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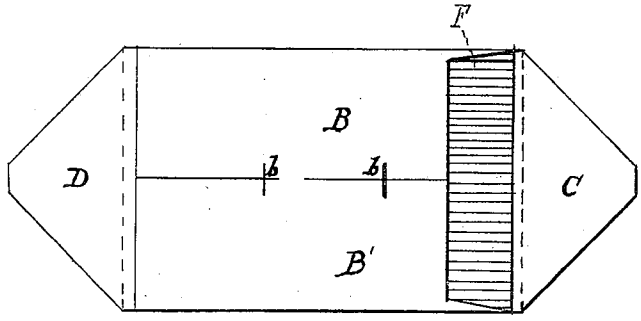


FIG. 1.

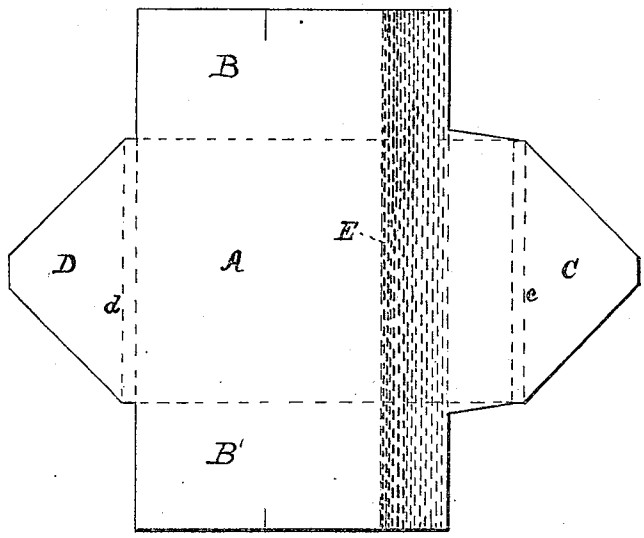


FIG. 2.

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MATCH-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT V. JONES, of Cleveland, Cuyahoga county, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Match-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention relates to certain improvements in packages for holding matches, and has for its object the providing of a package which will permit of the matches being carried in the pocket without danger, and which will cause them to ignite by drawing one forth. I accomplish this by means of the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows my improved match-holder in the shape it would appear when folded with the matches inside, and Fig. 2 shows it opened.

A is a sheet of paper, leather, or other suitable material, having creases or folds. (Shown by dotted lines *c d.*)

B B′ are the sides or flaps, which are folded over and fastened.

C D are tucks at top and bottom, which can be pushed into the slits *b b* to close the holder and retain the matches in place.

E′ is a coating of sand, emery-powder, or any suitable substance, made to adhere to the upper part of the receptacle, as shown.

F shows the ends of the matches in the holder.

It will readily be seen that when matches are placed in the holder with the ends having the friction substance downward or at the end D they will be perfectly safe to carry in the pocket, and by drawing one out, holding the device by the upper end between the thumb and fingers, it will be ignited. Thus the match is sure to light, and any danger of breaking or otherwise destroying it is obviated.

I do not confine myself to the exact shape shown in the drawings; but,

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

As a new article of manufacture, a match-holder of soft or flexible material, in which are combined the flat body A, having flaps B B′ C D, and frictional substance E, when arranged substantially in the manner and for the purposes set forth and described.

This specification signed and witnessed this 1st day of August, 1882.

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