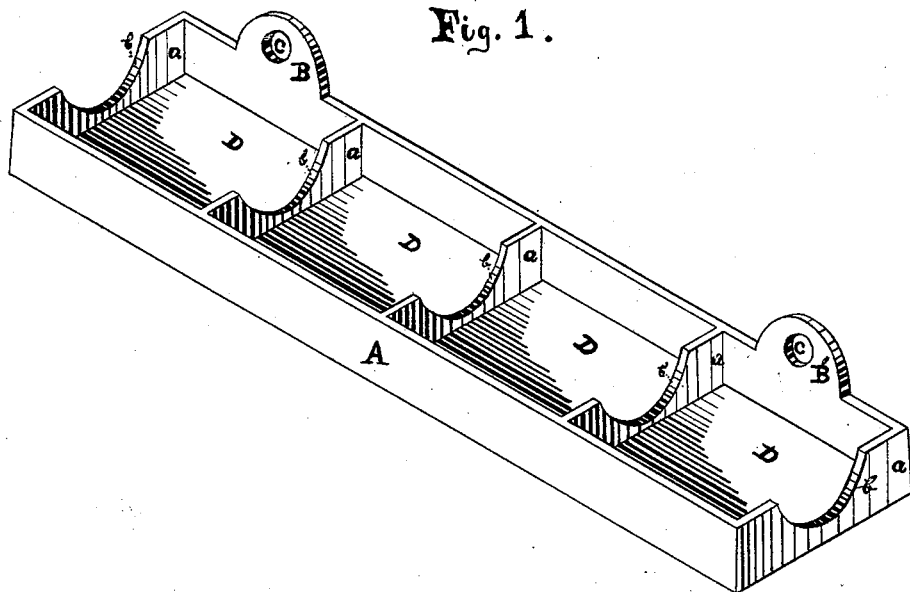


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## IMPROVEMENT IN CIGAR-SUPPORTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK L. OVIATT, of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Cigar Support or Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention is designed as an improvement in cigar rests or holders, to be attached to billiard-tables, desks, &c., as a convenient receptacle for a cigar or cigarette at times when a person may be engaged in a way which makes it inconvenient or disagreeable to hold the same.

The habit (which becomes a necessity from there being no other available place) of laying a lighted cigar upon the edge of a billiard-table is productive of much damage to the highly varnished and finished portions, and injury to the cloth with which the table is covered, in the event of the ashes falling upon it. The cigar is frequently, also, brushed off from the rail or edge, where it is placed, upon the cloth, burning and otherwise injuring it; and, as smoking is almost a universal habit when playing the game, the damage, especially in rooms where a large number of fine tables are in constant use, is very considerable. Besides this, the annoyance to skillful players caused by ashes falling upon the cloth and obstructing the free movement of the balls is one desirable to avoid.

The advantages of my invention in obviating these difficulties will be seen, as it is fastened under the rail or edge, out of the way, and yet readily in place for the uses which it is intended for.

A cigar may be quickly placed in it, and the partitions or ridges will retain it in the position where placed at first until it is desired to remove it again. These partitions

will also allow two or more cigars to be placed in one of the rests conveniently. At the card-table the annoyances incident to placing lighted cigars upon the table will in a like manner be avoided. In its application to desks, or any piece of furniture of the kind where the wood-work or varnish may be liable to damage from lighted cigars, it is desirable.

In the drawing, the figure is a perspective view of my improved cigar-rest, showing the partitions or divisions of the oblong trough-shaped device A. B B' are shoulders, cast in the form shown, of any suitable metal, with the other parts of the rest or holder, being one casting. These shoulders have holes *c c* drilled through their central portions to receive screws or nails, by which they may be fastened to the table or other piece of furniture. *a* are partitions dividing the receptacle into equal portions, having concave recesses on their upper sides to conform to the shape of the cigar and prevent its rolling about, also to hold it above the ashes which may fall into the spaces between D D.

I do not confine myself to this particular pattern or design, but propose to embody the idea and general principle in any suitably-formed device for the purpose.

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

1. The cigar-rest A, having concave recessed partitions *a*, shoulders B B', and holes *c c*, as and for the purposes described.

2. In a cigar-rest, the receptacle A, shoulders B B', and holes *c c*, as and for the purposes described and shown.

This specification signed and witnessed this 6th day of October, 1877.

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