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Fig. 1.

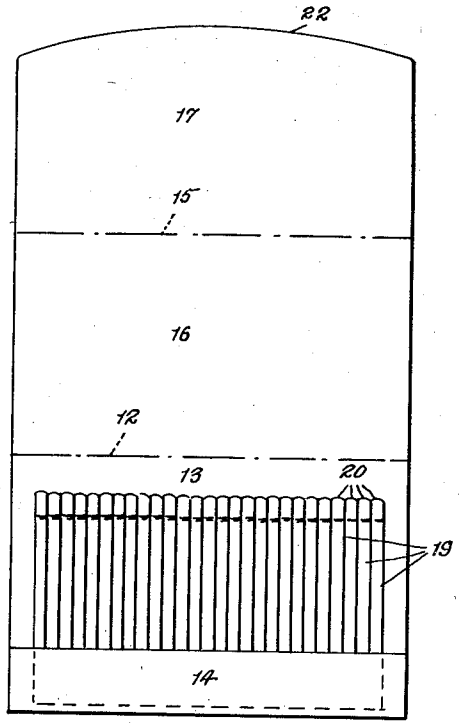


Fig. 2.

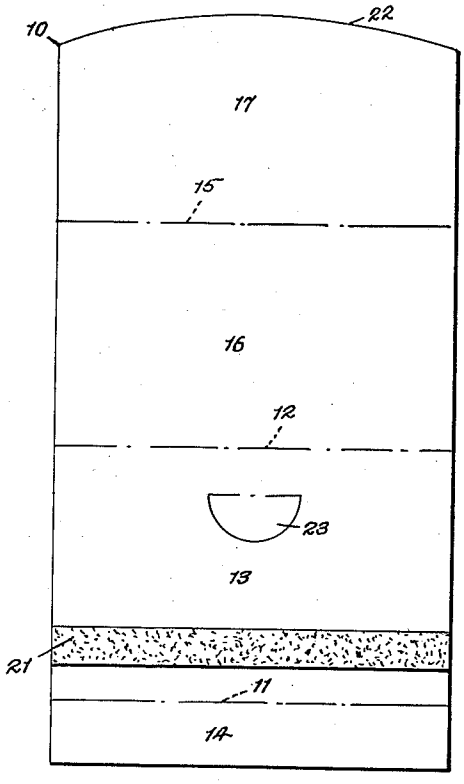
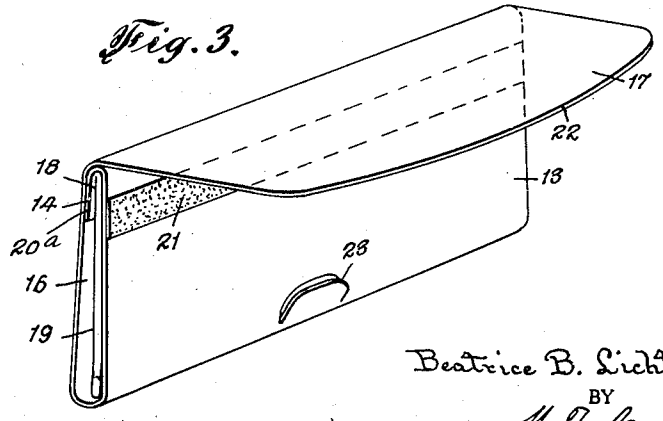


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates more particularly to a class of devices for holding matches.

My invention has for its object primarily to provide a device or wallet designed to be employed for holding a number of matches, especially of the classes made of paper or splints of wood veneer which are usually packed in pads or layers, and which is of a form provided with a match striking element so located that when a match is lighted the danger of igniting the other match in the container will be overcome. The wallet is also susceptible of being made so that when not used the matches and striking element will be covered to avoid exposure to the air and to prevent the odoriferous ingredients from impregnating the clothing when the wallet is carried in the pocket of a person.

The invention consists essentially of a wallet formed of a foldable sheet of cardboard, relatively thick paper or other suitable material, and the sheet has a body section with a pocket or groove for holding matches. On the face of the body section opposite to the pocket and matches is a scratch pad or friction surface strip for striking the matches, in order to prevent sparks from the lighted match from accidentally igniting the matches in the pocket. On the body section may be one or two flap sections which are foldable for covering the matches and the scratch pad when the wallet is not in use to protect the matches and prevent the odors thereof from passing into the clothing of a person when the wallet is carried in a pocket.

A further object of the invention is to provide a match holding wallet of a simple and efficient form which may be made of suitable material in appropriate shapes and sizes.

With these and other objects in view, the invention will be hereinafter more fully explained with reference to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views, and will then be pointed out in the claims at the end of the description.

In the drawing, Figure 1 shows a plan of one form of my improved wallet in an open position, with matches carried therein.

Fig. 2 is a reverse plan of the blank from which the wallet is formed, and

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the wallet when partly folded.

The wallet is made of a sheet or blank 10 of foldable cardboard, relatively thick paper, leather or other suitable material, and the blank may be made in any appropriate shape and size, though the form of the blank illustrated is substantially rectangular.

In spaced relation to one end of the blank it is transversely scored, as at 11, and the central part of the blank is also transversely scored, as at 12. The portion of the blank between the scorings 11 and 12 provide a body section 13, and the portion of the blank between the scoring 11 and the adjacent end of the blank provides a strip section 14. Between the scoring 12 and the end of the blank opposite to the strip section 14 is a transverse scoring 15. The part of the blank between the scorings 12 and 15 provide a flap section 16, and the part of the blank between the scoring 15 and the end of the blank next thereto provide a second flap section 17.

When the blank is formed into the wallet, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, the blank is folded on the scoring 11, and the strip section 14 is flexed over toward one face of the body section 13. The space between the strip section 14 and the body section 13 provides a groove or pocket 18 for receiving a pad or one or more layers of paper or wood veneer splint matches, as 19, such as are in common use, and the joined ends of the matches opposite their heads 20 are glued, at 20^a, or otherwise secured to the walls of the pocket.

On the face of the body section 13 opposite to the pocket 18 and the matches 19 is a scratch pad or friction surface strip 21 of the well known composition adapted to cause the matches to light when struck thereon, and this strip or pad is preferably positioned across the body section opposite to the pocket to prevent sparks of the lighted match from igniting the other matches.

The body section 13 is of greater width than the lengths of the matches to allow the blank to be folded on the scoring 12 over the heads of the matches, and the flap 16 is of such a size that when folded, as shown in Fig. 3, this flap will cover the matches and the pocket 18. By folding the blank on the scoring 15 accordingly the flap 17 will be disposed upon the face of the body section

13 opposite to the matches. The flap 17 is preferably of a size to cover the scratch pad 21 as well as covering the greater portion of the face of the body section 13 carrying the scratch pad, and the free end of the flap 17 may be curved, as at 22. If desired a tab, as 23, may be cut-out of the central part of the body section 13 for removably receiving the curved end 22 of this flap between the tab and the body section for serving as a clip or fastener to hold the wallet in a closed position. The wallet may be made of a size to allow of being conveniently carried in the pocket or satchel of a person, and by employing the scratch pad 21 in the manner explained the danger will be overcome of accidentally igniting the matches in the pocket 18 when lighting one of the matches separated therefrom on the scratch pad.

In the foregoing description, I have embodied the preferred form of my invention, but I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself thereto, as I am aware that modifications may be made therein without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention, therefore, I reserve to myself the right to make such changes as fairly fall within the scope thereof.

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

A match wallet for strip matches comprising a rectangular blank folded transversely substantially at its center to produce a front body section and a flap section, said body section being folded inwardly adjacent its lower end to form a pocket for a removable strip of matches, said flap section being folded transversely substantially at a center line to form a second flap section foldable over on the front body section, the width of said folded blank being considerably wider than its height, said body section having a match striking surface normally concealed by the second flap and an outwardly struck tab on the body section for engaging the free edge of the second flap when folded.

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