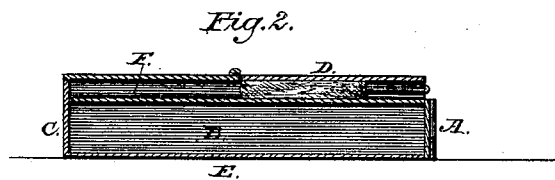
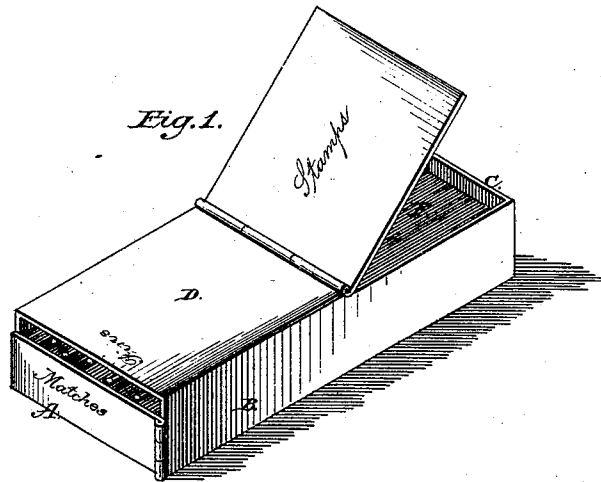


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COMBINED MATCH-SAFE, PIN-CUSHION. &c.

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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED MATCH-SAFES, PIN-CUSHIONS, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRVING C. COWLES, of Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga and State of New York, have invented a new, novel, and useful article for the pocket, consisting of a match-safe, pin-cushion, and a receptacle for postage-stamps.

Construction and operation of my invention are fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section.

A B C, the match-safe; D, the pin-cushion, and F the stamp-receptacle.

The object of my invention is to form, in a novel and economical manner, in connection with a match-safe, a convenient pin-cushion and safe mode of carrying postage stamps without their becoming sticky from the moisture of the body, or getting otherwise soiled.

My invention is constructed in the following manner: A box, E, Fig. 2, is formed of convenient size for the vest-pocket, in which three-fourths of the space is divided lengthwise for the match-safe A B C. The remaining one-fourth is divided crosswise—one-half for the pin-cushion D, the other half for the postage-stamp receptacle F. The stamp-receptacle and match-safe have covers hinged in the usual manner. Each part is so arranged that one will not interfere with the other.

I claim as my invention—

An article for the pocket, consisting of the match-safe A B C, having on half of one of its sides a pin-cushion, D, and on the other half of the same side a receptacle for postage-stamps, F, substantially as described.

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