thereof, a grid or heater of wires which may be rendered incandescent by electricity. The body of the device may rest upon a base or pedestal and may be provided with a switch for turning on and off the current. A drawer or other receptacle may be provided in the base for the reception of ashes and other refuse.

The device may serve not only as a cigar lighter but also as a novelty. The device may also serve as an ornament in the home. When used, the lighter produces a unique and pleasing effect, the lighting of the eyes producing an effect not unlike blinking of the animal's eyes.

The invention also consists in certain new and original features of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter set forth and claimed.

Although the novel features which are believed to be characteristic of this invention will be particularly pointed out in the claims appended hereto, the invention itself, as to its objects and advantages, the mode of its operation and the manner of its organization may be better understood by referring to the following description taken in connection with accompanying drawings forming a part thereof, in which

Fig. 1 is an elevation partly in section of the device;

Fig. 2 is a detail on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1 showing the construction of the eyes of the animal; and

Fig. 3 is another detail of the eyes.

In the following description and in the claims parts will be identified by specific names for convenience, but they are intended to be as generic in their application to similar parts as the art will permit.

Like reference characters denote like parts in the several figures of the drawings.

In the drawings accompanying and forming part of this specification, a practical commercial embodiment of the invention is shown, but as such illustration is primarily for purposes of disclosure, it will be understood that the structure may be modified in various respects without departure from the broad spirit and scope of the invention as hereinafter defined and claimed.

Referring to the drawing, the device comprises a hollow body member 1 having the configuration of an animal, such as an owl. The body member is provided with a base 2 in which a drawer 3 is mounted. The drawer is adapted to be pulled out by knob 11 for the reception of refuse in a manner similar to an ordinary drawer of a piece of furniture.

The body is made hollow and may be cast from plaster of Paris or from metal such as bronze or from any other desired material, and is provided with openings 4 for the eyes. Disposed in each opening 4 is lighter element 5 made up of a concavo-convex refractory base 6 having a conical side wall to enable it to be wedged into the eye openings 4. If desired an annular groove may be provided in the base 6 for the reception of cement 7 by which the element may be cemented to the body of the animal, as shown. It will be understood the animal may be imaginary or mythical, such as a dragon, in addition to real such as an owl.

The heater base 6 is provided with a central opening 8 and an opening 9 near one edge, and a coil of wire 10 wound in the form of a spiral is secured to the base in any desired manner. This wire may be the ordinary electric resistance wire and is adapted to be rendered incandescent by electricity for the lighting of a cigar or cigarette and the like.

Each eye is of the same construction, and the resistance elements 5 may be connected in series as shown, or they may be connected in parallel. An ordinary electric switch 12 is provided on the base 2 and may be operated by a push button. A suitable cord 13 having an electric plug 14 on the end is connected to the switch 12 and the switch is connected to the eyes of the animal in a manner well known to those skilled in the electric arts.

The device is normally adapted to rest upon a suitable support and to be connected with a suitable source of electricity by means of the plug 14. The device normally performs the function of an ornament. When it is desired to light a cigarette or the like, the push button is pressed and the eyes are rendered immediately incandescent, producing a pleasing, attractive and unique effect. The drawer may be pulled out, as desired,

for the placing therein of butts, ashes, and other refuse.

Thus a cigar lighter has been provided which serves also as a novelty and an ash receptacle. The device is rugged in construction, will stand up under use, produces a very pleasing effect when used and makes an attractive ornament.

While certain novel features of the invention have been shown and described and are pointed out in the annexed claims, it will be understood that various omissions, substitutions and changes in the forms and details of the device illustrated and in its operation may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A novelty lighter for cigars and the like comprising a base, a body having the configuration of the body of an animal mounted on said base, a removable ash receptacle in said base, the eyes of said animal comprising electric wires adapted to be rendered incandescent, a switch on said base and wiring from said switch to said eyes.

2. A novelty lighter comprising a body having the shape of an animal, an electric heating element disposed in an eye socket of said body and means for rendering said element incandescent for the lighting of cigars and the like.

3. A novelty lighter comprising a body having the shape of an animal, said animal having an eye, means for rendering said eye incandescent for the lighting of cigars and the like, whereby at the same time an attractive effect is produced.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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