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Fig. 1.

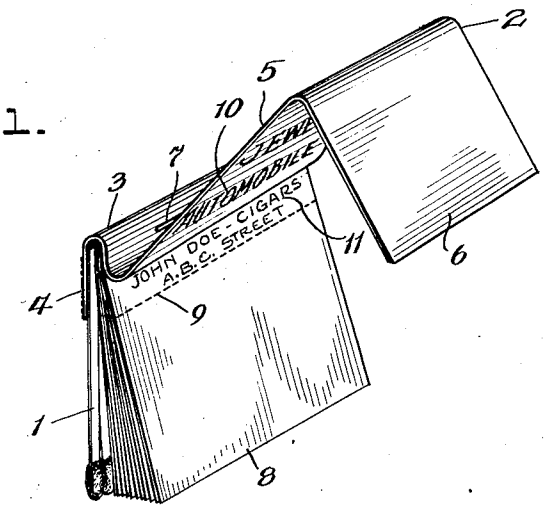
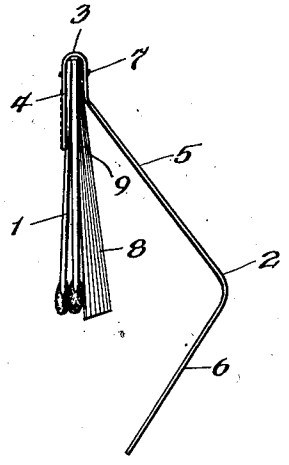


Fig. 2.



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The objects of this invention are to provide a combination article compact in form, of handy size and shape, convenient to use, and of continued utility for a considerable time; to provide a structure by which memorandum or note leaves are carried by and protected within the same protective covering employed for a packet of matches; to enable either or both the pad and matches to be used readily; to utilize the matches as a stiffening rest or backing while writing on the pad; to utilize the packet covering as such rest when the matches are used up; to utilize the packet covering to protect the remaining leaves of the pad when the matches are used up; to provide increased advertising space in connection with a packet of matches and increase the possible times of the user seeing the advertisements; to secure simplicity of construction and desirability of the article; and to obtain other advantages and results as may be brought out in the following description.

Referring to the accompanying drawing in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts throughout the several views,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a combination article made in accordance with my invention, and

Figure 2 is an edge view of the same.

In the specific embodiment of the invention illustrated in said drawing, the reference numeral 1 indicates a strip of matches which may comprise as many rows as desired, two rows having been illustrated for convenience. This strip of matches is protected by a packet covering 2 which is doubled, as at 3, at the lower or stem end of the matches to have the end margin 4 of the covering positioned upon one side of the strip of matches and the other portion of said covering positioned at the other side of said matches, or, as may be said for convenience in reference, at the back of said strip. This said other portion of the covering is comparatively long, extending further then the outer or tip ends of the matches, and is bent over said tip ends and back to the first mentioned margin 4 thus providing an integral back 5 and front 6 which may be swung back out of the way and give access to either the front or back sides of said strip of matches. A staple 7 passes through the lower part of back 5, match strip 1 and margin 4 of the covering, for holding the parts together.

Included between the back 5 and the match strip 1, and held by the same staple 7, is a pad 8 of a number of sheets of paper preferably approximating in size and shape the size and shape of the strip of matches so as to be readily and adequately included within the covering 2 and protected thereby. Said sheets constituting said pad are preferably transversely perforated near their lower edges so the sheets or leaves may be torn out as desired. It may be here noted that I prefer to provide this line of perforations, indicated by numeral 9, directly opposite the edge of front margin 4 of the covering which not only adds to the neatness of the article, but provides a straight edge for assisting in tearing off the remaining leaves after all of the matches have been used and the pad is being used from that side.

In use, the strip of matches form a reenforcement for a considerable time so the pad will not become bent and the pages rumpled. By the time the matches are gone, in most instances the pad will be well used up too, the use of the matches and pad being simultaneous, and the short time the pad remains to be used after the matches are gone will not be long enough to make it likely that the pages will become rumpled. Furthermore, while the matches are still part of the article, they will form a substantial backing for the pad while being written upon, and after the matches are used up or substantially used up, the pad can be written on from the side where the matches were, and then the protective covering may be used as a backing for the pad. Obviously while such use is being made of the covering, both the back 5 and front 6 may be positioned behind the pad, thus doubly supporting the same.

By virtue of the inclusion of this pad within the protective covering, the inside of said covering is very frequently bent back and comes within the direct view of the user, and therefore becomes a valuable advertising space. In the drawing I have shown an illustrative advertisement 10 on the inner surface of said covering. Likewise, the leaves of the pad afford valuable advertising space, and I preferably so use them by placing advertisements on both sides thereof so as to be seen no matter on which side the pad may be written on. As shown, these advertisements, indicated by numeral 11, are placed

along the marginal portion of the leaves of the pad between the line of perforations and the attachment of the pad to the covering and match strip. Changes in the position of this advertising matter, and certainly any desired variation or application of wording or other advertising matter may be indulged in within the spirit of my invention, and other modifications and changes may be made in the manufacture and use of my invention without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention as set forth in the following claims when construed in the light of the prior art.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

1. An article of the class described, comprising a strip of members having individual utility independent of each other, said members being so arranged as to constitute a relatively rigid support, and a pad of paper attached thereto and adapted to lie thereagainst, the leaves of said pad being of such a character as to require an auxiliary support for the purpose of writing thereon, whereby said strip of members may function as the necessary support to permit the pad to be used as a writing pad.

2. An article of the class described comprising a strip of members having individual utility independent of each other, said members being so arranged as to constitute a relatively rigid support, a pad of paper associated therewith and adapted to lie thereagainst, the leaves of said pad being of such a character as to require an auxiliary support for the purpose of writing thereon, whereby said strip of members may function as the necessary support to permit the memorandum pad to be used as a writing pad, and a cover for both the said strip of members and pad, said members and pad both being attached with respect to said cover.

3. An article of the class described comprising a cover, a strip of members having individual utility independent of each other, said strip being substantially as long as the cover is wide and so arranged as to constitute a relatively rigid support, a pad of paper attached within said cover and adapted to lie against said strip, the leaves of said pad being substantially the size of said strip and of such a character as to require an auxiliary support for the purpose of writing thereon, whereby said strip of members may function as the necessary support to permit the pad to be used as a writing pad.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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