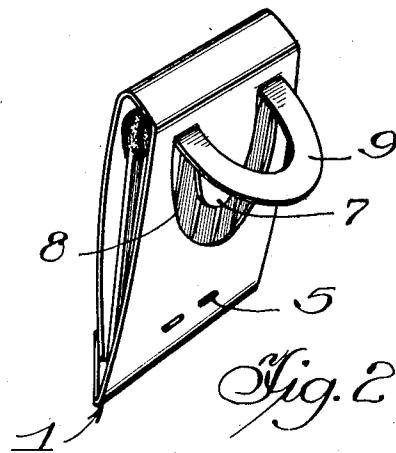
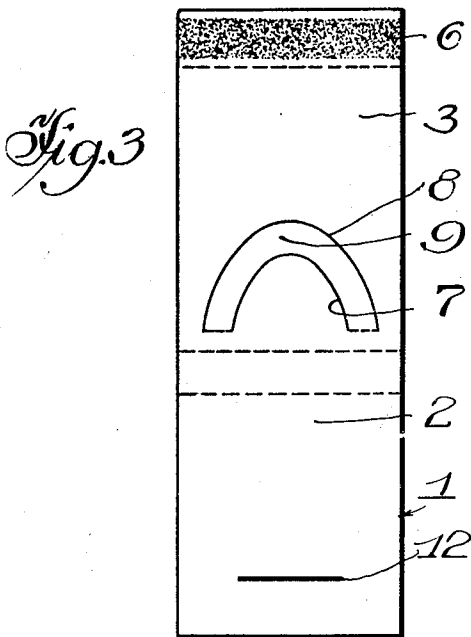
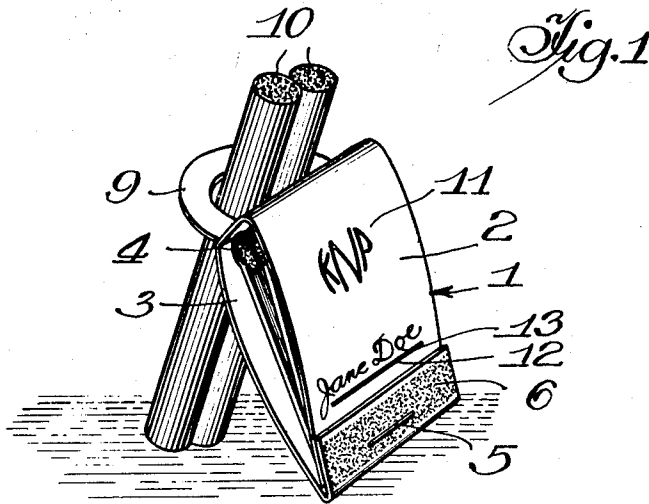


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The present invention relates to match books and more particularly to a novel match book which may also be used as a place card and cigarette supply at a banquet, dinner party or similar affair.

By means of my invention it is possible to provide a place card that is attractive and at the same time has utilitarian advantages. At most dinners and similar affairs it is customary to furnish each guest with a supply of matches and cigarettes as well as to have a place card to designate where each shall sit. Frequently these take up such an amount of space as to result in a crowded condition of the table. By using my invention it is possible to put cigarettes, matches and the place card all in a very small space, the cigarettes serving as a means to hold the match book place card in a position where it can be readily seen. The novelty of the place card of course adds to its attractiveness.

In practice the host may have a supply of the match books made up with his initials thereon. In the case of a club or the like its name or insignia etc. will be printed or otherwise placed on the match book. A place is left on the front of the book for the guest's name. It is understood that the name of the host, club etc. is not a necessary part of the invention and that the match books may be made without any writing on the front cover.

The guest's name is written on the front and the cigarettes placed in the back cover. The place card is then put in position at the proper place at the table and held in upright position by the cigarettes. The guest may then easily and quickly find his place at the table and will be supplied with matches and cigarettes for use during the meal.

An object of the invention is to provide a place card which serves as a supply of matches and cigarettes for the guest. Another object is to provide an attractive favor for hotels, restaurants etc. to present to their patrons. When so used the place card feature is omitted.

Further objects are to provide a construction of maximum simplicity, efficiency, economy and ease of assembly, and such further objects, advantages and capabilities as will later more fully appear and as are inherently possessed thereby.

The invention further resides in the combination, construction and arrangements of parts illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and while there is shown therein a preferred embodiment, it is to be understood that the same is

susceptible of modification and change, and comprehends other details and constructions without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Referring to the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a front view in perspective of my novel place card showing the same held in upright position by the cigarettes.

Fig. 2 is a view in perspective of the back of the match box showing how the holder is cut therefrom.

Fig. 3 is a view of the cover after it has been cut but before the matches have been placed therein.

Referring more particularly to the drawing disclosing my preferred embodiment 1 represents the match book the cover of which has been folded to form a front 2 and a back 3. Matches are held in the book by clip 5 and striking material is provided as shown at 6. The usual match book may be used and no claim is made to any particular form thereof.

The back cover is cut in two concentric arcs 7 and 8 whereby to form a loop 9 into which cigarettes 10 are placed to hold the card in upright position as shown in Fig. 1. It is of course understood that the cover may be cut, or have pieces added thereto, in any manner to retain the cigarettes without departing from the spirit of my invention.

The front cover may have the initials of the host thereon as shown at 11 and may also be marked with a line 12 on which the name of the guest 13 is written. Or the front cover may contain no printing and the name of the guest may be written thereon anywhere, the arrangement of this cover being no part of my invention and may be left to the taste of each user.

It is believed that the manner of practicing my invention is obvious. The guest's name is written on the front cover of the book and cigarettes are inserted into the loop. The book is then set at the guest's place and held in upright position by the cigarettes. The guest is thereby provided with matches and cigarettes. Because of its upright position the place card may be easily read.

Having thus disclosed my invention, I claim:

1. A combination place card, match book and cigarette retainer comprising a match book having a front cover adapted to receive the name of the guest thereon and a back cover provided with means formed from the rear thereof for re-

ceiving cigarettes whereby to hold the book in upright position.

2. In a match book, a loop formed of and projecting from the back cover thereof to provide means for holding cigarettes for maintaining the book in upright position.

3. A support for a match book comprising a holding means attached to the back cover of said book, and cigarettes held in and projecting through said means whereby to support said book in upright position.

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