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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION.

An Improved Stand or Holder for Cigarettes and other Small Articles.

We, S. MORDAN AND COMPANY, LIMITED, a British company, of 41, City Road, in the County of London, and PERCY LEONARD BEDFORD, a British subject, of 97, Rushmore Road, Lower Clapton, in the County of Middlesex, do hereby declare the nature of this invention to be as follows :—

10 This invention relates to an improved stand or holder, specially devised for holding cigarettes in houses, clubs, restaurants, but useful also for holding other small objects, and which stand is so constructed, that when open and the contents thereof displayed, they can be readily removed and the stand reclosed, so preserving its contents from dust and/or damp.

20 According to the invention, the stand or holder comprises a rigid body, advantageously cylindrical, mounted fast in the horizontal direction, between supports or bearings, on a base-plate, so imparting to it the appearance of its being

capable of revolution between its supports. 25

The said body portion of the stand is provided with a mouth, or opening, of somewhat ample proportions, that is to say it may extend from end to end thereof. The said mouth or opening is furnished with a pivoted cover or lid, adapted to be opened, or closed, by being swung back or forth, as the case may be, and to a certain extent. The said cover or lid is provided with lateral flaps, or their equivalent, mounted pivotally on the supports or bearings, and which by following the movement of the lid or cover, opens or closes the ends of the body, the extent of movement of said lid or cover being limited by a suitably arranged stop, arranged, say, on the lid or cover. 30 35 40

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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

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This invention relates to an improved

stand, or holder, specially devised for holding cigarettes in houses, clubs, restaurants, and elsewhere, but useful also for holding other comparatively small articles, and which stand is so constructed that, when opened, by partially rotating its lid or cover, its contents are fully displayed, and can be readily got at, the stand being then reclosed, thereby preserving its contents from dust and/or damp. 60 65 70

And in order that the said invention

may be readily understood, we will now describe it fully with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of one form of the stand or holder in its closed condition.

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the same in its open condition.

Fig. 3 is an end view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a transverse section taken on the line 4, 4, of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a modified form of the stand in its open condition, and

Fig. 6 is a transverse section of the same.

A stand or holder constructed in accordance with the invention, and shown in Figs. 1 to 4, comprises a rigid cylindrical body *a*, of metal (or other suitable material). It is supported, at each end, in a sort of cradle *b*, terminating in feet *b*¹. This body is formed, at front, with a mouth *c* (Fig. 2) which may, if desired, extend the entire length of the body (as shown at Fig. 2) so as to allow of the contents being readily got at.

The mouth *c* is provided with a lid or cover *d*, of segmental shape (see Figs. 3 and 4) to correspond with the contour of the body of the stand, and said lid is adapted to be opened, or closed, by being swung backwards, or forwards, as the case may be, on pivots *d*¹, the extent of opening being arrested as hereinafter mentioned. This lid or cover is provided with depending lateral arms, or flaps *e*, turning about the pivots *d*¹ which are arranged centrally on the ends, or cheeks *a*¹, of the body *a*, the said lid or cover being such that, when closed it remains so, by its own weight, and thus prevents the entry of dust or dirt.

A feature of the arrangement is that the said lid or cover can be readily and quickly opened—and closed—by one hand only, without disarranging the contents, whereas other cigarette or like boxes, owing to their being square, or rectangular, and hinged in the ordinary way require to be held with one hand, while being opened with the other, and this feature is due to the fact that the lid as it passes beyond the pivots *d*¹, falls automatically by its own weight, and closes the mouth of the stand or holder.

To limit the extent of opening, and closing, of the cover or lid, this latter is furnished with a stop *f*, fixed to its underside, and which strikes against the back edge of the mouth when opening the stand, or holder, and against the front edge when closing the stand. A thumb-piece *g* facilitates the opening, or the closing, of the said lid or cover.

The body of the stand or holder may be fitted with partitions (not shown in the drawing) so as to divide up its interior into two, three or more compartments, and to separate the contents from each other.

In the arrangement shown in Figs. 5 and 6, the arms or flaps *e*, are replaced by discs *e*¹, pivoted to the ends, or cheeks of the body *a*, and said discs and lid, or cover, form one, so that they turn together.

The stand or holder, instead of being used for containing cigarettes, may be used for holding such articles as cigars, sugar, confectionery, butter, biscuits, and other kindred articles. And it may further be fitted with a detachable glass, or porcelain, lining which, when necessary, can be removed for cleaning.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of our said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, we declare that what we claim is:—

1. A stand or holder for cigarettes, and other comparatively small articles, comprising a suitably supported rigid cylindrical body provided, at the front, with a mouth adapted to be opened, or closed, by a segmentally shaped lid or cover pivoted, by depending lateral arms, or flaps, to the centre of the ends or cheeks of the body, and a stop on said lid to limit its extent of opening, and of closing, the lid or cover being so arranged that as it passes beyond its pivots it falls automatically by its own weight and closes the stand or holder, substantially as hereinbefore described.

2. In a stand, or holder, as above claimed, the modified arrangement wherein the pivoted arms, or flaps, of the lid or cover are replaced by discs fast on said lid and turning about pivots arranged centrally in the ends or cheeks of the body of the stand or holder, substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to Figs. 5 and 6, of the annexed drawings.

3. The stand or holder as herein described with reference to, and as shewn in, the annexed drawings.

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Reference has been directed, in pursuance of Section 7, Sub-section 4, of the Patents and Designs Acts, 1907 and 1919, to Specification No. 4460 of 1889.

[This Drawing is a reproduction of the Original on a reduced scale.]

