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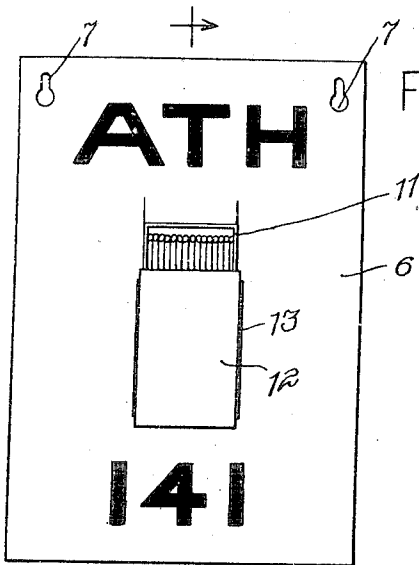


Fig. 1.

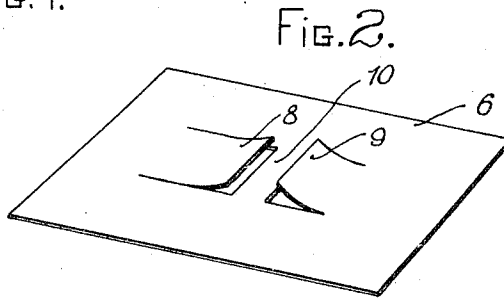


Fig. 2.



Fig. 4.

Fig. 5.

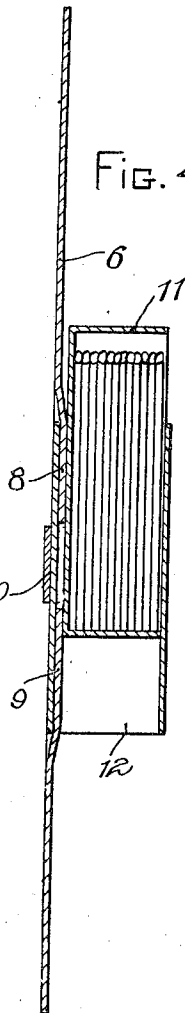
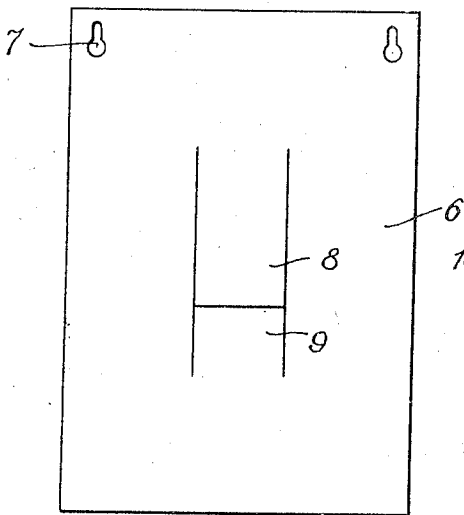
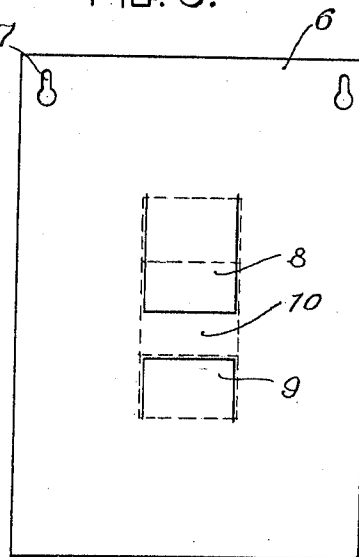


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN F. KLEIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Match-Box Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, concise, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to match box holders and is particularly concerned with that class of devices wherein the holder proper is in the form of a placard adapted to bear advertising matter of any suitable description.

It is the object of my invention to provide such a holder which, though not necessarily so, may be formed of pasteboard of the usual thickness employed for advertising placard purposes.

The novelty of my invention resides in the means for attaching the match box to the support, the particular means being consistent with my purpose to secure a simple efficient and inexpensive device.

The type of match box which the holder of my invention is adapted to support is the ordinary telescope or slide match box, ordinarily called a "safety" match box, such as are usually discarded when their contents have been exhausted.

The holder of my invention is in the form of a sheet, as hereinbefore stated, and is prepared for the reception of the match box by a simple operation of incision and without cutting away any part of the sheet. Once in place, the match box is held open by frictional engagement so that the matches may be readily removed therefrom and, as a whole, is held positively and with sufficient rigidity to warrant striking the matches on the prepared roughened surfaces usually provided on the sides of the box.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of the holder, showing the match box in place; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the holder, the match box being removed; Fig. 3 is an elevational view of the holder, two positions of the box being indicated in dotted lines; Fig. 4 is an enlarged longitudinal sectional view, taken on the plane 4, 4 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 5 is an elevational view of a modified form of my invention.

The holder proper is in the form of a card

6, which is considerably larger than the ordinary match box so as to provide room for any desired advertising matter, as indicated. As shown at 7, 7, the card may be provided with suitable apertures to provide for hanging the card in some convenient manner. As best shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the card is subjected to two U-shaped incisions lying in longitudinal registration with each other, one of said incisions being longer than the other. Such incisions leave the tongues 8 and 9, the tongue 8 being the larger of the two, and a bridge 10 which is effective in retaining the substantial rigidity of the card. The match box, as above stated, is of the ordinary type, comprising a receptacle 11 and a sleeve 12, and the tongues 8 and 9 are of such width as to fit snugly in the sleeve between the sleeve proper and the receptacle at the back thereof, as indicated in Fig. 4.

In placing the match box on the card, the longer tongue, in this instance the tongue 8, is inserted in the sleeve in back of the match receptacle and the entire arrangement is slid upwardly on this tongue into the upper position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3. The vertical parts of the U-shaped incision which results in the tongue 8 are of such length that the match box may be raised beyond the vertical part of the U-shaped incision which results in the other tongue. That is, the distance from the root of the tongue 8 to the top of the tongue 9 is at least as great, if not greater, than the length of the sleeve 12. After the match box has been placed in the position just described, the tongue 9 is guided into the sleeve, in back of the receptacle, and the arrangement is slid downwardly into the lower position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3. The box is brought downwardly as far as it will go, that is, to the root of the tongue 9, and the relative dimensions are such that when in this position a considerable part of the tongue 8 still lies within the sleeve of the match box. That is, the length of the sleeve 12 is greater than the distance from the root of the tongue 9 to the lower end of the tongue 8. After the match box has thus been mounted in place, the receptacle portion 11 may be moved upwardly to expose the matches to access, but not beyond the upper end of the tongue 9. Frictional engagement will hold the receptacle in place, chiefly because of the in-

roduction of the flaps between the receptacle and its sleeve if for no other reason, and the positive engagement of the sleeve 12 at the lower ends of the lower incision 5 will afford means whereby the matches may be struck on the sides of the box where the usual prepared roughened surfaces 13 are provided.

10 In Fig. 5 I have shown a modification whereby the incisions comprise merely two longitudinal cuts and one transverse cut connecting the two. In this arrangement the bridge or cross piece 10 is not provided, but otherwise the above description would 15 apply properly thereto.

It is clear that the supporting member may be either a card, as above suggested, or sheet metal, the only requisite being that it be flexible to some extent. The construction is not such that a card would be sub- 20 jected to cracking, nor is it such that the

card need be of any more rigidity than that of the ordinary pasteboard now commonly employed for placard purposes.

I claim as new and desire to secure by 25 Letters Patent:

A match box holder comprising essentially a single sheet having two separate longitudinally alining U-shaped incisions to leave two tongues extending toward each 30 other, and a transverse bridge part, the distance from the root of one tongue to the end of the other being greater than the distance from the root of the other to the end of said first-named tongue. 35

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 5th day of March, A. D. 1910.

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