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Cigar Holder.

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FIG. 1.

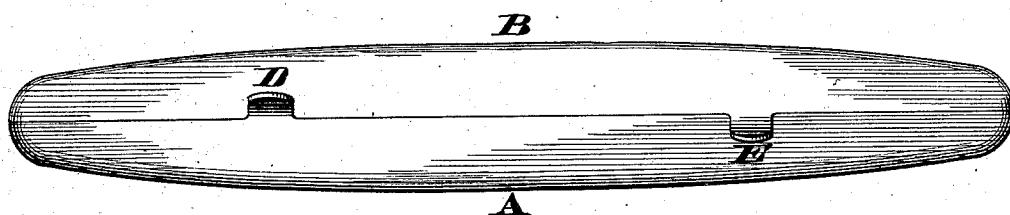


FIG. 2.

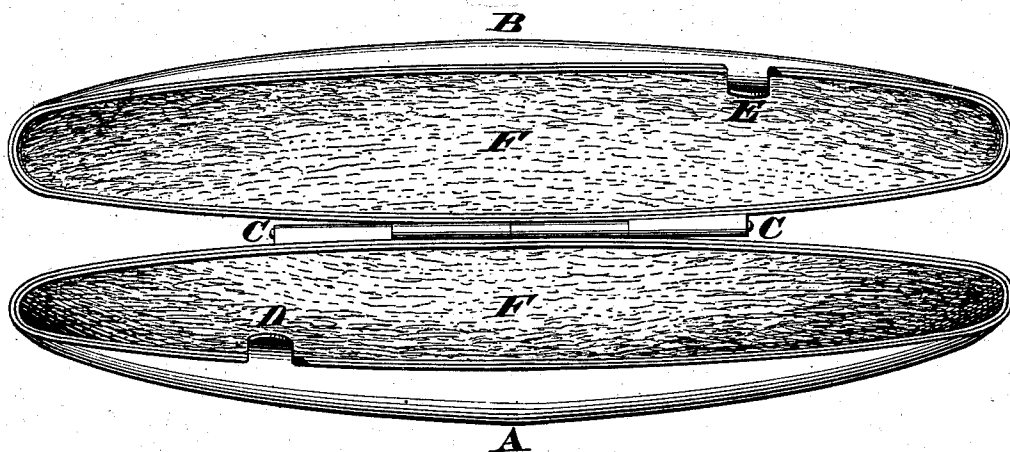
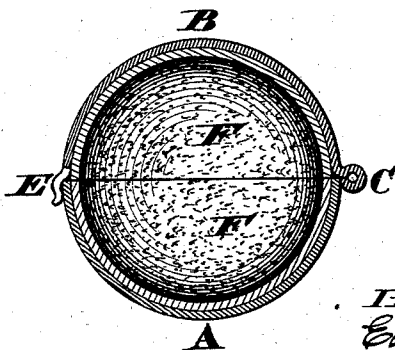


FIG. 3.



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CIGAR-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD O. H. GRUNER, of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This is an improvement on those devices which are designed to be carried in a person's pocket for the purpose of holding a burning cigar when the smoker enters a place where the use of tobacco is prohibited.

Heretofore such holders have been made of thin metallic shells or cases hinged together, and provided with snaps or other catches; but practical experience has shown that these cases do not always insure the complete extinguishing of the cigar, and consequently sufficient heat is often radiated therefrom to tarnish the metal and burn the pocket and person of the user. To overcome these serious objections I coat the interior of such cases or shells with any suitable non-conductor—as, for example, asbestos or mineral wool, &c., which material is ground quite fine and mixed with a size or cement that will cause a secure adhesion to the metal, as hereinafter more fully described.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my cigar-holder in its closed condition. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same in its open position. Fig. 3 is an enlarged transverse section of the device, taken in the plane of one of the catches.

The holder is composed of two customary metallic shells or cases, A B, hinged together at C, and provided with suitable snaps or catches, D E, for the purpose of retaining said shells in their closed condition. (Seen in Fig. 1.) These shells may be of any desired size and form, but it is preferred to construct them in such a manner as to cause the complete device to have a cigar shape. The entire interior of the holder is coated with a non-conducting lining or jacket, F, composed of asbestos, mineral wool, or any other cheap and durable material or composition of materials. This material is first reduced to a powder and then mixed with a suitable size or cement that will cause the non-conducting substance to adhere permanently to the metal shells and form therein a coat or layer of sufficient thickness to prevent the passage of heat when a lighted cigar

is deposited in the holder and the latter closed. Consequently, if the cigar should continue to burn in the holder for a few minutes, there will be no danger of the heat passing through the non-conducting lining and burning the clothes or person of the smoker. Furthermore, this non-conducting filling will prevent the exterior of the shell or case being tarnished by the heat, which precaution is necessary when the holder is plated or finely finished. Finally, the comparatively rough surface of the lining affords a convenient place for igniting matches preparatory to lighting cigars, &c.

I am aware it is not new to hinge together a pair of thin metallic shells and adapt them for use as a holder for containing cigars after they have been extinguished, as such a device is seen in Letters Patent No. 64,826, issued May 21, 1867, to C. Appel. Also, I am aware it is not new to provide smoking-tubes, tobacco-pipes, &c., with various kinds of non-conducting linings or fillings, as these fillings are seen in several patents. Such being the state of the art, my claim is not to be construed as an attempt to cover the hinged shells *per se*. Neither is it to be regarded as an attempt to cover the application of non-conductors to smokers' appliances generally; but the claim is expressly limited to the hinged shells when coated internally with a pulverized non-conductor attached with any size or cement, which lining is adapted to perform the twofold purpose of preventing the passage of heat through said shells and of affording a suitable surface for igniting matches, as herein described.

I claim as my invention—

A cigar-holder consisting of the metallic shells A B, hinged together at C, and provided with suitable locking devices D, said shells being coated internally with a pulverized non-conducting filling, F, applied with size or cement, said filling being adapted to prevent the passage of heat through said shells, and of affording a suitable surface for igniting matches, as herein described.

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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