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RECEPTACLE FOR CHEWING GUM.

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Fig. 1.

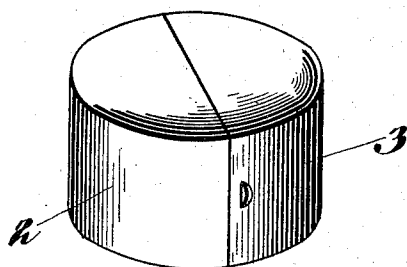


Fig. 2.

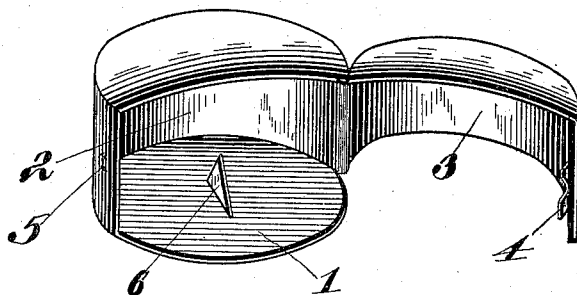


Fig. 3.

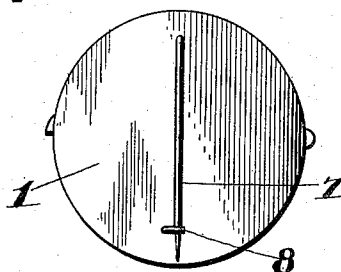
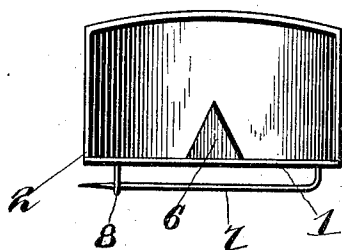


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES WM. HARDING, of Musselshell, in the county of Yellowstone and State of Montana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Receptacles for Chewing-Gum; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention has for its object to provide a chewing-gum holder or case which will present an ornamental appearance and can be readily applied to a part of the clothing, the particular construction of the case holding the wad of gum centrally therein and in such manner that it may be readily and conveniently removed.

Those addicted to the habit of chewing gum becoming tired of chewing and not wishing to entirely discard the wad have often felt the need of a neat and simple contrivance for storing it away until again wanted, and in order to supply this demand I have devised a receptacle that can be made of ornamental appearance to be worn on the lapel or front of the dress and of such construction that the gum will be held within the casing and not be liable to fall out when the lid is opened.

Having the above in view, the invention consists in a chewing-gum holder, the same comprising in its construction a bottom plate upon which is mounted the body of the case of two sections, one being rigid and the other hinged thereto to swing outward; a catch for holding the swinging section locked to the rigid section, a spur extending centrally from the bottom plate within the casing, and means connected to the bottom plate for attaching the device, all as hereinafter described, and particularly set forth in the claim.

In the drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a chewing-gum holder constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the cover or lid swung open. Fig. 3 is an inverted plan view. Fig. 4 is a sectional view.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, 1 designates the bottom plate of the holder or case, to which is attached the rigid section 2

of the body portion, said section extending partly around the base, and in connection therewith is a pivoted section 3, comprising a curved side and top, said side fitting over the outer edge of the bottom when the section is closed. The pivoted section forms the cover or lid of the receptacle, and its free end is provided with a spring-catch 4, that engages a notch 5 on the inner side of the rigid section, the pivoted section having a lug to facilitate the operation of opening the same. Extending upward from the bottom of the holder or case is a triangular-shaped spur or prong 6, said prong extending but a short distance from the bottom and is adapted to receive the wad of gum which is stuck thereon. Upon the under side of the bottom of the case is a pin 7, which is adapted to be sprung into engagement with the keeper 8.

From the foregoing it will be noted that I have devised a very simple and effective device for holding gum, and as the gum is placed upon the prong within the case the opening of the lid is not likely to bring it out and drop it, for it is known that the gum will stick to an object to a more or less extent, and should it stick to the lid the said lid being sprung open it would be likely to fall. By providing the centrally-located spur or prong it also keeps the gum in the center of the case and prevents contact with the sides of the case, thereby facilitating the operation of removing the gum.

It will also be observed that the pin 7, secured to the under side of the base-plate 1, lies directly beneath the spur 6 and in line with the same. As said spur is at right angles to a line connecting the side edges of the rigid section 2 when the holder is applied to the lapel of a coat or dress the rigid section 2 will lie beneath the spur 6, forming a pocket for the reception of the gum should it by any mishap slip from its seat. In this way the section 2 serves not only as a portion of the box-casing for protecting the contents thereof, but also serves as a receptacle for preventing the loss of the contents should the pivoted section be moved.

Instead of having a pin for attaching the holder or case in position the bottom may be provided with a button. It will also be understood that the case will be made to present

an ornamental appearance, so as to practically disguise its real purpose.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

5 A box or receptacle for the purpose described, made up of a flat circular base-plate, having a securing-pin upon the under side thereof, located diametrically of said base-plate, a triangular stud or spur upon the opposite side of said base-plate, located centrally thereof and lying in line with the securing-pin upon the opposite side, and a body portion made up of two sections, one of which
10 sections comprises a portion of the sides which is semicircular in cross-section and is secured at its lower edge to said base-plate, and a semicircular portion of the top, which is secured to the upper edge of said side por-

tion, the said side portion and top portion lying, when the box is in its adjusted position, beneath the stud or spur, and the other section comprising the remaining portion of the sides, which is semicircular in cross-section, is pivoted to the rigid side portion, and has
25 secured to its upper edge the remaining semicircular portion of the top, the said pivoted section being disconnected from said base-plate, but adapted to swing laterally thereof and to have its lower end closed by the projecting portion of said plate. 30

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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