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MATCH HOLDING ATTACHMENT FOR COMMERCIAL TOBACCO BOXES,
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By his Attorney
To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT C. BURTIS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Mount Vernon, county of Westchester, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Match-Holding Attachment for Commercial Tobacco-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention appertains to the relatively flat elongate metallic tobacco boxes at present in vogue with manufacturers for the packing of smoking tobacco in original packages for the retail trade, which boxes are usually discarded when the contents thereof has been consumed. The bottoms of these tobacco boxes are countersunk between the lower side walls thereof; and the lower edges of the boxes are formed with circumscribing external beads, which afford means whereby my match holding attachment may be slidably positioned on the bottom of any of said commercial tobacco boxes for temporary use in connection therewith, in such manner that it may be detached when the box is discarded, and again utilized on a succeeding tobacco box, and so on, continuously.

The invention consists in the specific construction and arrangement of parts described and claimed, a distinctive feature being the use of a detachable match compartment formed with an independent cover, and inversely mounted on the bottom of the tobacco box, so that when the latter is reversed the cover of the match compartment may be opened to give access to the matches contained in said compartment without moving the latter on the tobacco box, which constitutes the basic support for said independent match compartment. Another distinctive feature is the formation of the bottom of my match compartment with longitudinally grooved flanges, for engagement with the tobacco box head, which are united at one extremity, thereby sustaining the said match compartment in position upon the tobacco box and preventing its displacement or removal therefrom except in one direction, all as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1, is a perspective view of a retail tobacco box of the character hereinbefore designated, inverted, bottom up, illustrating the application of my match-containing attachment thereto;

Fig. 2, is a sectional perspective view of my match-containing attachment and the bottom portion of the tobacco box upon which it is positioned;

Fig. 3, is a similar sectional perspective, showing my match holding attachment provided with a hinged cover which is in open position;

Fig. 4, is a sectional perspective showing my match holding attachment as provided with a floor or bottom integral therewith;

Fig. 5, is a top view of my match-holding attachment;

Fig. 6, is a side elevation thereof;

Fig. 7, is a view of the under side thereof;

Fig. 8, is a transverse section thereof;

Fig. 9, is also a transverse section thereof, showing the device formed with a bottom integral therewith.

The tobacco box B, is of a form of retail container well known to the trade, the bottom b, being countersunk, and the lower edge formed with an externally protuberant circumscribing bead b', consisting of the overlap of the edge of the bottom plate b, around the extreme edge of the lower side walls of the box.

The lower side walls of my match container C, are formed with longitudinally grooved parallel flanges c, c, which fit over and clasp the said circumscribing bead b', of the box bottom b,—the walls of the grooves c, c', embracing said bead b', snuggly and firmly,—the elasticity and resiliency of the material (preferably metallic) of which the container C, is composed being sufficient to create adequate frictional resistance between the contacting surfaces to insure the retention of the match compartment C, upon the tobacco box B, under ordinary conditions of use, but insufficient to prevent its forcible detachment from the end of the tobacco box B, when the latter is empty and to be discarded.

Both in attaching and removing my match container C, the latter is slid lengthwise on or off the box end,—the parallel portions of the bead b', functioning as rails for the purpose.

The ends of the grooved parallel flanges c, c, at one extremity of the match compartment are continuous and merge into each other, constituting a stop c', which limits and prescribes the position of said match.
compartment on the end of the tobacco box and sustains it against displacement except in one direction,—the object being to afford a relatively permanent attachment between tobacco box and match compartment until the supply of tobacco in the box is exhausted, when the match compartment is to be transferred to a succeeding full box of tobacco, and so on, indefinitely. It is to be noted in this connection that my holding attachment is accessible in situ for the removal of matches by the simple expedient of opening up its own independent lid; and that it is not necessary to slide my match compartment bodily and longitudinally upon the tobacco box until its protrudes beyond one end thereof in order to attain this result.

The container C, is provided with a lid or cover c, of any desired or suitable kind, either tight fitting, as in most of the views of the drawing, or hinged as in Fig. 3.

In all but Figs. 4 and 9, of the drawings I show my container C, as formed to utilize the countersunk bottom b, of the box as the floor of the match compartment, whereas in said Figs. 4 and 9, the match container C, is formed with an integral bottom c. Both these forms or modifications are within the scope and intent of my invention, the distinctive feature of which is the formation of my auxiliary match container C, with the grooved flanges c, for contactual engagement with the parallel portions of the box bottom bead b, substantially as herein set forth.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is,

1. As an article of manufacture, an attachment for commercial tobacco boxes of the character designated, comprising a match compartment having a bottom of its own and provided with its own top cover, its bottom edges being formed with parallel grooved flanges merging together at one extremity to constitute a stop, the parallel portions of said grooved flanges being adapted to fit over and embrace the beaded bottom edges of a tobacco box which affords basic support for said match compartment when the latter is inversely mounted thereon, said match compartment being slidable bodily on the end of the tobacco box for the purpose set forth.

2. A tobacco box having a countersunk bottom with side beads, combined with a match container attachment to said box having sliding engagement with said beads and forming a temporarily permanent attachment, and a cover to said container attachment closely fitted thereto beyond the end of the tobacco box, said cover being removable to give access to the matches in said container, the cover being provided with parallel grooved flanges merging together at one extremity to form a stop.

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