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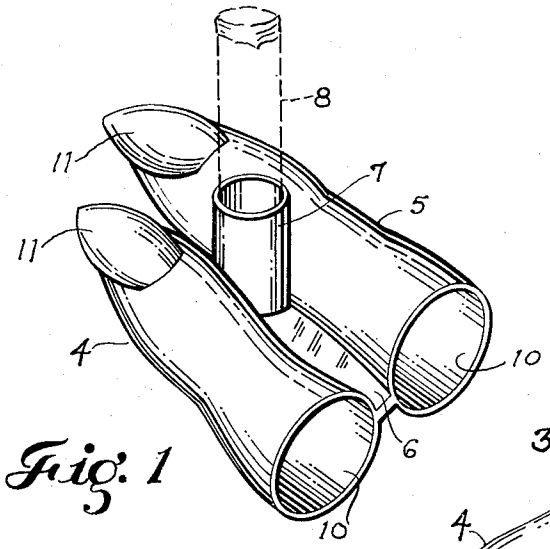


Fig. 1

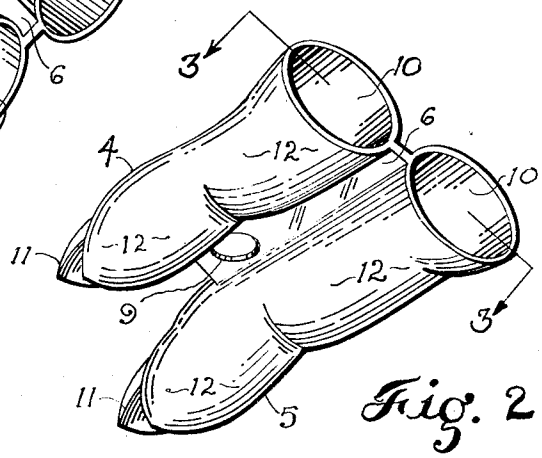


Fig. 2

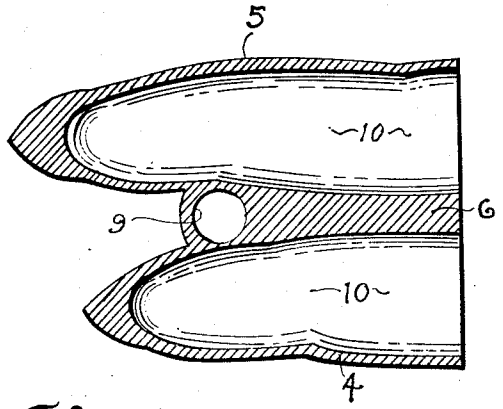


Fig. 3

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This invention relates to cigaret holders and has as a particular object the provision of a cigaret holder which not only performs the ordinary function of protecting the smoker's fingers from nicotine stains but also prevents fires by holding a cigaret in an upright position with the burning end held away from table tops or other surfaces upon which the cigaret holder may be placed.

A further object of my invention is to provide a cigaret holder which serves as an ash-tray to catch ashes falling from the cigaret when the holder is placed on a table or like surface.

Another object of my invention is to provide a cigaret holder which, instead of being held in the smoker's mouth when the smoker's hands are otherwise occupied, thereby giving an unsightly rakish appearance or interfering with the smoker's speech, may safely be placed upon any convenient supporting surface.

Still another object of my invention is to provide a cigaret holder which is sanitary and requires no cleaning beyond blowing out or pushing out the unsmoked remainder of a cigaret.

Yet another object of my invention is to provide a cigaret holder of unique and distinctive appearance which from a distance appears to be a part of the smoker's hand and which may be ornamented to suit the individuality of the owner, as by coloration to match the owner's finger-nails.

The invention possesses other objects and valuable features, some of which, with those enumerated will be set forth in the following description of a preferred embodiment of my invention or will be apparent from consideration of the accompanying drawing, illustrative of that embodiment, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing the upper side of a cigaret holder embodying the principles of my invention;

Fig. 2 is another perspective view showing the lower side of the cigaret holder; and

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view through the cigaret holder, the plane of section being indicated by the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Having reference now to the details of the drawing, my improved cigaret holder comprises a cover for the finger-tips having distinct finger casings 4 and 5, in simulation of fingers, preferably the distal and conjunctive phalanges of the first and second fingers of a hand, spaced slightly apart and joined in part by a web 6 and holding between them a short tube 7 which is adapted to hold the end of a cigaret, shown at 8

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in Fig. 1. The tube 7 extends outwardly toward the upper or dorsal side of the holder a sufficient distance to provide an adequate grip upon the cigaret 8, and the bore 9 of the tube 7 extends through the web 6 to permit the end of the cigaret to protrude therethrough so that it may be grasped by the smoker's lips.

The walls of the finger casings 4 and 5 are thin, so as to be nearly glove-like, and to permit the actual fingers of a smoker to be inserted in the interior cavities 10 of the simulated fingers. However, unlike the fingers of gloves, the finger-casings 4 and 5 are not collapsible, but they and the web 6 are made of substantially rigid material, preferably a fire-resistant plastic or ceramic substance, as such materials may be easily colored, although thin metal may also be used and painted or burnished according to the owner's wishes. If flesh tints are used to color the finger-casings and if the tube 7 is white or of some distinctive color, the cigaret holder will at first glance appear to be part of the smoker's hand. The simulated finger-nails 11 may be colored to accord with the shade of the owner's finger-nails.

The web 6 is thin so as to be relatively inconspicuous and to lie well inwardly from the surfaces 12 of the finger-casings representative of the volar pads of the fingers. The finger-casings 4 and 5 are arched in a natural manner, the finger tips being bent slightly downwardly, and this curvature, added to the thickness of the volar pads 12 below the web 6, causes the inner end of the tube bore 9, as seen in Fig. 2, to lie well above any flat surface upon which the volar surfaces 12 might rest. Sufficient part of a cigaret may therefore extend from the inner end of the tube bore 9 to be easily grasped by the lips of a smoker, yet the cigaret end need not come into contact with a table top when the holder is placed thereon in the position shown in Fig. 1.

My improved cigaret holder may be easily picked up with one hand by inserting the tips of the fingers in the casings 4 and 5, tilting it slightly and pressing the casing tips or nails 11 against the surface which has been supporting it. The fingers of the hand may as easily be withdrawn by pressing the volar pad surfaces 12 against a table top. As the cigaret itself projects through the tube 6 and is held in the lips, the tube 6 does not become clogged with nicotine and saliva. When the cigaret holder is put down with a lighted cigaret in it, the burning end of the cigaret is held upwardly away from supporting woodwork or upholstery; the mouth end of the cigaret

is likewise raised from the supporting surface; and ashes falling from the cigaret are caught in the web 6, as by an ash-tray.

Obviously, my invention is subject to some modifications, hence I do not choose to be limited to the above-described example, but rather to the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A cigaret holder comprising: casings having the external appearance of human fingers and having interior cavities adapted to receive the tips of human fingers; a web joining said casings; and a tube for holding a cigaret disposed between said casings and having its bore extending through said web.

2. A cigaret holder comprising: two casings of substantially rigid fire-resistant material, forming covers for fingers of a smoker's hand and having the external appearance of fingers; a web joining said casings substantially medianly between their dorsal and volar surfaces; and a tube for holding a cigaret held by said web and extending outwardly therefrom beyond the dorsal surfaces of said casings.

3. A cigaret holder comprising: a casing having the external appearance of two human fingers spaced slightly apart, and having interior cavities adapted to receive the distal and conjunctive phalanges of fingers; and a tube for holding a cigaret, held by said casing in simulation of being held between fingers, and having its one end disposed inwardly from the plane of the adjacent volar surfaces of said casing and its other end extending toward the dorsal surfaces of said casing; said casing and said tube being integrally formed of substantially rigid fire-resistant material and said casing being arched to provide sufficient space between said one end of said tube and a plane surface upon which the volar surfaces of said casing would rest to contain a cigaret end extending from said tube and capable of being held in the lips.

4. A cigaret holder comprising: a rigid casing having the external appearance of two human fingers spaced slightly apart, and having interior cavities adapted to receive the distal and conjunctive phalanges of fingers, said casing including a continuous web joining the finger parts of said casing at a level intermediate between the dorsal and volar surfaces of said finger parts so as to form therewith a tray for the reception of ashes; and a tube for holding a cigaret extending in a dorsal direction from said web.

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