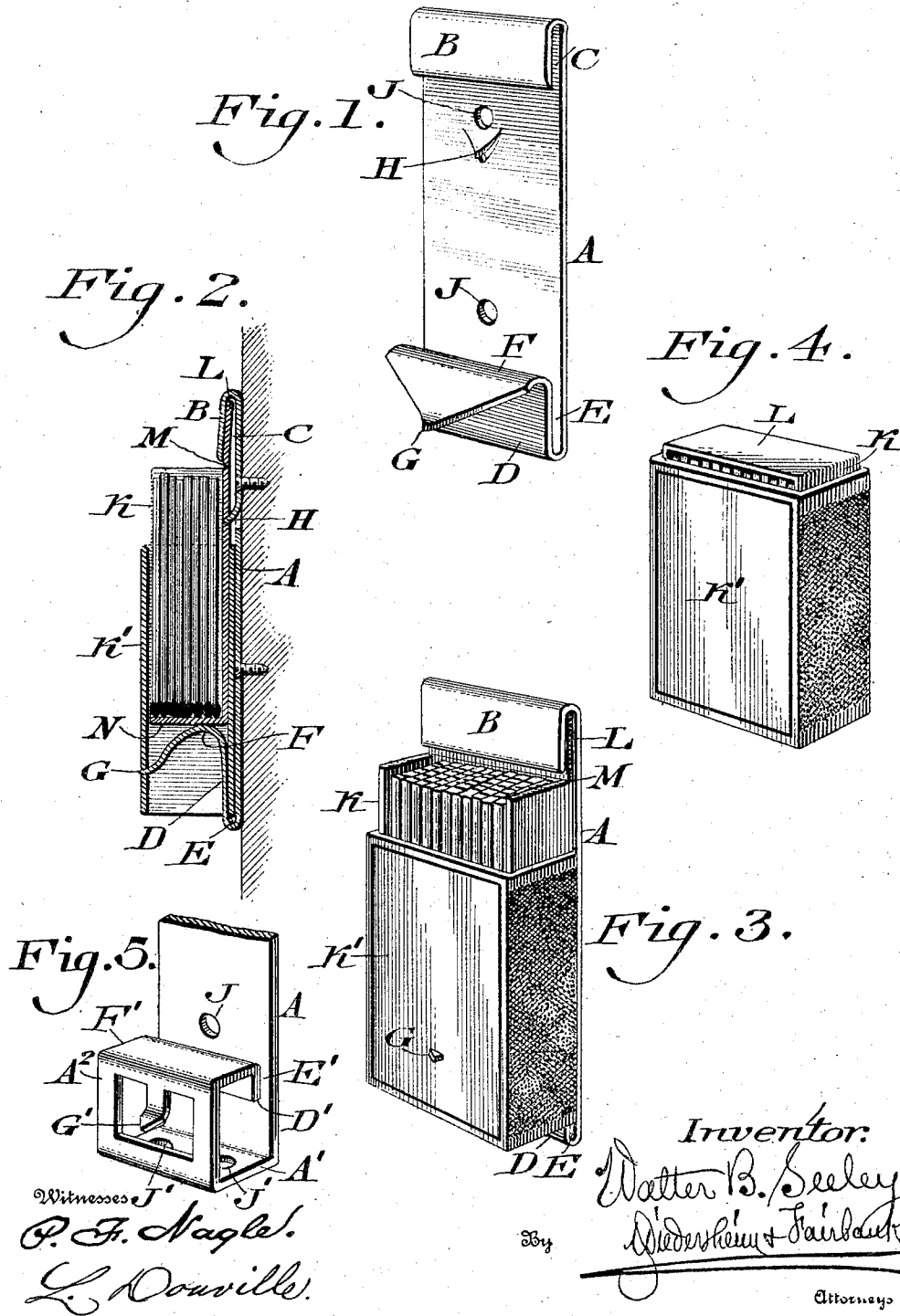


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER B. SEELEY, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Match-Box Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a match box holder provided with means whereby an end of the body of the box may be removed from the matches, thus uncovering the latter at the top of the box as held, so as to be most convenient of access and removal, while said end is utilized as means for engaging the body with said holder to prevent upward displacement of the former, means being also provided for preventing downward displacement of the same, the body thus being rendered comparatively immovable, a matter of convenience while removing the matches and of safety in that the box will not shake and cause other matches to drop out.

It consists also of additional means for holding said body immovable in upwardly direction.

It consists further of means for holding the exterior casing or covering of the box immovable on the holder.

For the purpose of explaining the invention, the accompanying drawing illustrates a satisfactory reduction of the same to practice, but the important instrumentalities thereof may be varied, and so it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the specific arrangement and organization shown and described.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a match box holder embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a vertical section thereof. Fig. 3 represents a perspective view thereof. Fig. 4 represents a perspective view of a box of matches prior to application to the holder. Fig. 5 represents a perspective view of another embodiment of my invention.

Similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings:—A designates a plate on the upper end of which is the downwardly-extending wall B forming with said plate the recess or passage C. On the lower end of said plate is the upwardly-extending wall D forming with said plate the recess or passage E.

The top of the wall D is extended outwardly forming the shoulder F above the

bottom of the plate, said shoulder or box supporting member projecting somewhat forwardly and terminating in the spur G.

On the plate A below the wall B is the forwardly-projecting spur H, which in the present case is punched-out of the material of said wall, it being noticed, in the present case, that the several members named are integral, they being preferably formed of metal. In order to attach the device to a wall, door, etc., it is provided with screw or nail-openings J for evident purposes.

The operation is as follows:—The body K of a match box is slightly withdrawn from the outer casing K' see Fig. 4, thus uncovering what may be termed the upper end L of said body a little more than the thickness of the wall B of the holder. The box is now presented horizontally to the front of the plate A at a right angle thereto, when the front edge of said end L is in the vertical portion of the passage C the latter being of a depth of about the length of the said upper end L of the body or approximately so. The box is then raised, whereby said end enters said passage to the top bend of the plate A and wall B which, forms plate and walls forms, said passage and said bend forming a stop to the ascent of the end of the box and the wall B is in front of said end. The box is then turned on the bottom of the wall B as an axis downward and rearward to the plate A, whereby said end L controlled by said wall B is broken from the sides of the box, it, however, remaining connected with the bottom of said body as at M, the connection acting as a hinge, permitting the body to be turned from horizontal to upright position. The under end N of the body now rests on the shoulder F and the bottom of the body now the back is engaged by the spur H, and so the body is firmly sustained and rendered immovable on the plate A. The casing K' is now lowered to full extent, when its bottom, now the back, enters the passage E, and is seated on the bottom bend thereof, while the front of said casing engages and interlocks with the spur G, the casing thus also being firmly sustained and rendered immovable, it being noticed that the upper portions of the matches are presented to view and entirely uncovered owing to the disposal of the end L of the body of the box in the passage C and the consequent removal of the same from the matches by which provision a

match may be grasped and withdrawn in most convenient manner, and the hand direction to the same and guided therefrom by the wall B, which is just above the ends of the matches. Again, as the box will not shake during the removal of a match, the other matches are not liable to drop out, thus affording a safe holder under all circumstances. When the box is empty, it may be broken entirely from the holder and a fresh box substituted therefor.

If desired, the end L of the body of the box may be cut from the sides of the same and turned into upright position, so as to be located in the passage C instead of being broken by turning the box, as hereinbefore described.

In Fig. 5, I show the plate A with a forwardly projecting wall A' at the bottom thereof. Rising from the latter is the wall A² at the top of which is an inturned wall, which form a shoulder a box supporting member F'. The inner end of the latter has a depending member D' which is separated from the adjacent portion of the plate A, forming therewith the passage E'. The wall A' has a cut-away and turned-out portion which forms a spur G', it being noticed that said shoulder, passage and spur operate similarly to corresponding members shown in the other figures. The plate A in said Fig. 5 has an opening J for screwing or nailing it to a wall, and openings J in the bottom wall A' for securing the device to a base, table etc.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. In a match box holder, a plate having a depending wall on its upper portion forming an upper vertically extending passage, a supporting member on the lower portion, the back wall of which rises from said plate forming a bottom vertically extending passage, the upper passage being approximately of a depth equal to the length of an end of an intact match box, which end is adapted to be inserted in said passage, and the body of the box adapted to be turned downward and rearwardly on the bottom of the depending wall as an axis and break said end from the sides of the body thus uncovering the relative ends of the matches.

2. In a match box holder, a plate having a depending wall on its upper portion forming an upper vertically extending passage, a supporting member on the lower portion,

the back wall of which rises from said plate form, a bottom vertically extending passage, the upper passage being approximately of a depth equal to the length of an end of an intact match box which end is adapted to be inserted in said passage and the body of the box adapted to be turned downward and rearwardly on the bottom of the depending wall as an axis and break said end from the sides of the body thus uncovering the relative ends of the matches, and spurs on said back plate and said supporting member.

3. In a match box holder of the character specified, a plate having a vertically extending passage at its lower end, a supporting-member with a depending portion forming one wall of said passage and a horizontal supporting portion, and a spur projecting forwardly from said horizontal supporting portion above the base of said passage.

4. In a match box holder, a back plate, a vertically extending passage on the upper portion of said plate, said passage being open on its under side, a forwardly projecting base on said plate, an upwardly projecting wall on the front of said base, a horizontally extending supporting-member on the top of said wall, extending inwardly therefrom, a wall on the rear of said member pendent therefrom and separated from said plate, forming a vertically extending passage in the lower portion of said plate, the same being open on its upper side, and a forwardly extending spur on said front wall below said supporting member.

5. In a match box holder, a back plate, a vertically extending passage on the upper portion of said plate, said passage being open on its under side, a forwardly projecting base on said plate, an upwardly projecting wall on the front of said base, a horizontally extending supporting member on the top of said wall, extending inwardly therefrom, a wall on the rear of said member pendent therefrom and separated from said plate, forming a vertically extending passage in the lower portion of said plate, the same being open at its upper end, and a forwardly extending spur on said front wall below said supporting member, said spur being punched out from said front wall.

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