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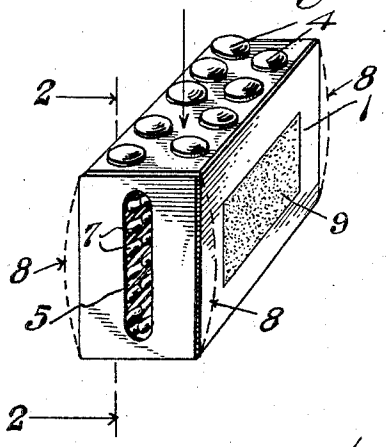
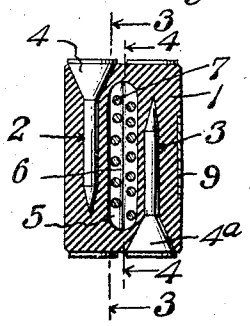


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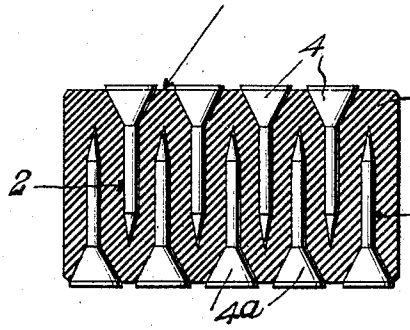


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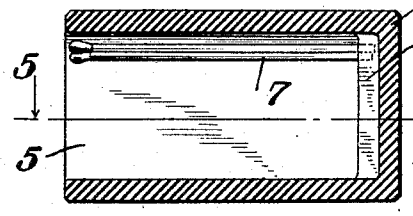


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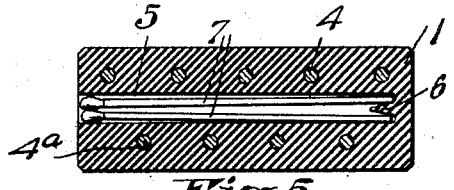


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This invention is an article for use of golf players as a pocket convenience. It comprises a receptacle that serves as a container for tees and matches.

An object of the invention is to provide a combined tee and match receptacle that is compact, of light weight and made of soft material, so that the tees can not rattle and both the tees and matches will stay in place until needed, notwithstanding the receptacle has no cover for that purpose.

Another object is to provide a retainer that will firmly hold the matches and tees so that they can not be spilled, even though the article is dropped on the ground, yet will release a single match or a tee by the pressure of the finger properly applied to the outside of the container.

With these objects in view, the container is so designed as to provide maximum carrying capacity in a minimum of space and is made of soft flexible material such as soft rubber. This not only permits the container to be bent or pressed by the fingers to release a match or tee, but makes the article sufficiently soft and flexible to be comfortably carried in the user's pocket. The soft rubber has the further advantage of clinging to the individual tees and matches to hold them in place.

The tees are arranged in the container, nine on each side. They are in staggered relation and arranged in two rows, one row containing five tees and the other four. The nine tees stored in the other side of the container are also arranged in staggered relation and the shanks lie between the shanks of the tees on the other side of the container, the row of four on one side being interspersed between the row of five on the other side. Thus space is economized and a minimum of material is required for making the container.

Another object is to provide means in the bottom of the match receptacle whereby the ends of the matches will be yieldingly held until the matches are withdrawn for use.

With the foregoing and certain other objects in view, which will appear later in the specification, my invention comprises the devices described and claimed and the equivalents thereof.

In the drawings Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the receptacle with the tees and matches in place.

Fig. 2 is a transverse section on the plane indicated by the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a similar section on line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a horizontal section on line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

As is clearly shown in the drawings, the receptacle consists in a body 1 of soft flexible molded rubber or similar material formed with two rows of holes 2, 3, to receive the tees 4. Similarly, the bottom of the receptacle is formed with perforations to receive nine tees 4^a, and as shown in Fig. 3, the shanks of the top row of tees alternate with the shanks of the bottom row 4^a, thus reducing as much as possible the amount of material required for the container.

The container can be made so that any desired number of tees can be stored in each side, but for convenience I prefer to have nine on a side, corresponding to nine holes in a round of golf.

The two sets of holes 2, 3 are spaced apart and between them is formed a cavity 5 for matches. The bottom of the cavity is formed with a centrally disposed inwardly projecting bladelike leaf 6, which being of flexible material will cause the ends of the matches 7 to cling in place until removed for use.

Downward pressure, in the direction of the arrow, upon the top of the container will result in bulging the sides, as shown at 8, and the matches are thereby released to some extent from the clinging of the container, so they can be easily removed, one at a time.

Similarly, pressure in the direction of the arrow in Fig. 3 will sufficiently distort the flexible rubber so that any individual tee can be removed. The whole body, being flexible and made up substantially of thin walls that surround the cavity 5 and the holes 2 and 3, can be bent in various ways to release the articles, but it immediately springs back into normal position.

On one side of the body 1 I provide an abrasive surface 9, such as a strip of emery

cloth, cemented to the side, or a roughened metal plate, upon which to scratch matches.

By the means above described I have produced a simple and relatively inexpensive article of considerable convenience for the use of golf players, and having all of the advantages first mentioned herein.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A receptacle for tees and matches comprising a body of soft resilient material, said body formed with holes to receive tees, a cavity between said holes for receiving matches, said body adapted to exert normal clinging force upon the tees and matches and to partially relieve such clinging force when the flexible body is bent, for the purposes set forth.

2. In a container of the class described having a flexible body of soft material, said body having its upper surface formed with two rows of staggered perforations to receive the shanks of golf tees, its lower face formed with two similar rows of holes alternating with the holes of the first mentioned rows, a cavity for the reception of matches between said rows of holes and a flexible leaf-member at one end of said cavity to yieldingly hold the ends of said matches, for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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