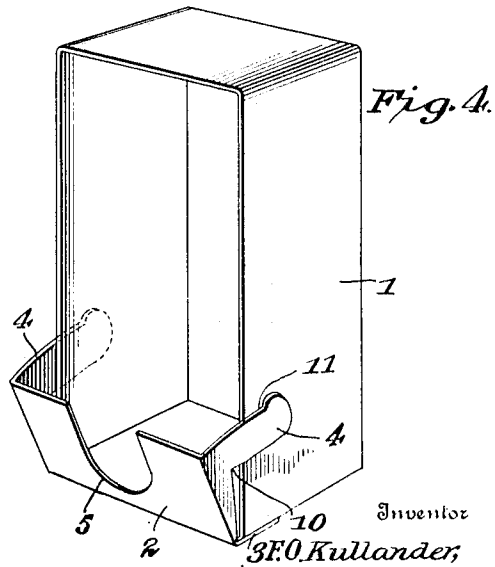
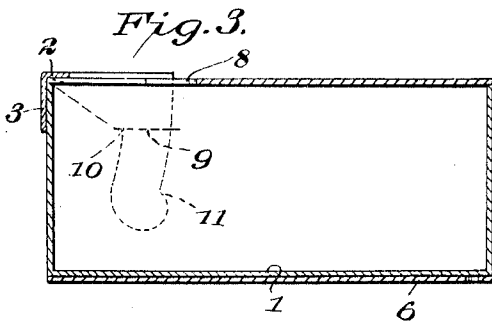
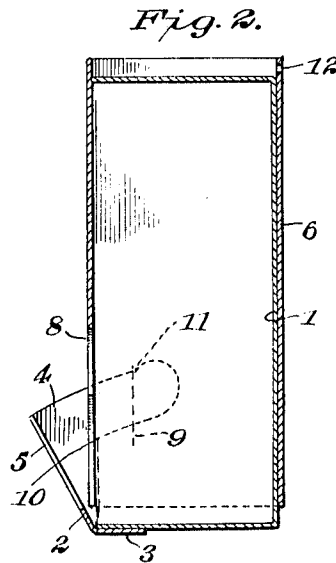
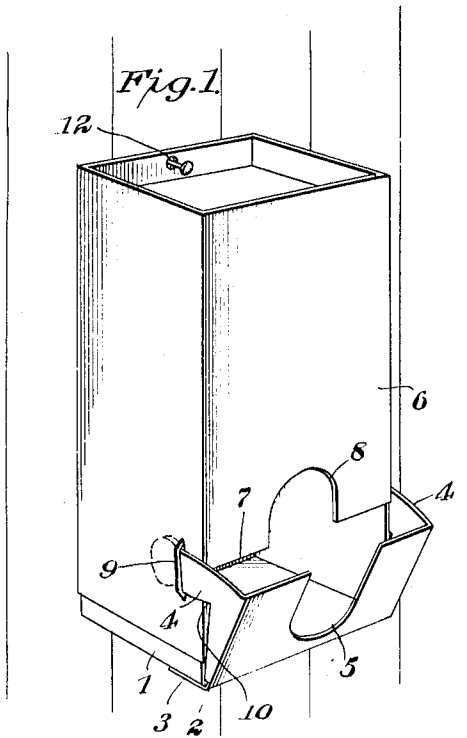


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK O. KULLANDER, citizen of the United States, residing at Kensington, in the county of Douglas and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Match Boxes and Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The primary object of this invention is an improved construction of match box which may be used as an original shipping package in which the matches may be sold and which is so constructed that it may be easily converted into a match holder, combining the useful characteristics of both of these above named articles and doing away with the necessity of manually transferring the matches from the original shipping box or package to a distinct holder or safe. And the invention also has for its object, a simple and efficient device of this character in which the parts are so arranged that they are held against accidental separation both when the device is used as a match box and as a match holder or safe.

With these and other objects in view as will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain constructions, arrangements and combinations of the parts that I shall hereinafter fully describe and claim.

For a full understanding of the invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a match box and holder constructed in accordance with my invention, illustrating the device arranged as a match safe; Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view thereof; Fig. 3 is a similar view with the device arranged as a match box; and, Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the main or inner receptacle in which the matches are placed.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the accompanying drawings by the same reference characters.

The main receptacle 1 of my improved combined match box and holder may be formed of any desired substance or material and may be of any desired construction except that it is provided at one end with a cover flap 2. This flap may, if desired, be formed as an integral part of one end of the main receptacle 1, or be secured thereto as

by glue or other fastening medium, the latter construction being selected in the present instance for the purpose of illustration only. The said flap is provided with a flange 3 which is secured to one end of the main receptacle 1 and is also provided with angularly disposed arms 4 that are designed to extend along opposite sides of the main receptacle 1, as clearly illustrated in the drawing. The main or body portion of the flap 2 is adapted to extend over the top portion of the main receptacle 1 at one end thereof, as shown, and is preferably formed on its inner or free edge with a cut out portion or recess 5.

6 designates the casing of the match box and holder, the same being open at its ends as shown and being intended to have the main receptacle 1 slipped into it. This casing 6 is formed, at one end of that wall which constitutes the front of the device when it is used as a match holder, with a cut-out portion 7 substantially of the extent of the main or body portion of the cover flap 2 which is designed to close such cut-out portion when the parts are assembled as a match box and is also formed in its edge contiguous to such cut-out portion with a recess 8 corresponding to the recess 5 before mentioned. The casing 6 is provided in its side walls with longitudinal slots 9 designed to accommodate the arms 4 of the cover flap 2.

When the main receptacle 1 receives its contents and is slipped into the casing 6, the arms 4 are slipped into the side slots 9 and the cover flap 2 thus forms a closure for the cut-out portion 7 of the casing 6, the arms being pushed inwardly as far as possible in the slots 9. It is to be particularly noted that the arms 4 are notched or recessed on one edge near their attached ends as indicated at 10 so that when they are pushed into the slots 9 they will effect a locking engagement with one end of the slots and effectually hold the main receptacle within the casing 6 and avoid any accidental separation of the parts.

When it is desired to use the device as a match holder or safe, it is only necessary to swing the flap 2 outwardly as clearly illustrated in Fig. 1, the arms 4 slipping outwardly from the slots until the ends of the arms which are notched on one edge as indicated at 11 engage by said notched portions the opposite end slots 9 and thereby also

hold the parts from separation in this relative position. The flap 2 now becomes a box extending forwardly from the bottom of the device when the same is set on end 5 as shown, the matches falling downwardly and forwardly into the box where they may be easily extracted. Preferably the arms 4 are so curved that when they are at the outer limit of their movement with the device arranged as a match holder or safe, the main 10 receptacle will be extended slightly at its lower end from the casing 6 thereby retracting the upper end of the receptacle slightly within the upper end of the casing 15 so as to expose an opening 12 which is formed in the casing 6 designed to receive a nail or the like whereby the device may be suspended in any desired location.

It is to be understood that if the cover 2 20 is glued or otherwise secured as a distinct part to the end of the main receptacle 1 it may be put on either after or before said receptacle has been filled with matches as desired.

25 Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

As a new article of manufacture, the here-

in described receptacle, a casing adapted to receive the receptacle and provided at one end with an opening and at its opposite end 30 with slots in its sides, the receptacle being provided with a cover flap formed with a recessed edge, said flap being provided with side arms attached to the ends of said flap and arranged to work in said slots, the arms 35 being formed at their extremities with notches adapted to engage the ends of the slots whereby to hold the flap in an oblique position relative to the front of the casing and said arms being also formed at their 40 attached ends and on their edges opposite to the first named notches, with other notches adapted to engage said slots to lock the flap in a closed position, the arms being curved to hold the receptacle slightly protruding from the casing so as to expose said 45 opening, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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