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Fig. 1.

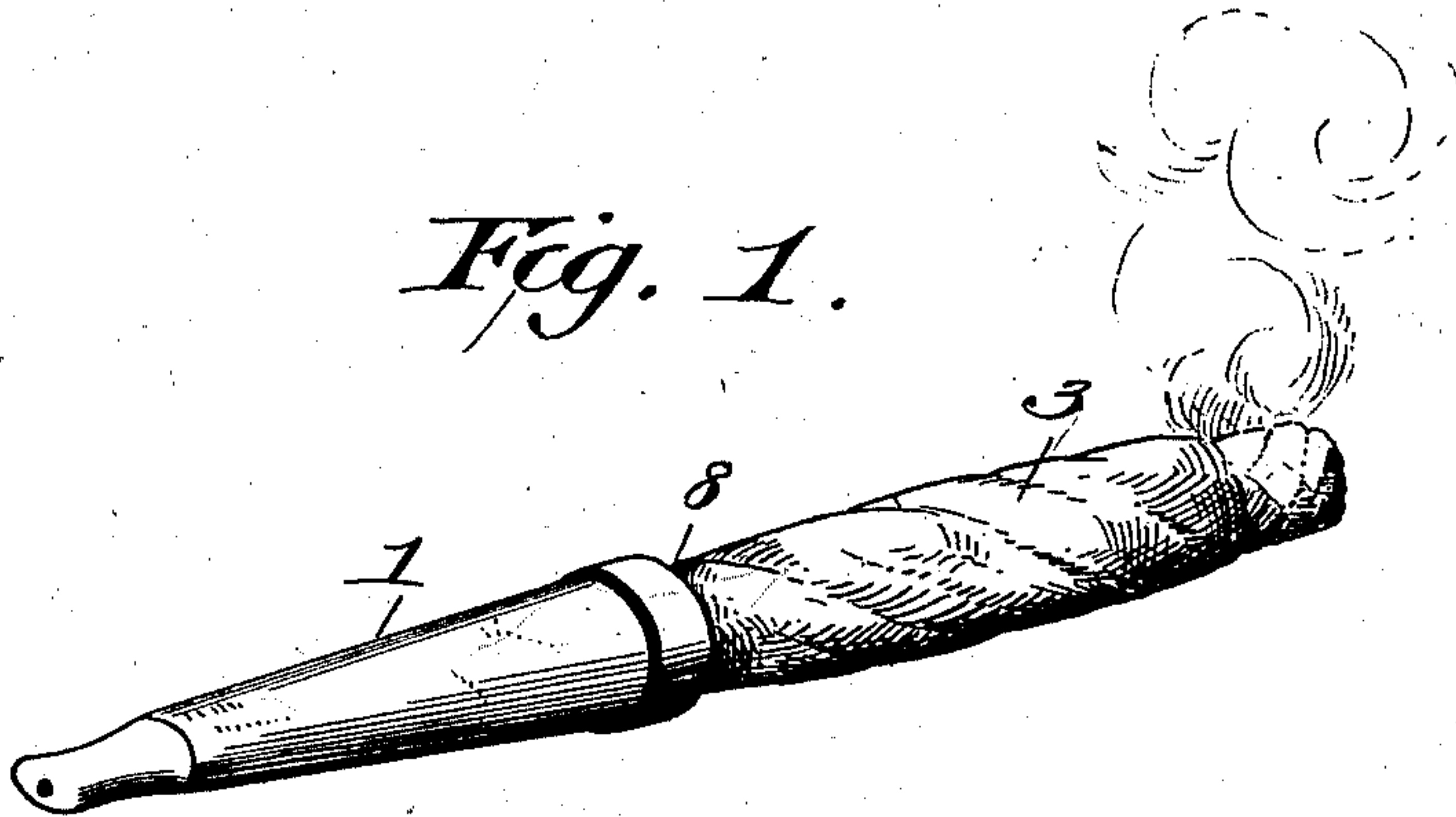


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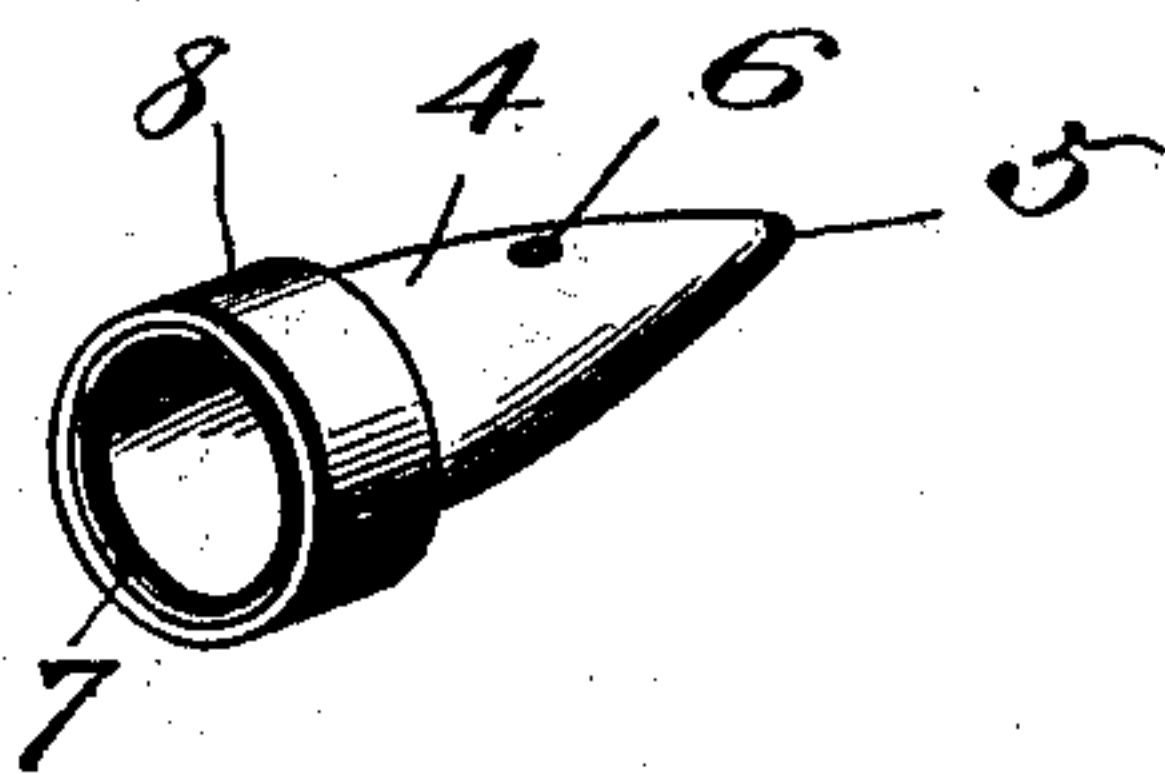


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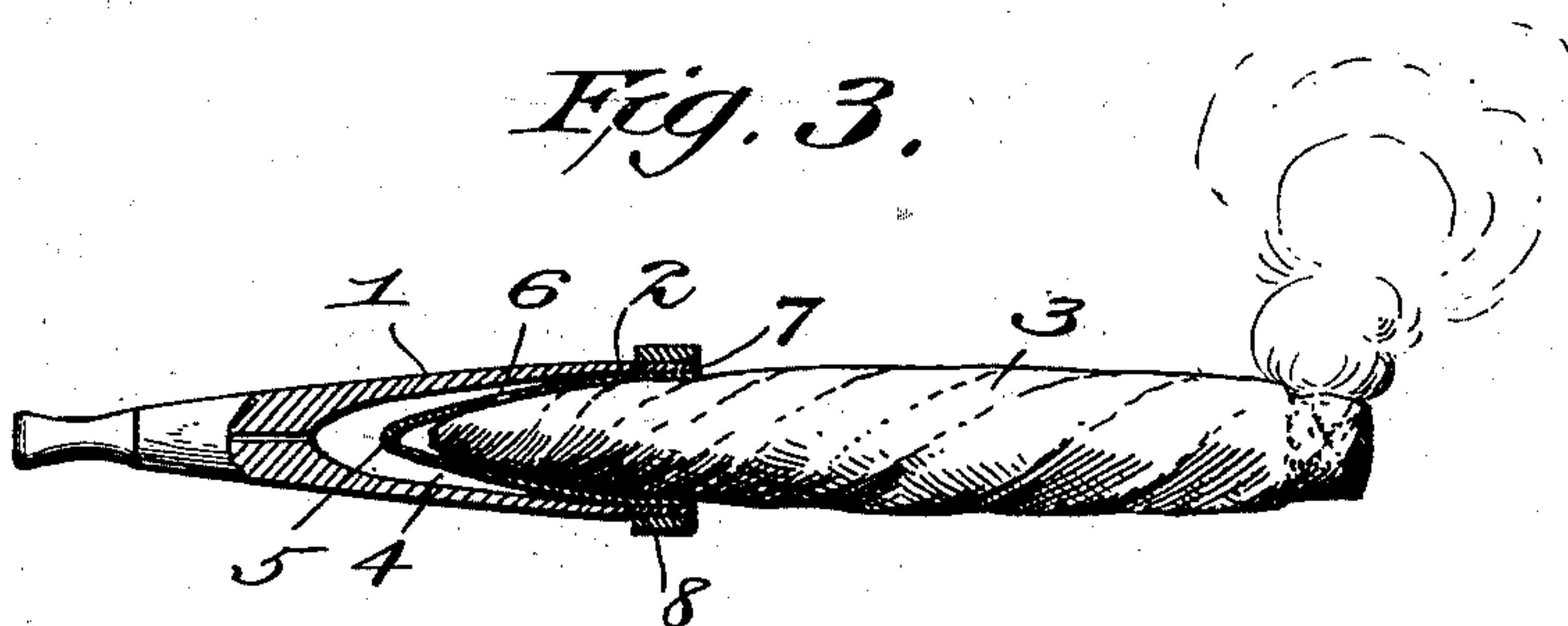


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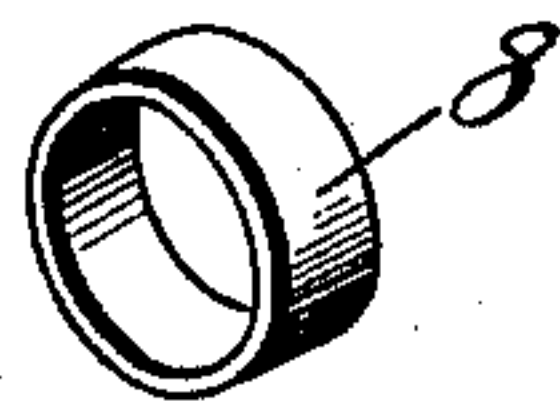
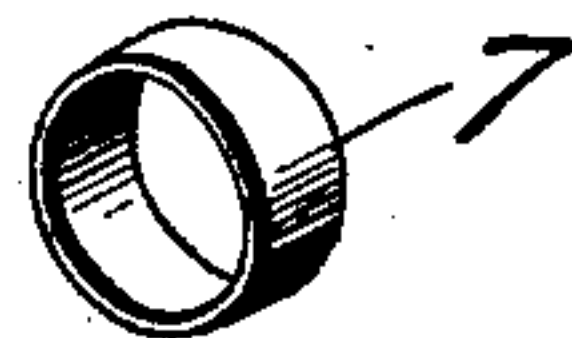


Fig. 5.



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## CIGAR OR CIGARETTE HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES M. BRAGDON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bangor, in the county of Penobscot and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Cigar or Cigarette Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to cigar-holders, and has for its object to produce a device of this kind which will protect the smokers of cigars and cigarettes from nicotin and other poisonous matter; and it consists in the improved construction of the same, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, in which the same reference-numerals indicate corresponding parts in each of the views in which they occur, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an ordinary cigar-holder provided with my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view of my invention detached. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of Fig. 1, and Figs. 4 and 5 are detail views.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 indicates an ordinary cigar-holder, which may be of any desired form, the larger end being provided with the usual opening 2 for the reception of the cigar 3. As ordinarily constructed the nicotin from the tobacco passes through the cigar into the holder, from whence it is taken into the mouth of the smoker and is thus taken up by the system.

To prevent the passage of the nicotin and other poisonous matter which may be in the cigar through the holder, I provide what I shall call a "thimble" 4, which is formed from any suitable material and is adapted to be inserted in the end of the holder and into which the end of the cigar may be inserted in the same manner as though it were being inserted into the end of the holder direct. The inner end of the thimble terminates in a point 5, and one side is provided with an opening 6 intermediate the ends of the thimble, preferably near the outer end. The taper of the thimble is greater than the conical recess in the end of the holder, so that when the thimble is inserted in said recess the opening 6 will be at a sufficient distance from the wall

of the recess to permit of the free passage of air or smoke as the same is drawn through the cigar by the smoker.

Secured to the outer end of the thimble is a yielding washer 7, preferably of felt, and upon the washer is a band or ring 8, which abuts against the end of the cigar-holder when the thimble is in place and limits its further inward movement. This washer and band prevent the air from being drawn into the holder between the inner walls thereof and the outer surface of the conical thimble, so that all the air drawn inwardly passes through the cigar, so that there is no hindrance to the smoking thereof.

In using my invention the thimble is placed in the end of the holder, and the end of a cigar is inserted therein, with its inner end located adjacent to the opening in the side of the thimble. After the cigar has been lighted the smoke can be drawn through the opening in the side of the thimble into the inner portion of the recess in the side of the holder and through the mouthpiece into the mouth of the smoker. The holder is preferably placed in the mouth with the opening in the thimble at the top, so that any nicotin or other poisonous matter which finds its way into the thimble will be retained therein and will not be permitted to run through the opening into the holder, where it might find its way into the mouth of the smoker. After quite a quantity of nicotin has collected in the thimble the thimble can be easily removed from the end of the holder and be cleansed in any desired manner, or the thimble may be thrown away and a new one inserted in its stead.

As above described, it will be seen that my invention is simple, cheap, and efficient and that it can be manufactured and sold independently of the holder to which it is applied, thereby permitting of its passing into more universal use than would be the case if it were necessary to connect it with the holder direct.

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



A device of the kind described comprising in combination, a cigar or cigarette holder, a thimble inserted in the open end of the holder, said thimble being conical in shape, 5 closed at its apex and having an opening adjacent to its apex, a yielding washer secured to the outer end of the thimble and a band or ring attached to the washer and adapted to abut against the end of the holder, substantially as shown and described.

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