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Fig. 1.

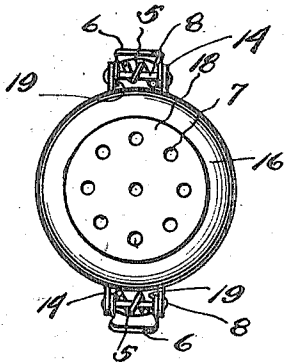
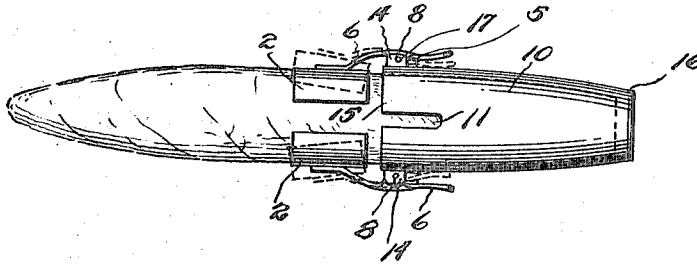


Fig. 2.

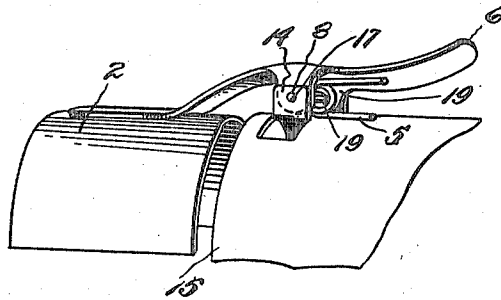


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN W. DEDRICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at State College, in the county of Center, State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Protectors and Ash-Retainers; 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 relates to new and useful improvements in combined cigar protectors and ash containers, and has for its primary object to provide a device of this character which serves to protect the lighted end of a cigar.

A further object of the invention is to provide means for containing the ash of the cigar.

A further object is to provide means which will protect the cigar against too rapid burning.

A further object of the invention is to provide means for receiving the ash from the cigar thus preventing the dropping thereof or the blowing of burning sparks from the end of the cigar.

A further object of the invention is to provide means whereby the device is adjustably secured to a cigar.

Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of the device showing it applied to a cigar and illustrating the manner in which the device is used.

Fig. 2 is an end view of the device, and

Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail perspective view with a portion of the device broken away and showing the manner in which the attaching means is secured.

Referring more specifically to the drawings the reference character 10 designates a cylindrical member which may be constructed from material such as aluminum, brass, gold, silver, etc., and said cylindrical member is shown as being tapered and having an enlarged open end 15 and a smaller closed end 16. The smaller end 16 is preferably perforated as at 7 to permit of a passage of air into the cylindrical member 10 when the same is in place on a cigar and during the smoking operation. The smaller end 16 of the cylindrical member may, however, be closed by a perforated plate as at

18 or a very fine mesh, wire, screen or gauze may be used for this purpose.

Near the larger or open end of the cylindrical member 10 at diametrically opposite points are outwardly extending ears 14 perforated as at 17 to receive a pintle or the like 8.

Mounted for movement on the pintle 8 is an operating lever 6 which is preferably formed or stamped from sheet metal, said operating lever 6 being provided with depending integral ears 19 which are perforated to receive the pintle 8. The free ends of the operating levers 6 are provided with clamping members 2 which are preferably arcuate in contour, said members 2 being spaced from the edge of the larger open end of the cylindrical member 10 and are adapted to normally lie in axial alinement with the walls of the cylinder and slightly spaced from the larger open end thereof. These members 2 constitute gripping members which are adapted to engage the cigar for the purpose of retaining the protector in place thereon, said members each being of slightly less size than one-half of the diameter of the larger end of the cylinder and are rigidly secured to the operating lever 6 in any desired manner. A spring member 5 is coiled around the pin 8 and has one of its free ends engaging the under face of the operating lever 6 and its other end engaging the outer face of the cylindrical member 10 which construction at all times exerts a pressure tending to rock the operating lever 6 upon its pivotal point to cause the gripping member 2 to firmly engage the cigar.

In operation the cigar 1 is lighted and inserted into the open end of the cylindrical member 10 having first rocked the operating levers 6 to move the gripping members 2 to the dotted line position shown in Fig. 1. When the lighted end of the cigar has been inserted into the cylindrical member the operating levers 6 are released, thus permitting of the gripping members 2 engaging the cigar 1 to retain the guard in place thereon.

From the foregoing it will be seen that should the ashes from the burning cigar become disengaged from the end thereof they will be received within the cylindrical member 10 and will be retained therein until the same is removed from the cigar. It will be further noted that the perforations 7 permit of a free draft of air into the

container and through the cigar thus facilitating the smoking operation.

Extending inwardly of the body portion of the cylindrical member 10 from the open end thereof is a slot 11 as shown in Fig. 1, the purpose of which is to permit the user of the device to acquaint himself with the fact that the lighted end of the cigar is approaching the open end of the cylindrical member 10 and thus permitting him to readjust the cylindrical member 10 with respect to the lighted end of the cigar.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:

15 In a device of the character described, a cylindrical body tapered in one direction and having a perforated end and an opposite open end, ears cut and bent from the body at diametrically opposite points thereof to extend outwardly in spaced parallel relation to each other longitudinally of said body near the open end, opposed substan-

tially semi-cylindrical clamping members disposed slightly beyond the open end of the body and normally in axial alinement with the wall of the latter, operating levers disposed longitudinally of the body and having intermediate pivot ears engaged between the ears on the body, pivots passed transversely through the ears on the body and levers for swingingly supporting the latter the levers beyond the open end of the body being fixed to the clamping members exteriorly thereof and at a medial point of the same, and coil tension springs surrounding the pivots between the ears and having their ends working against the levers and body.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses.

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