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MATCH BOOK HOLDER

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Fig. 1.

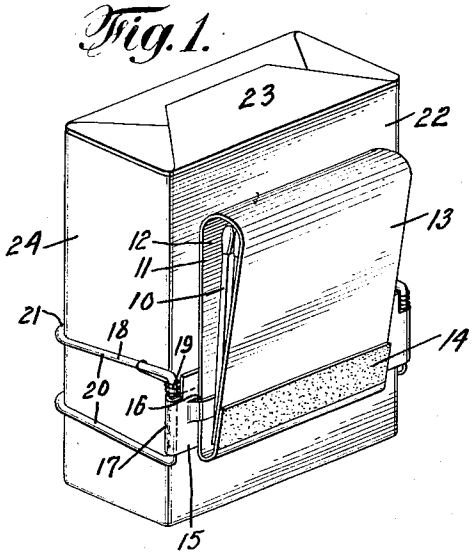


Fig. 2.

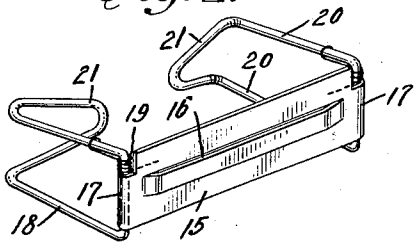


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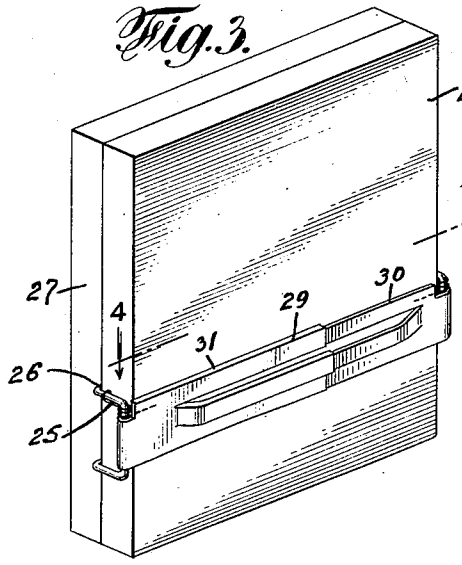
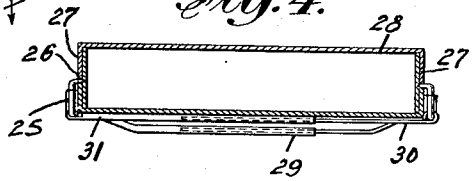


Fig. 4.



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The present invention relates to improvements in match-book holders, and has for its object to provide a device of this type which is adapted to be attached to cigarette packages and cigarette boxes.

Another object of the invention is to produce a device of the character mentioned which is simple in construction, efficient in operation, durable in use and capable of manufacture on a commercial scale, or in other words one which is not so difficult to make as to be beyond the reasonable cost of such a contrivance.

With these and other objects in view, which will more fully appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the combination, arrangement and construction of parts hereinafter described, pointed out in the appended claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, it being understood that many changes may be made in the size and proportion of the several parts and details of construction within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

Two of the many possible embodiments of the invention are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cigarette package with a match-book holder, constructed in accordance with the present invention, applied thereto; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the holder shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a cigarette box and a modified match-book holder in position thereon; and Fig. 4 is a section taken on the plane 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Generally speaking, the match-book holder comprises a base provided with two slots through which the backing of a match-book may be extended so as to be held thereon, in combination with two spring-pressed clamps for engagement with a cigarette package or cigarette box, as the case may be.

The well-known match-book consists, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, of one or two cards of matches 10, which are attached at their stub ends to a cover 11 of paper or other cheap material, said cover including a backing 12 to which said matches are attached, a cover flap 13 made integral with the said backing, and a friction surface 14, against which the matches may be scratched.

Having now reference to Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, the improved match-book holder comprises an oblong base 15 made of suitable sheet material, preferably metal. This base is provided with two parallel longitudinal slots 16, the material of the base between the said slots being bent out of the plane of said base to permit of the insertion of the match-book cover between the base and the outwardly bent portion thereof, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The length of each slot must obviously exceed that of the width of the match-book cover. Each shorter edge portion of the base is of tubular shape, as shown at 17. On the same is oscillatably mounted a wire clamp 18, extending rearwardly of the base. With each wire clamp co-operates a spring 19, the latter having a tendency to swing the clamp toward the back-face of the base. The clamps are substantially L-shaped in configuration, their legs 20 being each of a length corresponding to the width of a cigarette package of standard size, and their bases 21 extending substantially at right angles to their legs, as clearly shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings.

In mounting a match-book on the improved holder, the cover flap 13 of the book is disengaged from the friction surface 14 and drawn through the slots 16 until the outwardly bent portion of the base 15 is brought opposite to said friction surface. The cover flap 13 is then engaged with the friction surface. The clamps 18 are then forced outward against the action of their springs 19, and the said base with the match-book mounted thereon placed against one of the sides 22 of the cigarette package 23 (Fig. 1). After this, the legs 20 of the clamps are engaged with the ends 24 of the cigarette package, in which case the bases 21 of the said clamps abut against the other side of the package, the springs 19 maintaining the said clamps in engagement with the cigarette package so that the match-book is held firmly in position thereon. The match-book may be used in the ordinary manner, the cover be-

ing removed from the base when the matches are consumed.

The modification illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawings differs from the one above described mainly in that the clamps 25 thereof have pointed free ends, as indicated at 26, which are adapted to be pressed into the ends 27 of a cigarette box 28, the latter being made of cardboard or the like, as usual in these devices. Inasmuch as the cigarette boxes are not of standard size, the base 29 is made of two sections 30 and 31 which are slidable upon one another, so that the length of the base may be varied according to the requirements. Otherwise the construction and operation of the device are the same as those described in connection with Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings.

What I claim is:—

1. A match-book holder comprising a base, said base being made of two sections slidably mounted on one another whereby its length may be varied, means on said base for mounting a match-book thereon, and spring-pressed clamping means on said base for attaching the latter to a receptacle.

2. A match-book holder comprising a base provided with two slots, said base being made of two sections slidably mounted on one another whereby its length may be varied, the material of the said base between the said slots being bent out of the plane of the latter so that the cover of a match-book may be drawn between said base and said outwardly bent portion thereof to hold the match-book in position on said base, and two spring-pressed clamps mounted on said base for attaching the latter to a receptacle.

Signed at New York city, in the county of New York, and State of New York, this 15th day of October, A. D. 1929.

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