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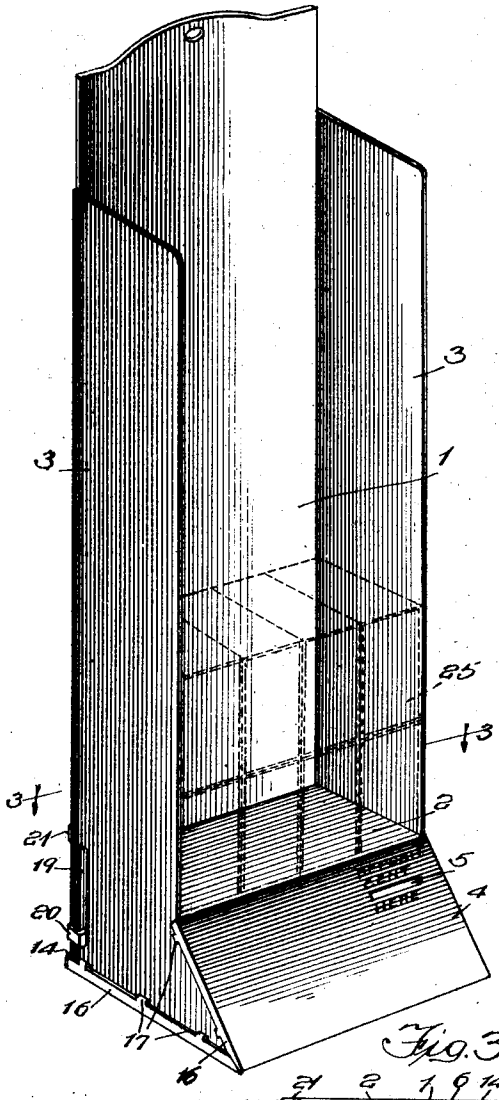


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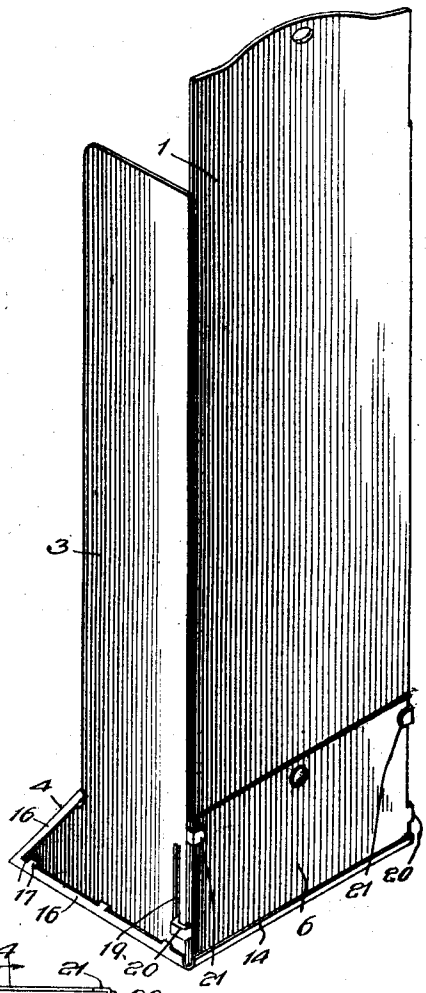
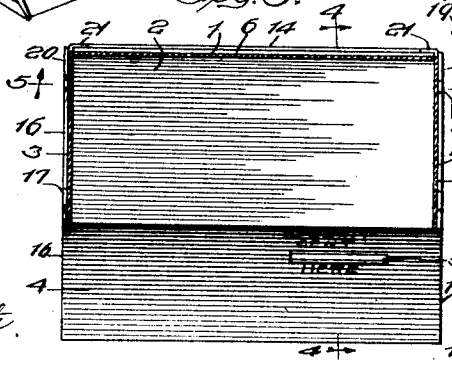


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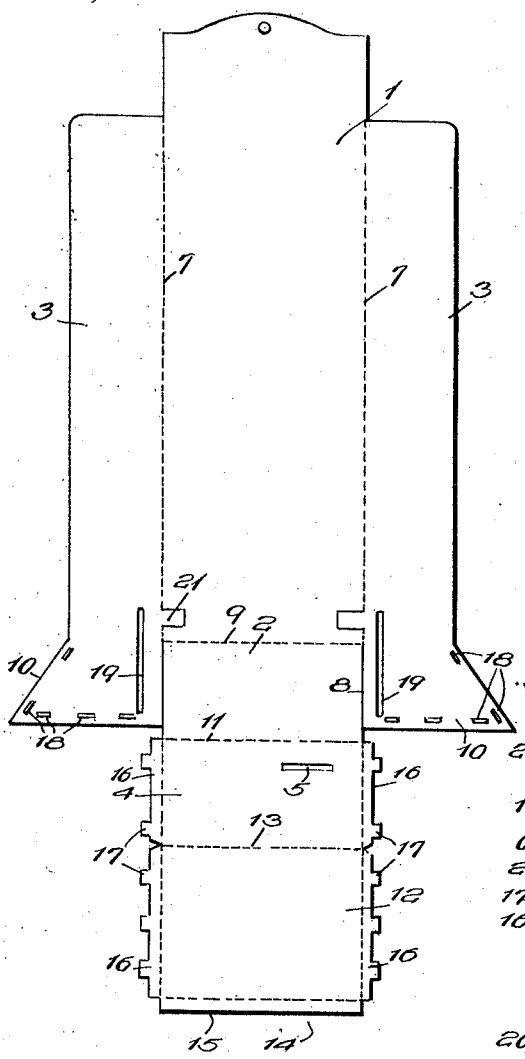


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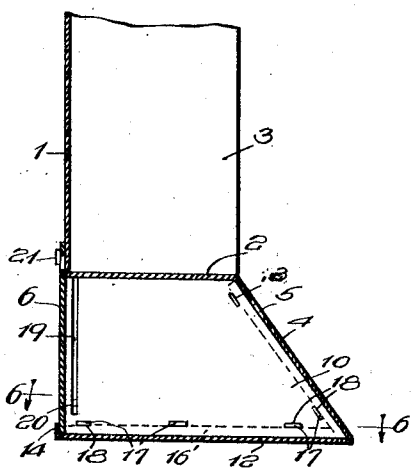


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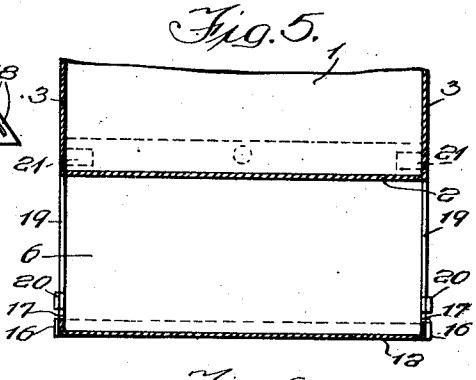


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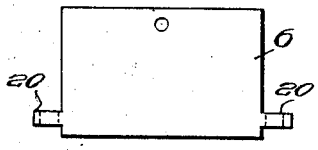
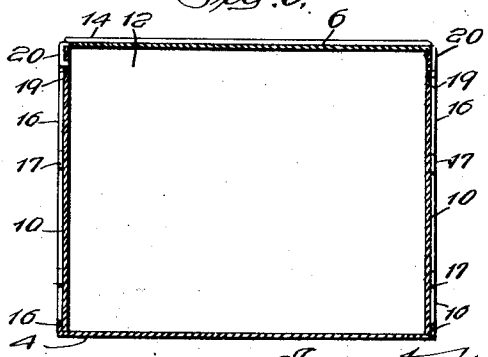


Fig. 6.



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My invention belongs to that general class of devices known as match box holders, and relates more particularly to a simple vending device arranged for containing a supply of boxed matches and provided with a receptacle for receiving coins. The invention has among its objects the production of a device of the kind described that is simple, inexpensive, convenient, attractive, compact, efficient and satisfactory for use wherever found applicable. More particularly it relates to an attractive device which may be inexpensively manufactured and be used for vending and advertising purposes. Many other objects and advantages of the construction herein shown and described will be obvious to those skilled in the art from the disclosures herein given.

To this end my invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and combination of parts herein shown and described, and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, wherein like reference characters indicate like or corresponding parts:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing the front face of my improved device;

Fig. 2 is a similar view illustrating the rear thereof;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken substantially on line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken substantially on line 4—4 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a sectional view taken substantially on line 5—5 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 6 is a sectional view taken substantially on line 6—6 of Fig. 4;

Fig. 7 is a plan view of a sheet metal blank before forming up to complete the holder; and

Fig. 8 is a view of the door 6 before application to the coin receptacle.

Referring to the drawings, my improved device consists of the back portion 1 projected upwardly from a base plate or box support 2, 3—3 being flanges or side wings on the back 1 preferably substantially the width of the match box or the like to be held. As shown, a coin receptacle is formed below the base or support 2, the same preferably having an inclined front face 4 provided with the coin slot 5. The coins deposited into the receptacle through the slot 5 are removable through the back wall upon opening the door 6.

While the device may be made in various ways, I have illustrated a very inexpensive construction in which metal stampings are employed which may be lithographed or otherwise decorated before blanking out and bending up in completed form. Referring to Fig. 7, the blank shown consists of the back portion 1, bottom portion 2 and flanges 3. When the blank is folded up, it is folded along the lines 7—7 and 9. As shown, the bottom portion is severed from the side wings as indicated at 8. The flanges 3 are substantially the width or depth of the bottom portion 2 and are provided with the outwardly extending portions 10 preferably formed at an angle so as to project beyond the front face of the support 2 and increase the face area. Formed on the bottom are the front face portion 4, the bottom portion 12 and a portion 14 which is folded up at the back. These are arranged to be folded as at 11, 13 and 15. Generally it is preferred to make the portions 4 and 12 slightly wider than the part 2 so that the same may extend over the portions 10 and down to provide a finish. The several portions are secured together in any satisfactory manner, a simple construction consisting in the tongues 17 and cooperating slots 18. Obviously riveting, soldering or the like would be as satisfactory, although more expensive.

In setting up the device, the wings or flanges 3 are bent forward and the box support portion 2 is bent forwardly and thence downwardly and under and up at the back and the tongues 17 turned in at the slots 18. The inclined front face 4 gives prominence to the slot 5, and adds to the appearance.

A simple door construction is shown in the figures in which the door 6 is provided with tongues 20 arranged to engage in slots 19 in the sides 3. Tongues or tabs 21 formed on the back and engaging the door 6 maintain the same in place at the top. Obviously the slide or door 7 may be raised to permit removal of the coins as desired. The flange portion 14 turned up at the back prevents any coins from slipping out under the door and also improves the finish.

The matches or other commodities may be placed on the portion 2 and piled up between the flanges 3 in front of the back portion 1, the front being open. A customer desiring a box of matches or other article may remove the same, depositing his coin, for example,

a penny, in the slot 5. The time of a clerk is saved in handing a customer a penny product, the customer is better satisfied than to have to ask for a penny's worth of matches or the like. While, of course, there may be some instances in which the customer fails to deposit the coin for pavement, yet it has been found in practice that this is a rare occurrence, and the increased sales more than make up for the loss. The device may be set on the counter or hung on the wall. While the spaces on the front of the back 1 and on the inside or outside of the wings 3 or face of the portion 4 may be utilized for advertising the merchandise carried thereby, it is obvious that this same space or portions thereof may be employed in advertising other commodities. In other words, a manufacturer or distributor of the product may furnish the retail dealer with the device with his own advertisement thereon as an advertising medium. While the device, of course, might be of cast metal such as aluminum or the like, by making the same of stampings it is possible to lithograph the sheets in the flat and stamp out the devices, after which they may be readily assembled or may be shipped in the flat and assembled by the dealer or user.

Having thus described my invention, it is obvious that various immaterial modifications may be made in the same without departing from the spirit of my invention, hence I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the exact form, construction, arrangement and combination of parts herein shown and described or uses mentioned.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a match box container formed from a single piece of material and including a back portion, side portions and front face of the container, and side portions and floor of a coin receptacle positioned beneath said container, the side portions of the container having slots, and tongues formed on the front face of the container and the floor of the coin receptacle for cooperation with said slots.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a match box container formed from a single piece of material and including a back portion, side portions and front face of the container, and side portions and floor of a coin receptacle positioned beneath said container, means detachably connecting the front face of the container with the side portions thereof, and means detachably connecting the floor of the coin receptacle with the side portions of the container.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name.

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