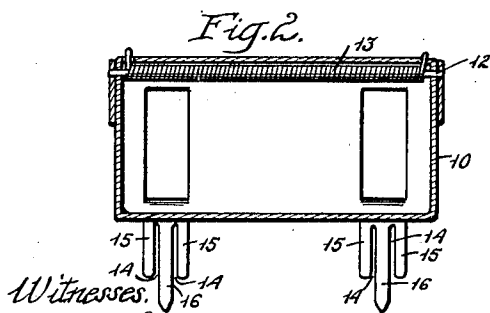
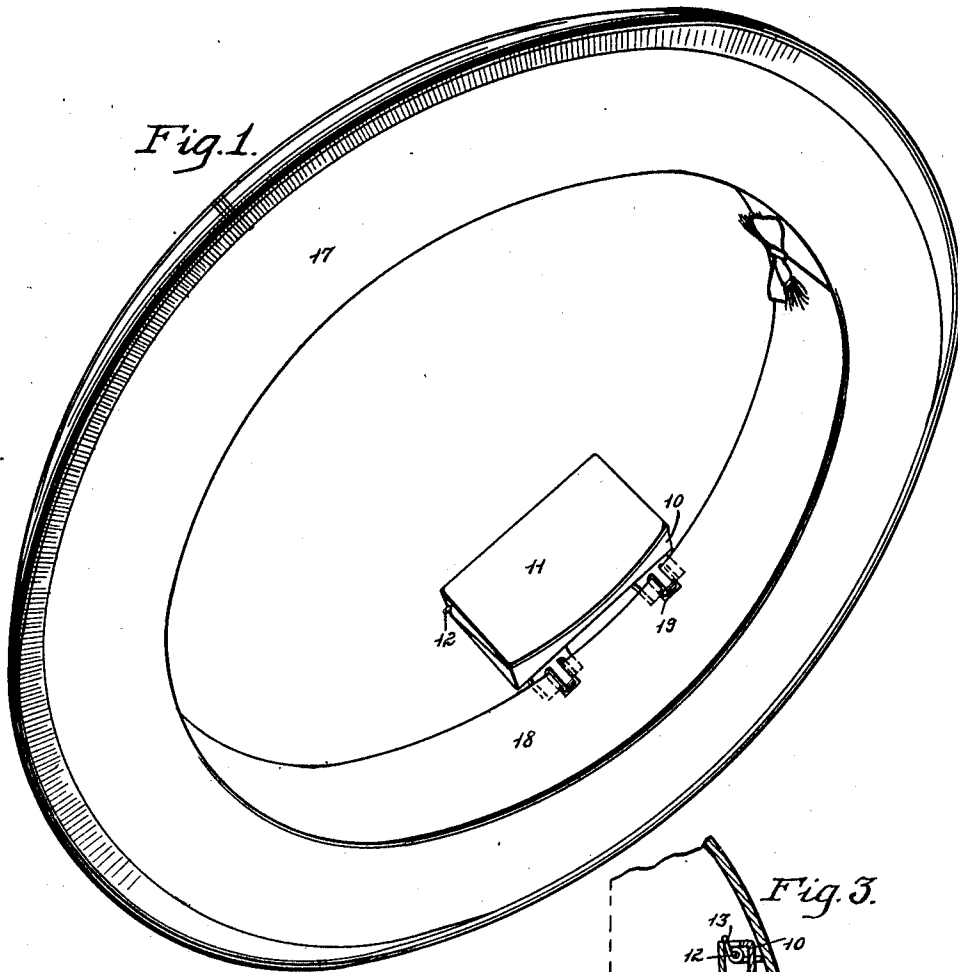


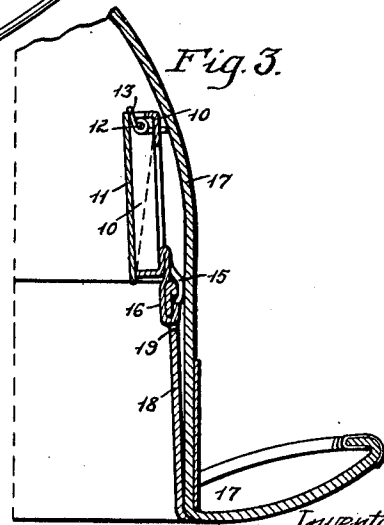
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED C. SPARKS, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Sharon, in the county of Mahaska and State of Iowa, have invented a certain new and useful Match-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a match holder of extremely simple, durable and inexpensive construction adapted to be placed inside a hat and to be detachably secured to the sweat band.

More particularly, my object is to provide such a match holder having means whereby said holder may be quickly and easily secured to the sweat band of a hat which means may be easily detached from the sweat band when it is desired to remove the match holder from the hat.

My invention consists in certain details, in the construction, arrangement, and combination of the various parts of the device, whereby the objects contemplated are attained, as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in my claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a perspective view of a hat and of a match holder embodying my invention secured thereto. Fig. 2 shows a central, vertical, sectional view through the match holder. Fig. 3 shows a central, vertical, sectional view through the match holder and a part of a hat to which said match holder is secured.

In the accompanying drawings, I have used the reference numeral 10 to indicate the body of my improved match holder. The body 10 is provided with a lid 11 which is hinged to the body 10 by means of a rod 12 on which is a coil spring 13 which exerts yielding pressure to normally hold said lid in its closed position. In general, the body and lid of my improved match holder may be of any ordinary construction except that the body must be composed of suitable metal from which to make the sections hereinafter described. The body 10 is preferably rectangular in cross section, and of comparatively slight depth, in order that it may not interfere with the comfort of the wearer of the hat.

In the manufacture of my improved match holder two rectangular sections are cut from the bottom of the holder near the ends thereof. One end of each of said sections is left attached to the body 10. Said

sections are then folded over on the outside of the body 10 until they are substantially parallel and adjacent to the bottom of said body with their free ends extending considerably beyond the edge of said body as clearly shown in Fig. 2. In the free ends of said sections are cut parallel, longitudinal slots 14 thereby forming three tongues. The middle tongue of each section is indicated by the reference numeral 16 and the two outside tongues of each section are indicated by the reference numeral 15.

My improved match holder is designed to be secured to a hat 17 in the following manner: The sweat band 18 of the hat is provided with two small perforations 19. My improved match holder is placed on the sweat band with the tongues 15 on one side of said band and the tongues 14 on the other side of said band. The bottom of my improved holder is constructed of resilient metal which can be bent without breaking. The ends of the tongues 16 are inserted through the slots 19 and folded over against the sweat band as clearly shown in Fig. 3. It will be seen that the match holder will thus be firmly held in position and the stiffness of the sweat band will easily hold the box against the frame of the hat so that it will not touch the head of the wearer. The openings left by the sections cut from the bottom of the holder are located adjacent to the body of the hat as shown in Fig. 3. When it is desired to remove my match holder, this can be easily done by bending the ends of the tongues 16 until they are straight.

It requires no additional material other than that ordinarily used in the construction of the match box, to make my improved holder. The sections from which the tongues 15 and 16 are formed, are cut from the bottom of the holder without in any way affecting its value as a receptacle for matches. The opening left by such sections are comparatively small and matches cannot escape through them.

I claim as my invention:

1. The combination of a hat with a match holder, comprising a box, a spring actuated lid thereon, two sections being cut from the bottom of said box with one end remaining attached thereto and being folded over adjacent to the said bottom and having slots cut in their free ends leaving three tongues, said match holder being attached to the

sweat band of said hat with the outer pair of each three tongues on one side of said band and the inner one of each three tongues on the other side of said sweat band, the
5 free ends of said middle tongues being inserted through said sweat band and folded back toward said match holder.

2. The combination of a hat having a sweat band having two perforations therein
10 with a match holder comprising a box, and spring actuated lid thereon, said box having two sections cut from its bottom, with one end of each of said sections attached to said bottom, each of said sections being folded
15 over adjacent to said bottom and having

parallel, longitudinal slots cut therein, whereby three tongues are formed, said match holder being secured to said sweat band with the two outside tongues of each section on one side of said sweat band and 20 the middle tongue of each section on the other side of said sweat band, the ends of said middle tongues being inserted through the perforations in said sweat band and folded back toward said match holder.

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