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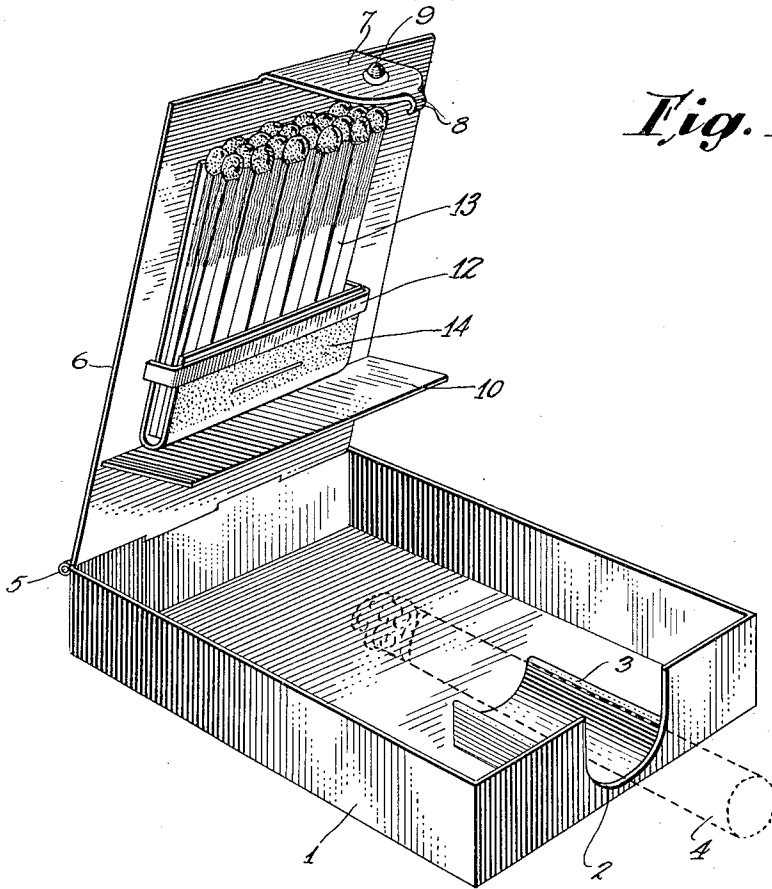


Fig. 1

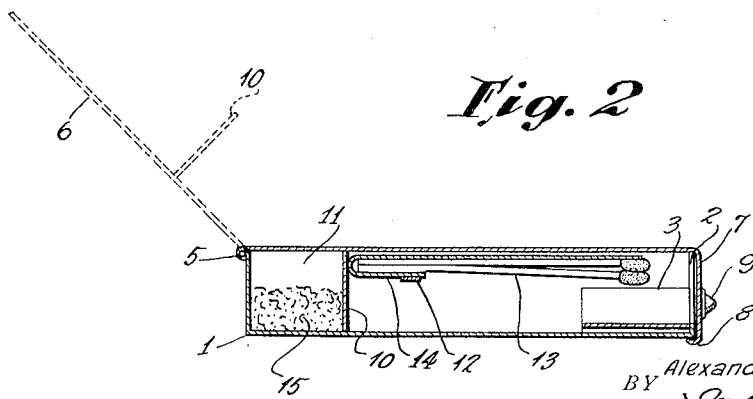


Fig. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDRE GENAILLE, a citizen of France, residing at Ridgefield Park, county of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, have invented a certain new and useful Smoker's Accessory, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is a smoker's accessory, and, more particularly, a combination match box and ash tray adapted to be carried in a pocket or handbag from which it can be removed and employed for carrying out its intended functions, whenever desired.

It has long been the practice to carry book matches in containers or boxes made of the precious metals and of artistic and æsthetic ornamentation and configuration. These receptacles have been constructed purely as containers for book matches and have met with universal favor, both from a utilitarian standpoint and from the standpoint of ornate jewelry. Such match boxes provide convenient means for carrying book matches, but in addition to this the smoker requires an ash tray of some sort in order to receive the ashes or discarded cigarette stubs, and it is a source of constant annoyance, particularly in restaurants, drawing rooms and the like, where smokers congregate, to locate convenient ash trays.

The object of the present invention is to provide a smoker's accessory adapted to be carried in a pocket or handbag and capable of not only housing a package of book matches, but also providing a convenient and accessible ash tray adapted to support a cigarette or cigar when laid aside temporarily and to further provide for the reception of ashes and cigarette stubs.

Thus, in its preferred practical form, the invention embodies a receptacle which is preferably provided with a hinged cover adapted when closed to seal the open side of the receptacle. One end of the receptacle is cut away and adjacent said cut away portion a cigarette holder is mounted interiorly of the receptacle so that when the receptacle is opened and resting on a table or other support, a burning cigarette may be temporarily laid upon the holder in a position to be readily picked up when the smoking is to be resumed. The hinged cover is provided at its free end with a flap adapted, when the cover is closed, to seal the cut away portion at the end of the receptacle and said flap is

further provided with suitable means for precluding inadvertent opening of the cover.

Upon the inner face of the cover, means is provided for supporting a package of book matches in convenient position and with the striking surface of the book exposed, so that when the cover is opened, access may be had to the matches. I also preferably associate either with the cover or with the receptacle and preferably the former a partition, which, when the cover is closed, partitions off a portion of the receptacle from the remainder of the interior of such receptacle. This partition is preferably made to have a fairly tight fit, so that when the cover is closed, that portion of the interior of the receptacle which is partitioned off will be substantially air tight. As a result of this construction, ashes deposited in this portion of the receptacle will not only be precluded from coming into contact with and soiling the matches, but burning cigarette stubs may be positioned in this part of the receptacle and when the cover is closed, there will be insufficient air to support combustion and the burning portion of such cigarette will be automatically extinguished and will not continue to burn.

Features of the invention, other than those specified, will be apparent from the herein-after detailed description and claims, when read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

The accompanying drawings illustrate one practical embodiment of the invention, but the construction therein illustrated is to be understood as illustrative, only, and not as defining the limits of the invention.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the present invention in open condition for use; and,

Figure 2 is a central longitudinal section of the construction of Figure 1 showing the cover closed in full line position and the open position of the cover in dotted lines.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the body of a receptacle which, in practice, may be made of any suitable material, but is preferably of sheet metal. One end wall of the body is cut away as shown at 2 and directly adjacent this cut away portion and interiorly of the receptacle is a cigarette holder 3, which, in practice, is soldered or otherwise permanently secured in position.

The upper face of the holder 3 is pref-

erably slightly concave and the cut away portion 2 is similarly formed, so that, collectively, these parts form a convenient support for a cigarette, as shown in dotted lines in Figure 1. Hinged to the opposite end of the receptacle as at 5 is a suitable cover 6, the free end of which is provided with a tab or tongue 7 terminating in a catch 8. The tab 7 is of such width that when the cover is closed, the tab will cover and conceal the cut away portion 2, while the catch 8 will engage the lower edge of the receptacle to maintain the cover against inadvertent opening. A suitable finger piece 9 is preferably associated with the tab 7 to facilitate release of the catch, and, in practice, this finger piece is usually in the form of a jewel.

On the inner face of the cover is secured a flange 10, which is of a depth substantially equal to the interior depth of the receptacle and of a width substantially equal to the interior width of the receptacle, so that when the cover is closed, the flange will serve as a partition to partition off a portion of the receptacle and form such portion into a closed chamber designated 11 in Figure 2. Adjacent the flange 10 and also mounted on the interior of the cover is a match retainer 12 positioned at such distance from the flange 10 and so shaped and formed that a package of book matches 13 may be slipped beneath the retainer and seat against the flange 10 to expose the striking surface 14 of the match book. Thus, the flange 10 and retainer 12 serve to properly position a package of book matches and to maintain them in convenient access when the cover is opened.

Ordinarily the device is carried by ladies and gentlemen in a handbag or pocket, but when it is desired to use the article incident to smoking, the cover is opened and folded back, as shown in dotted lines in Figure 2, and the device rested upon the table, arm of a chair, or any other suitable and convenient support. The cigarette may be lit by one of the matches extracted from the book 13, and ignited on the striking surface 14. When it is desired to lay the cigarette aside temporarily, it is laid upon the holder 3, as shown in Figure 1, while ashes are from time to time deposited within the body of the receptacle. As the cigarette stubs become short, such stubs are also deposited in the receptacle and by tilting the receptacle are caused to assume a position adjacent the end thereof to which the cover is pivoted. If the cover is now folded down and left closed for a short interval, the burning cigarette stub will be housed within the closed compartment 11 and as air is excluded therefrom, the burning end of the stub will go out. This feature of the invention is an important one, since the odor of a discarded smoking cigar-

ette stub is very obnoxious to most people. The present invention thus provides a simple and efficient means for obviating this nuisance.

Moreover, when the smoking is concluded, a tilting of the box, as previously described, would cause all of the ashes to gravitate into the end of the receptacle on which the cover is pivoted, and when the cover is subsequently closed, all of the ashes will be contained within the chamber 11 and will not shake about loosely within the confines of the receptacle and soil the matches.

It will thus be apparent that the present invention provides highly efficient and useful article and fulfills the long felt want of smokers for some convenient accessory adapted to be carried on the person and capable of providing not only a convenient receptacle for matches, but also for cigarette stubs and ashes. In practice, the construction may be made of any material, but is preferably fabricated in the precious metals is suitably adorned with æsthetic design and constitutes a useful and acceptable article of jewelry for persons of artistic tastes.

The foregoing detailed description sets forth the invention in its preferred practical form, but the invention is to be understood as commensurate with the appended claims.

Having thus fully described the invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A smoker's accessory adapted to be normally carried on the person and embodying a receptacle having an open top, a hinged cover for closing said top, a partition carried by and extending transversely of the cover adjacent to but spaced from the hinged end thereof, and match retaining means also carried by the cover and positioned between the partition and the free end of the cover, said partition being proportioned to partition off a portion of the interior of the receptacle when the cover is closed for the purpose of segregating ashes in a position to preclude them from soiling the matches.

2. A smoker's accessory adapted to be normally carried on the person and embodying a receptacle having an open top and provided in one end wall with a cut away portion, a cigarette holder positioned within the receptacle and juxtaposed with said cut away portion, a cover hinged to the receptacle and adapted, when closed, to overlie and close the open top of the receptacle and the said cut away portion, and means, on the interior of the cover, for supporting a package of book matches.

3. A smoker's accessory adapted to be normally carried on the person and embodying a receptacle having an open top and provided in one end wall with a cut away por-

- tion, a cigarette holder positioned within the receptacle and juxtaposed with said cut away portion, a cover hinged to the receptacle and adapted, when closed, to overlie and close the open top of the receptacle and the said cut away portion, and means mounted on the cover for partitioning off a portion of the interior of the receptacle when the cover is closed.
4. A smoker's accessory adapted to be normally carried on the person and embodying a receptacle having an open top and provided in one end wall with a cut away portion, a cigarette holder positioned within the receptacle and juxtaposed with said cut away portion, a cover hinged to the receptacle and adapted, when closed, to overlie and close the open top of the receptacle and the said cut away portion, and a flange carried by the cover and adapted, when the cover is closed, to partition off a part of the interior of the receptacle to form a closed chamber adapted to contain ashes.
5. A smoker's accessory adapted to be normally carried on the person and embodying a receptacle having a cover provided on the interior thereof with means for retaining a package of book matches in position, said means also serving, when the cover is closed, to partition off a portion of the interior of the receptacle from the remainder of the interior thereof, whereby ashes may be housed within that part of the receptacle partitioned off and thereby precluded from soiling the matches.
6. A smoker's accessory adapted to be normally carried on the person and embodying a receptacle having a cover provided on the interior thereof with means for retaining a package of book matches in position, said means serving also, when the cover is closed, to form at one end of the receptacle a substantially closed chamber sufficiently air tight to smother a burning cigarette stub contained within said chamber.
- In testimony whereof I have signed the foregoing specification.

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