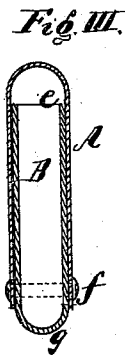
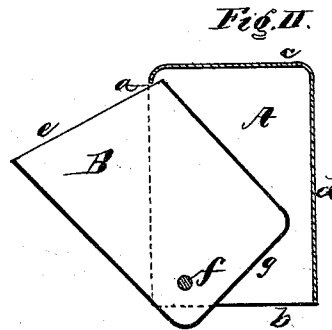
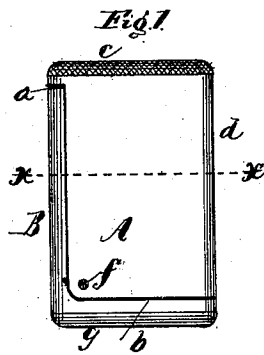


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MATCH-BOX.

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IMPROVEMENT IN MATCH-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEWART E. WHITNEY, of Brooklyn, Kings county, State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Match-Boxes, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to provide for an improved match-box, which may be readily and instantaneously operated by pressing on the two opposite narrower ends of the box with the thumb and forefinger.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure I represents a front view when the box is closed; Fig. II, a sectional view, showing the box open, and Fig. III is another sectional view taken on line *xx*, Fig. I.

A is the casing, with the sides *a* and *b* left open, and the sides *c* and *d* closed. The upper sides *c* of the casing A may be roughened, for the purpose of striking a light when the box is intended for a match-safe. B is a receptacle, with the upper ends *e* left open. This receptacle is inserted in the casing A, and

pivoted thereto by the rivet *f*, the lower end, *g*, extending somewhat outside the casing. The upper ends *e* of the receptacle B may be cut off at any required angle, so that it may be opened more or less as desired.

It will be readily understood that the open end of the receptacle is forced out from the casing by placing the thumb upon the end *g* of the receptacle B, and the forefinger upon the end *c* of the casing A, and pressing the fingers together; also, that my improved box, as described, is equally serviceable for other small articles, and I therefore do not wish to limit the use hereof solely for matches.

Having thus described my invention, I desire to claim—

A pocket-box formed of the receptacle B, with the open end *e* pivoted inside the casing A, with the open sides *a* and *b*, and the closed sides *c* and *d*, substantially as described.

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