

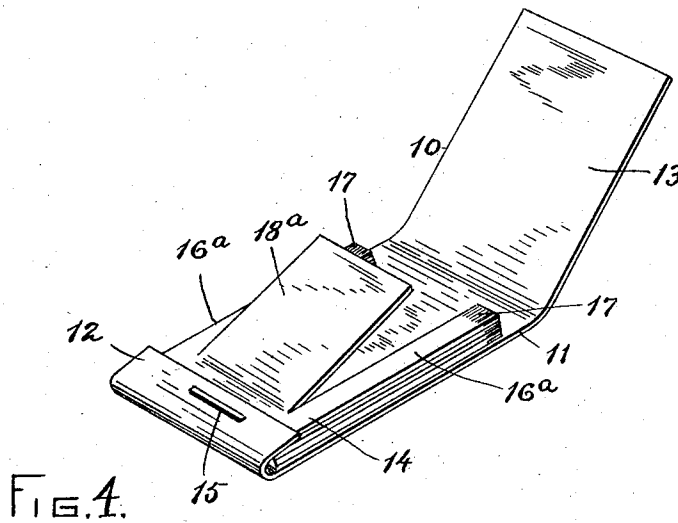
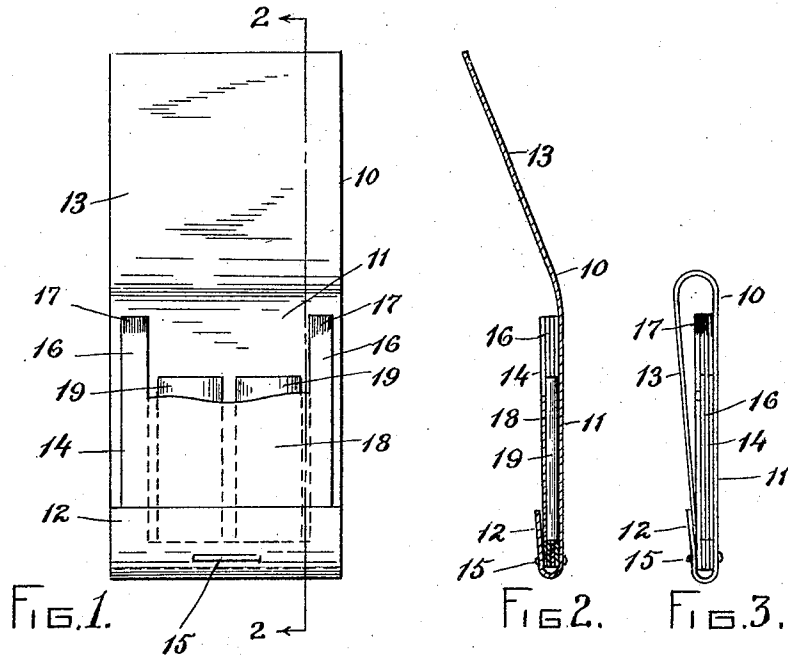
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This invention relates to packages of the paper match-book type, and it has for its object to provide an improved package of this class adapted to receive and conceal one or more small articles on the inside thereof, in such manner that the package when closed will have the appearance of an ordinary match book or folder.

Of the accompanying drawing, Fig. 1 is a front elevation showing a package embodying my invention, with the cover flap open.

Fig. 2 is a vertical section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an edge view with the flap closed.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view showing a modification.

Referring at first to the forms shown in Figs. 1 to 3, the package includes a one-piece paper or light cardboard cover 10 comprising a back portion 11 whose lower end is turned upwardly in a short marginal front portion 12 and whose upper portion 13 constitutes a foldable front flap, the terminal edge of which is adapted to be tucked in behind the free edge of the lower marginal portion 12 in the usual manner as indicated in Fig. 3, when the package is closed.

14 is an inner holder, preferably composed of a plurality of leaves, thicknesses or laminations of paper or light cardboard preferably though not necessarily pasted together and secured at its lower end between the back 11 and the upturned lower marginal portion 12 of the cover by means of a metallic fastener or staple 15, but otherwise free from the cover.

The inner holder is provided with relatively narrow, upright side marginal portions 16 showing as separate laminations at their outer edges so as to simulate paper matches. These portions may either be real matches preferably two rows deep, or the tips may be colored as at 17 to imitate match heads, and the front face of the upturned cover portion 12 may also be colored to imitate a striking

or scratching surface, or in the case of genuine matches such as the safety kind, said portion 12 may have an actual striking surface which will chemically combine with and ignite the match heads when the latter are drawn across said surface.

The inner holder is further provided with a front wall 18 of shallower depth than the side portions 16, said front wall in this case being laterally continuous with the portions 16 and forming a part of the front ply of the holder. Said front wall 18 provides, in connection with the side portions 16 and the back cover portion 11, an inner pocket or receptacle for small articles. Being shorter than the match-simulating portions 16, said wall leaves an open space or front opening above its upper edge for easy access to the contents, which opening is covered by the front flap 13 when the package is closed.

I prefer to provide in the inner pocket one or more—two as here shown—paper sheaths 19 or sub-receptacles for holding the articles in the package, said sheaths in this case having their front walls adhesively united with the rear side of the front wall 18 of the holder. Their upper ends terminate short of the upper ends of the side portions 16 for convenient access to the contents, but are exposed in the front opening above the front wall 18 to facilitate insertion of articles into these sheaths.

My invention thus provides a package which when closed has the appearance of a paper match book or folder, in the interior of which may be held in a concealed position one or more small articles.

In the modification illustrated in Fig. 4, the front wall 18^a of the inner holder 14 is in the form of a flap integrally secured at its lower end to the base of said holder and having its side edges free from the side or match portions 16^a of the holder, the paper sheaths in this case being omitted.

Various other modifications could be made

without departing from the scope of my invention as defined in the claims.

I claim:

1. A package of the paper match-book type comprising a cover having front and back portions including a flap, and an inner holder having paper-board leaves with side portions appearing as separate laminations at their outer edges to simulate matches and a front wall providing, with said side portions and the back of the cover, a receptacle for holding and concealing articles within the package when the latter is closed.

2. A folder package of the paper match-book type comprising a cover having a back, a relatively-short, permanently upturned lower front marginal portion and a tuck-in flap, and an inner holder secured at its lower edge between said back and front lower marginal portion of the cover and including side portions simulating matches and a front wall, forming with said side portions and the cover back, a receiving pocket, said holder and front lower marginal portion of the cover receiving between them the lower edge of the flap when the package is closed.

3. A package according to claim 2, in which the front wall of the inner holder is laterally continuous with the side portions of said holder.

4. A package according to claim 2, in which the front wall of the inner holder is a flap secured at its lower end and having free side edges.

5. A package according to claim 2, having a tubular sheath secured in the receiving pocket for holding an article therein.

6. A package according to claim 2, having a plurality of tubular paper sheaths adhesively secured in the receiving receptacle to the rear side of the front wall of the inner holder.

7. A folder package of the paper match-book type comprising a covering having a back with a continuation forming a front flap, and an inner holder including a plurality of leaves mainly separate from the cover back and having match-simulating side portions and a front wall included in the front leaf and shorter than said side portions, said leaves forming with the back, a receptacle having a front opening adapted to be covered by the flap when the receptacle is closed.

8. A folder package of the match-book type comprising a cover having back and front-flap portions and an inner holder forming a receptacle therewith, said holder including paper-board leaves having match-simulating side portions and a front wall upwardly terminating short of the upper ends of said side portions to provide a front opening, and a paper sheath adhesively secured to the rear side of said front wall and provid-

ing a sub-receptacle accessible through said opening.

9. A folder package of the match-book type comprising a foldable cover including a back portion and a front flap, an inner holder composed of leaves anchored at their lower ends to the cover and otherwise separate therefrom, forming with the cover back a receptacle provided with a front opening, and a paper-sheath sub-receptacle in said holder, having its upper end exposed in said front opening.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 5 day of May, 1931.

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