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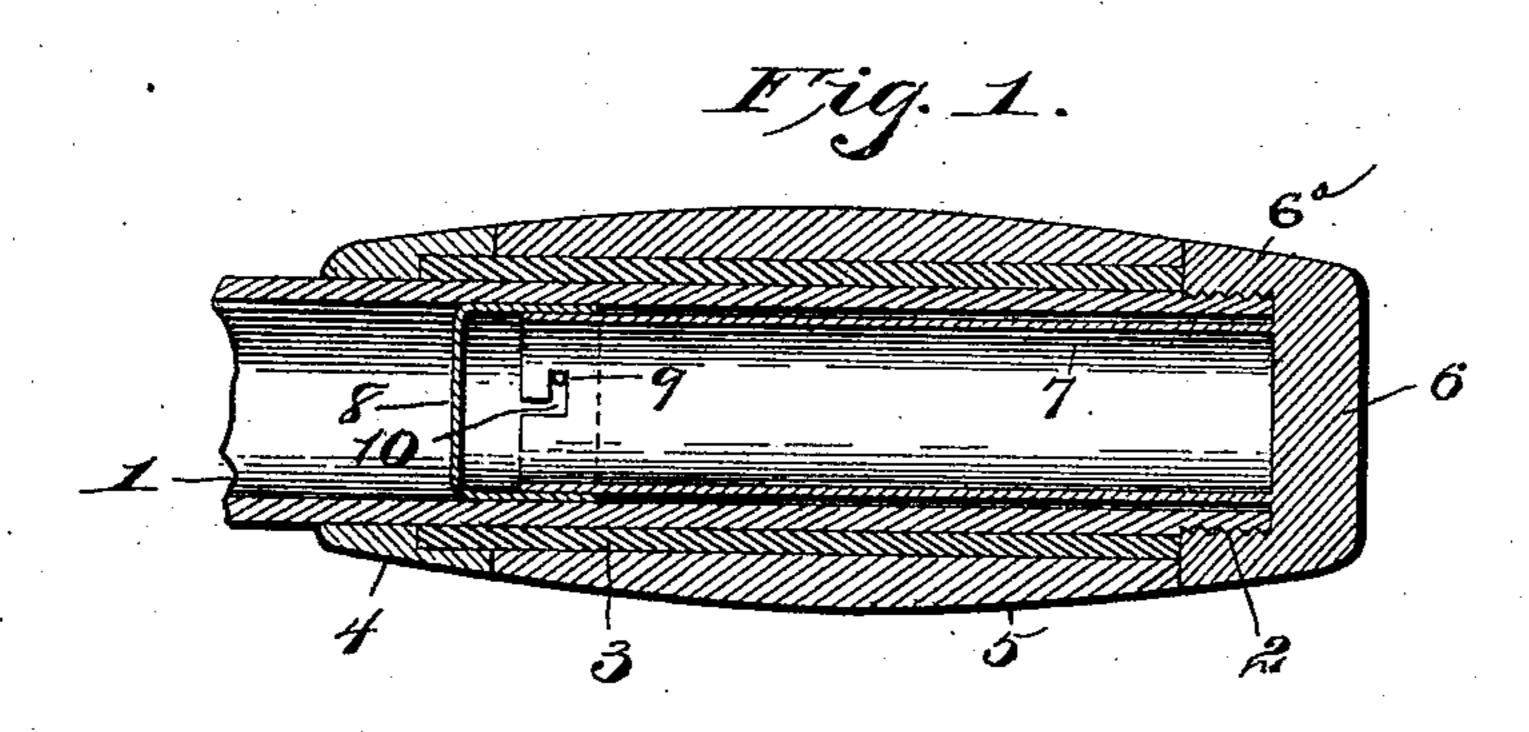
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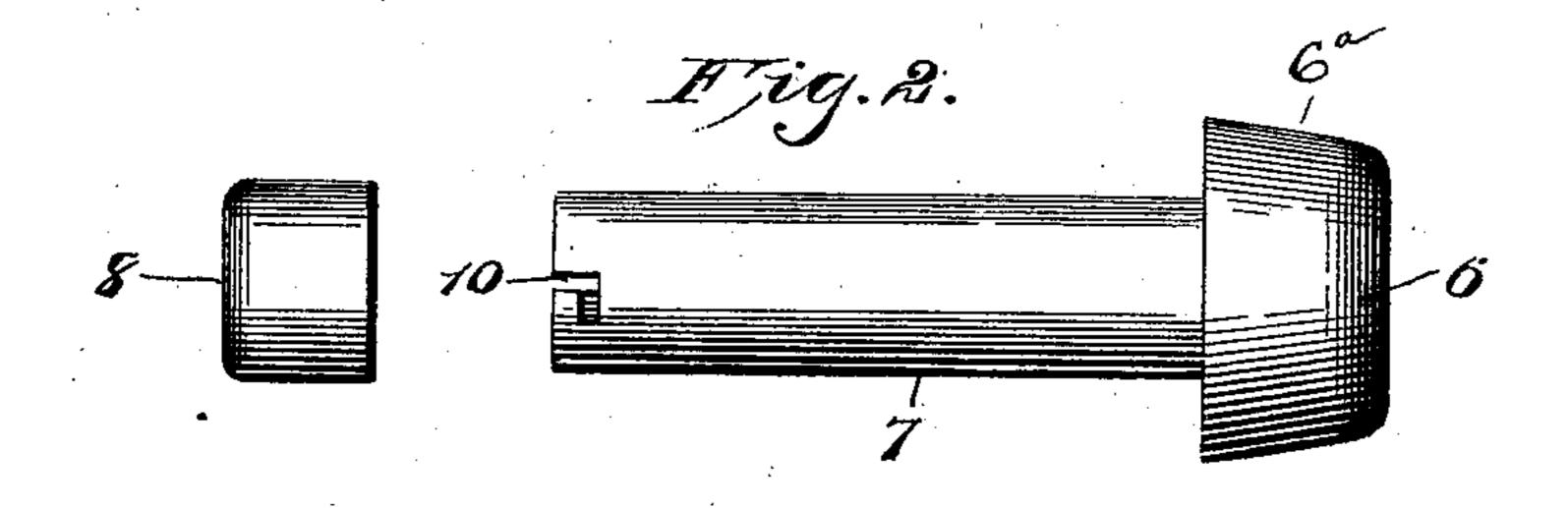
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN LEONARD HELD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and 5 State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Match-Safe Attachments for Bicycles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a match-safe atto tachment for bicycle handle-bars; and its object is to provide a convenient receptacle arranged within the grip of a bicycle handlebar for containing matches and means for securing the receptacle in position remov-

15 ably.

The construction of the improvement will be fully described hereinafter in connection with the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and its novel fea-20 tures will be defined in the appended claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of a handle-bar grip and match-safe embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the match-safe detached.

25 The reference-numeral 1 designates one end of a tubular handle-bar open at its outer end and exteriorly screw-threaded, as shown at 2. A sleeve 3 is fitted over the handlebar and secured at its inner end by a collar 30 4, internally recessed to overlap the sleeve. Over the sleeve 3 is fitted the grip proper, comprising a hollow cylinder or sleeve 5, of cork or other suitable material.

6 designates a cap formed with an annular 35 flange 6a, internally threaded to fit over the threaded end of the handle-bar 1 and having projecting from the inner side thereof a tube 7, of thin metal. This tube may be formed integral with the cap, as shown, or made sepa-

40 rate and secured thereto.

The inner open end of the tube 7 is closed by a cap 8, fitting over the tube and secured

thereto by any preferred means. The fastening means shown in the drawings consists of pins 9, projecting from diametrically op- 45 posite points on the inner surface of the tube and adapted to engage L-shaped slots 10 in the ends of the tube, forming bayonet-joints.

The tube 7 constitutes the match-receptacle.

The utility and operation of the device will be apparent from the drawings and foregoing description. By unscrewing the cap 6 said cap and the tube 7 may be readily removed, and when the cap is secured in place 55 upon the handle-bar the match-receptacle is securely held in position and protected from the weather.

I claim—

The combination with a hollow handle-bar 60 externally screw-threaded at its outer end, of a collar secured upon the handle-bar and internally recessed; a sleeve fitting upon the handle-bar the inner end of said sleeve extending into the recess of the collar; a hol- 65 low cylinder formed in a single piece fitting upon said sleeve and abutting at its inner end against said collar and a match-safe comprising a tube fitting within the handle-bar, and a cap at the outer end of said tube formed 70 integral therewith and having an annular internally-threaded flange engaging the threads of the handle-bar and having its edge abutting against the outer edge of said cylinder, said cap serving the double purpose of a bot- 75 tom for the match-safe, and a securing means for the outer end of the sleeve and hollow cylinder.

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

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