

Jan. 31, 1928.

1,657,789

W. H. COLGATE.

MATCH BOOK HOLDER

Filed June 5, 1926

Fig. 1.

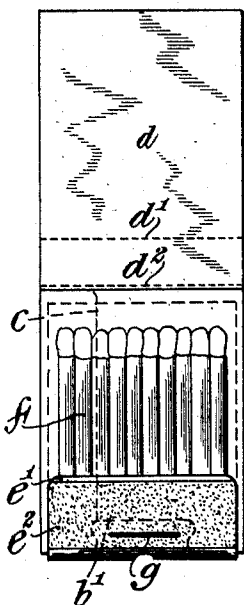


Fig. 4.

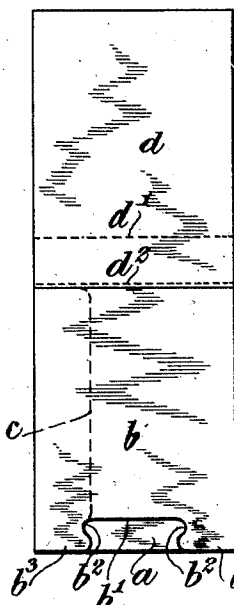


Fig. 5.

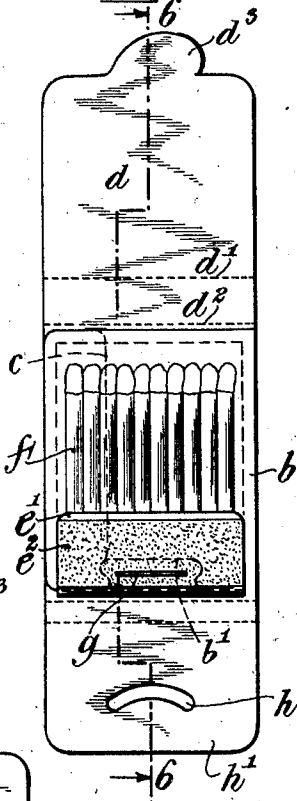


Fig. 6.

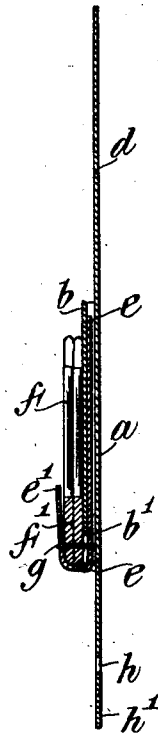


Fig. 2.

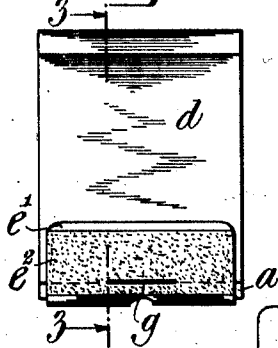


Fig. 8.

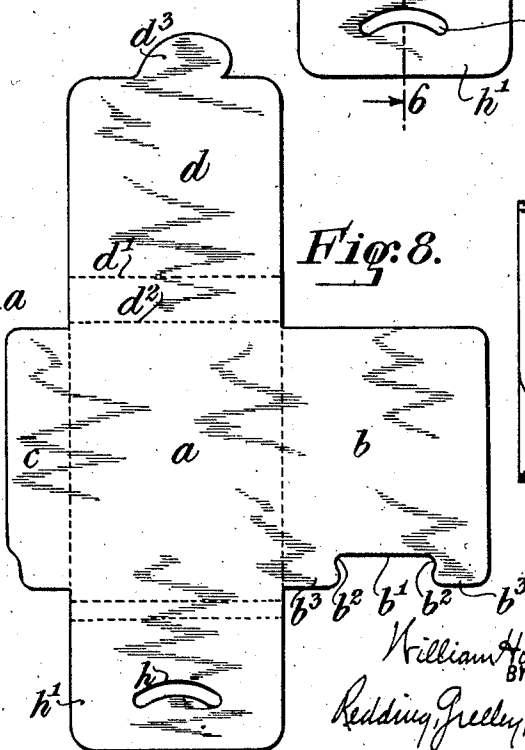


Fig. 7.

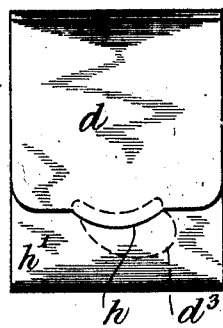
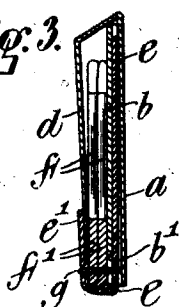


Fig. 3.



INVENTOR

William Homer Colgate
By Redding, Freely, Shea & Humphrell
ATTORNEYS

Patented Jan. 31, 1928.

1,657,789

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

WILLIAM HOMER COLGATE, OF LARCHMONT, NEW YORK.

MATCH-BOOK HOLDER.

Application filed June 5, 1926. Serial No. 113,850.

In another application of the present applicant for Letters Patent, Serial No. 28,107, filed May 5, 1925, there is shown and described a holder or temporary cover for the reception of match books, such as are commonly sold and used in great numbers, consisting of several short strips of paper matches secured together in a book or package, with a paper cover or back and an ignition strip. The body of the cover or back usually has a lower end lapped upon the lower end of the match strips, with a wire staple securing the match strips between the two parts of the cover or body and placed near the lower edge, an ignition strip being applied to the overlapped portion of the back. The present invention relates to match book holders of this general type and it has for its object to reduce the cost of manufacture considerably and at the same time to provide a holder of such a character as to permit the ready removal of an exhausted match book and the replacement of a fresh match book, while holding the match book securely in place. In the improved construction advantage is taken of the usual provision of the staple which secures the match strips to the back to enable such frictional engagement between the match book and the holder to be secured as will effectively prevent the accidental displacement of the match book from the holder while permitting its ready removal when required.

The invention will be more fully explained hereinafter with reference to the accompanying drawing in which it is illustrated and in which:—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation showing a match book applied to an open holder.

Figure 2 is a similar view of a holder closed upon a match book.

Figure 3 is a view in section on the plane indicated by the broken line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 1, but with the match book removed from the holder.

Figure 5 is a view similar to Figure 1 but with a slightly modified form of the holder.

Figure 6 is a view in section on the plane indicated by the broken line 6—6 of Figure 5.

Figure 7 is a view in elevation of a closed holder.

Figure 8 is a view of the integral blank

from which the holder shown in Figures 5, 6 and 7 is formed.

The blank for the form of holder shown in Figures 1-4 is the same as that shown in Figure 8 for the holders shown in Figures 5, 6 and 7, except that in the blank represented in Figures 1-4 the upper end flap is somewhat shorter and has no tab, being adapted to be engaged under the ignition strip of the match book, and that it has no bottom flap.

The improved holder may be formed of any suitable material, a good quality of cardboard, of a distinctive and artistic coloration, being preferred. It comprises a body *a*, a lateral flap *b*, which is preferably of a width substantially equal to that of the body *a*, an opposite lateral flap *c*, preferably narrow, and a top or upper flap *d*, which is preferably creased or scored, as indicated at *d*¹ and *d*², to facilitate the closing of the top or upper flap upon the match book, as shown in Figures 2 and 3. The lateral flap *b* is secured at its edge portion upon the lateral flap *c*, as by a suitable adhesive, forming between the body *a* and the flaps *b*, *c*, a pocket for the reception of the back *e* to which the match strips *f* are secured by a wire staple *g* which passes through the back *e* and its overlapped extension *e*¹ and through the interposed bases *f*¹ of the match strips *f*. The exposed face of the flap *e*¹ receives, as at *e*², the ignition material, forming the ignition strip.

In order that a sufficient frictional engagement between the match book and the holder may be secured, to prevent accidental disengagement of the match book from the holder, the flap *b* is recessed at its lower edge, as indicated at *b*¹ in Figures 4 and 8, the ends of the recess being preferably somewhat undercut, as indicated at *b*². This construction permits the back of the stapled match book to be pushed into the pocket formed in the holder as described until further movement is prevented by contact of the lateral portions *b*³ with the fold at the lower edge of the match book, as shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3. Such lateral portions *b*³ therefore stand at opposite sides of the staple *g* between the back of the match book and the match strips where they are held tightly together by the staple. Thereby is secured such frictional engagement between the match book and the holder that accidental displacement of the match book from the

holder is prevented, while it is easy to withdraw an exhausted match book when desired.

The construction shown in Figures 5-8 is the same as that already described with reference to Figures 1-4, except that the top or upper flap d is formed with a tab d^3 for interlocking in the slit h of a bottom flap h^1 which is extended from the body a and is turned upward and lapped over the match book. The construction shown in Figures 1-4 serves all practical purposes and costs somewhat less in material.

I claim as my invention:

A holder for stapled match books con-

sisting of an integral piece of material which comprises a body part, a lateral flap recessed from its lower edge to accommodate the stapled portion of the match book and to be engaged frictionally by the match book, shoulders formed with the notch to engage the staple at either end thereof to prevent lateral movement of the match book and increase the extent of frictional engagement between the book and holder and an upper end flap to cover the match book.

This specification signed this 4th day of June A. D. 1926.

WILLIAM HOMER COLGATE.