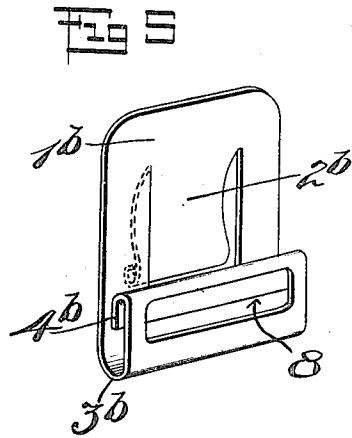
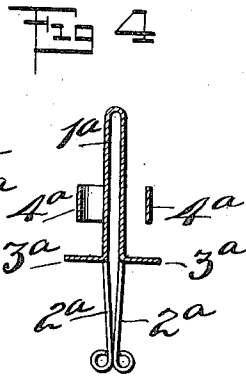
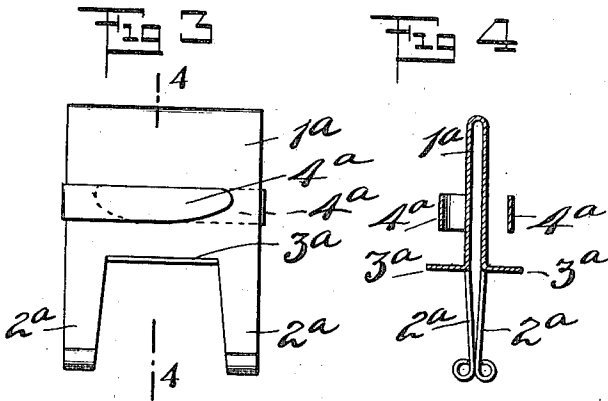
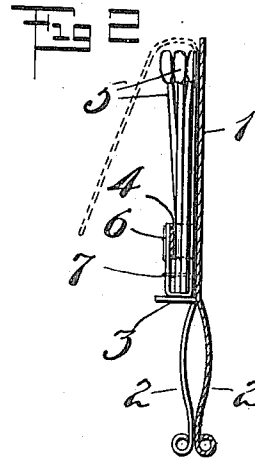
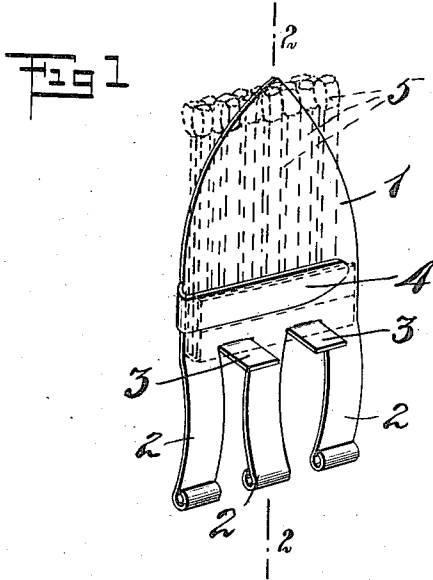


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT R. LARRABEE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at New York city, New York, have invented a new and useful Match-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful match holding device. It has become the very general practice to provide matches in package form from which the matches are broken for use as desired. Such a package of matches is ordinarily designed to be carried in the pocket, but inasmuch as it would be desirable to mount them at times in a manner similar to the mounting of a match box, I have provided a new and useful holder therefor to which such packages may be readily applied and by which the same may be properly supported for use.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention in its preferred form showing a package of matches mounted thereon in dotted outline.

Fig. 2 is a cross section, the package of matches being shown in full lines, said section being taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a front elevation of a modification.

Fig. 4 is a cross section on the line 4—4.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a modified form of my invention.

1 is the main frame or backing which may have standards or clips 2—2 for mounting the frame on a suitable support. The particular form of the standard is immaterial to the invention and may be modified in a great variety of ways, although the clip form by which the device may be readily attached to or detached from a suitable support has many advantages. 3 is a ledge or platform located at the lower edge of the backing 1. In the preferred form of the invention shown in Figs. 1 to 4, 4 represents what I may term a key portion which is in the form of a blade so spaced above the ledge 3 and away from the backing 1 that it may be slid into a package of matches so as to properly hold the same against the backing and upon the ledge. For example, in Figs. 1 and 2, a package of matches is illustrated in which 5—5 represent the matches secured together at the lower edge of the package. 6 is an upturned flap at the lower edge which is provided on its outer surface with a coating of suitable

material to ignite the matches when the same are struck thereon. The fastening for the lower edge of the several layers of matches and for the flap 6 is indicated at 7, Fig. 2. Since this is below the key portion 4, it follows that the package of matches cannot be lifted from the supporting ledge 3, but can only be detached therefrom by a lateral movement. In Figs. 3 and 4 I have shown a structure in which I have arranged to support two packages of matches. In these figures 4^a—4^a represent two keys arranged at the front and back of the main backing or body portion 1^a. I have also provided ledges 3^a—3^a at the front and back thereof. I have also provided a modified form of clip indicated at 2^a—2^a.

In Fig. 5 I have shown a still further modification in which 1^b represents the main frame or backing. 2^b represents a clip at the rear of said backing and in this instance formed integrally therewith. 3^b represents the lower supporting ledge, while 4^b represents the equivalent of the key or blade 4 described in connection with the preceding figures. In this particular form the ledge 3^b is formed by bending forward the lower edge of the main body 1^b. This bent forward part is then turned up and curled inwardly and downwardly to form the key 4^b, as shown. The front may have an opening 8 to expose the material against which the matches are to be struck when the same are assembled or mounted on a support of the type shown in Fig. 5.

What I claim is:

1. In a match package holder of the character described, a backing; a match support, a key portion arranged slightly above said support and separated therefrom and forward of said backing, one end of said key portion being free to permit a match package to be slid on to the same by a movement transversely of said support and longitudinally of said key.

2. In a match package holder of the character described, a backing, a match support, a key portion arranged slightly above and separated from said support and forward of said backing, said key portion being in the form of a blade projecting from one side of said device transversely toward the other side, one end of said blade being free to receive a match package whereby said package may be slid laterally into final holding position.

3. In a match package holder of the character described, a backing, a match support carried thereby, a key portion for transversely engaging a match package, said key
5 portion being arranged slightly above and disconnected from said support and substantially parallel thereto and forward of said backing.
4. In a match package holder, a main frame including a backing, a match support at the front and rear thereof, transversely arranged key portions at the front and back of said devices slightly above said support and separated therefrom, one end of each key being free to receive a match package whereby said package may be slid laterally into its final holding position.

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