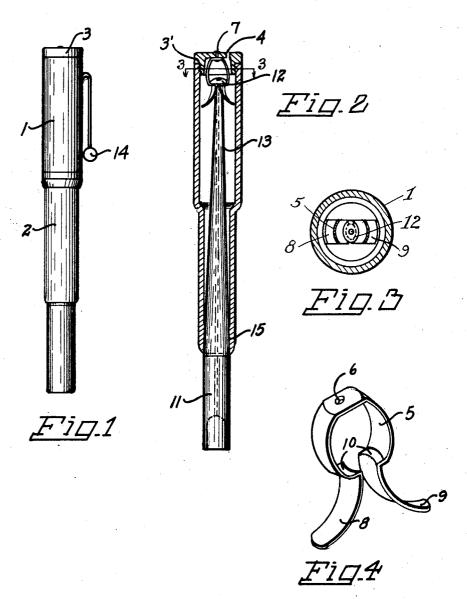
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My present invention relates to an improved case for cigarette holders in which a cigarette or cigar holder may be housed in a sanitary manner or condition, and the case 5 used as a pocket article for personal wear. The case is of the type of convenient pocket article similar to the standard form of fountain pen, and is provided with a retaining clip for co-action with the pocket-flap to support 10 the case in the pocket.

Means are provided for venting the interior of the case to insure sanitary conditions within the case and also the holder, and retaining means are provided on the interior of 15 the case to which the holder may conveniently be attached and from which the holder may with equal facility be detached when required for the smoker's use.

The case may be made in various sizes to 20 accommodate different sizes of holders, and in various shapes to suit different tastes, and ornamented as desired, but the preferred form of the case is shown in the drawings.

The invention consists in certain novel com-²⁵ binations and arrangements of parts as will hereinafter bemore fully set forth and claimed. In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated one complete example of the physical embodiment of my invention wherein the parts are combined and arranged according to the best mode I have thus far devised for the practical application of the principles of my invention.

Figure 1 is an exterior view of the case with the holder therein.

Figure 2 is a sectional view of the case disclosing the container holder and the retaining means for the holder.

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view at line 3-3 of Figure 2 with the cap removed. Figure 4 is a perspective view of the retain-

ing clasp for the holder.

The case is preferably made up of two cy-45 lindrical integral barrels 1 and 2 with the barrel of larger diameter at the top, and the open top of this barrel is closed by a screw cap 3. The interior of the barrel is threaded and the exterior of the cap is provided with 50 complementary threads, and a round flange

3' is formed on the cap to close over the upper edge of the barrel 1.

The cap is provided with an opening 4 to perform the functions of an air vent for the interior of the case for the purpose of insur- 55 ing sanitary conditions within the interior of the case.

Within the interior of the case, and preferably attached to the inner face of the screw cap, $\check{\mathbf{I}}$ provide a retaining clasp or means for 60 retaining an inserted holder. This retaining means comprises a yoke 5 of resilient metal having a hole 6 by means of which a rivet 7 is used to secure the yoke to the inner side of the cap 3. The yoke is fashioned with a pair 65 of diverging arms 8 and 9, and between the yoke and arms are provided abrupt shoulders as 10, 10.

The typical cigarette holder 11 is provided with a bead as 12 at its mouth piece, and the 70 tapered portion 13 of the mouthpiece and the bead form an annular groove which is engaged by the two shoulders 10 10 of the retaining clasp for holding the cigarette holder in the case.

A pocket clip 14 of well known type is used on the exterior of the case for engagement with the pocket-flap for supporting the case and contained holder when the latter is not in use.

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The cigarette holder may be detached from the case by pulling the holder 11 to spread the arms 8 and 9 and thus permit withdrawal of the holder from the case. At 15 the lower end of the lower barrel is interiorly tapered 85 to provide for frictional engagement of the cigarette holder with this tapered part as the holder is inserted in its case. As the holder is inserted in the case the bead 12 contacts with the resilient arms 8 and 9, spreads them apart as the holder is forced into the case, and after the bead passes the shoulders 10 the arms close in and clasp the tapered holder beneath the bead. The holder is thus retained by the $_{95}$ clasp arms or shoulders, and also held by frictional engagement of the holder with the tapered lower end of the case, so that it will not become displaced, or wobble in the case.

Having thus fully described my invention, 100

what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

The combination with an enclosing casing having an open interiorly tapered end adapted to receive a tapered cigarette holder and a vented end, of an interior yoke secured at the inner side of the vented end of the case, a pair of shoulders on said yoke and a pair of diverging clasp arms integral with the shoulders.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature. EDWARD E. BROSIUS.