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FIG. 1.

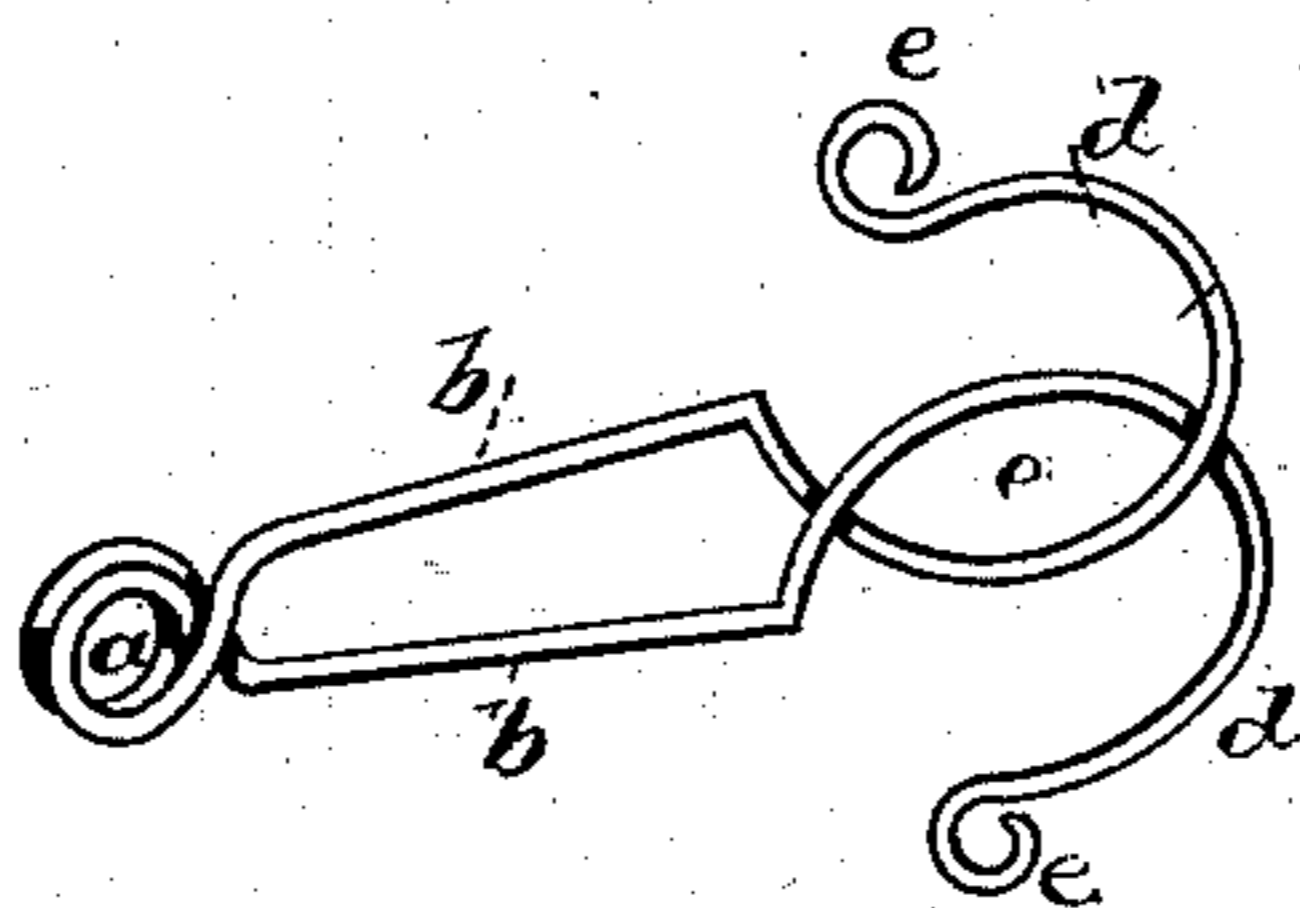


FIG. 2.

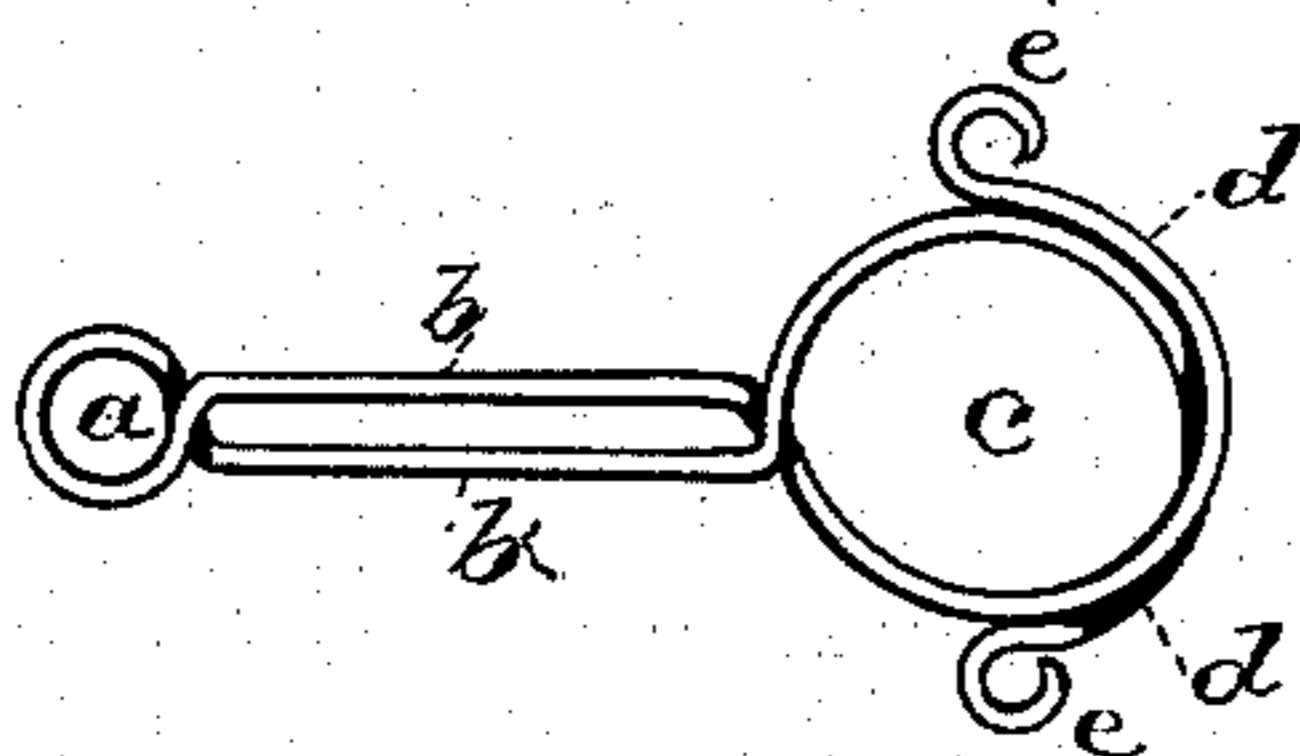
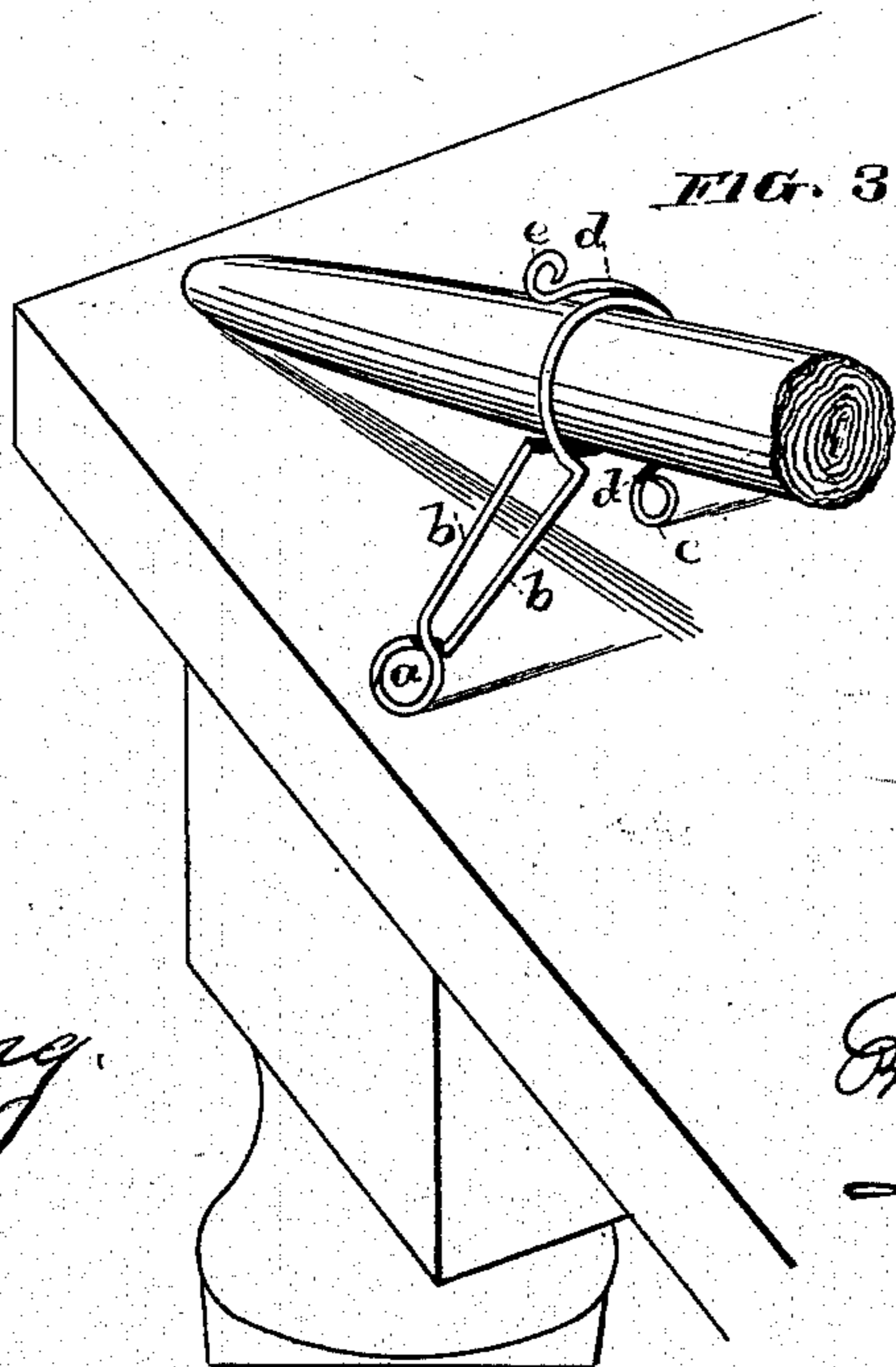


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH FLETCHER, of Livermore, county of Alameda, State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Cigar and Cigarette Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to an improvement in cigar and cigarette holders; and it consists of a single piece of wire so bent as to have a spring at one end and crossing clasp ends at the other, the extreme points being bent back to form loops.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple device for holding cigars or cigarettes, whether in the hand or laid upon the table, and in the latter case to support the lighted end above the surface of the table.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view of my device with the holding-socket *c* contracted. Fig. 2 is a view of the same expanded; and Fig. 3 is a view of the same holding a cigar and supporting its lighted end from the table.

The device is constructed of a small piece of spring-wire bent at one end to form the coil-spring *a*, and continued in the two arms *b b*, and at their termination it is bent outward at or nearly at right angles and continued farther in the two crossing curved ends *d d*, which inclose the opening or space *c*. The extreme points of these ends are bent back to form the loops *e e*, all as will be seen by reference to the accompanying drawings.

The device operates as follows: The arms *b b* are compressed between the fingers and space *c* is enlarged (see Fig. 2) and the cigar or cigarette inserted. The pressure being relieved, spring *a* separates arms *b b* and contracts the space *c*, thus securely clasp the cigar, which may be then easily handled. When it is desired to lay down the cigar, the end thereof acts as one foot, spring *a* as a second, and one of the loops *e* as the third foot of a tripod of support, and the lighted end of the cigar is thus kept elevated from the table, as seen in Fig. 3.

I am aware that a holder has been made of a single piece of bent wire for holding cigars or cigarettes in the hand while being smoked; but I am not aware of a holder having been made whereby the cigar or cigarette may also be supported upon a table.

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

The cigar or cigarette holder herein described, consisting of the spring *a*, arms *b b*, and curved arms *d d*, terminating in the outwardly-bent loops *e e*, as and for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand.

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