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Fig. 1.

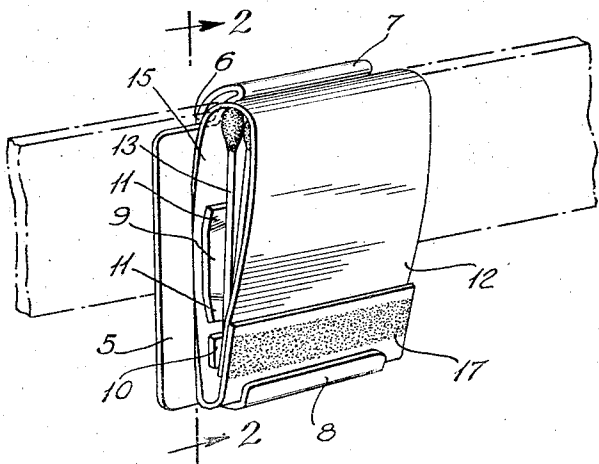


Fig. 2.

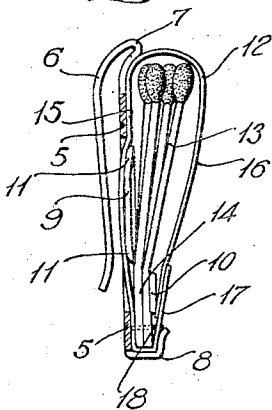


Fig. 3.

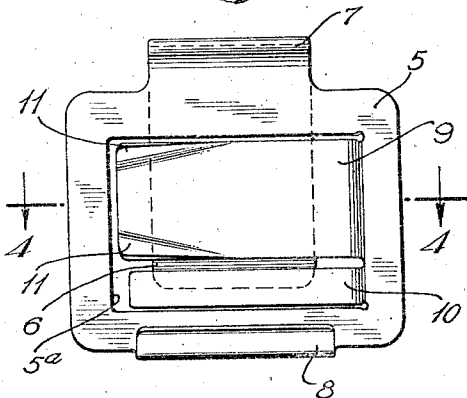
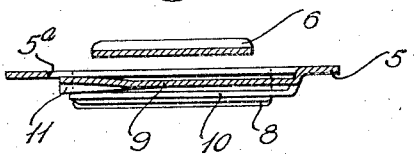


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to devices for use in supporting paper matches upon a belt or other support to render the matches accessible for use; and the object of the invention is to provide a device in the form of a rectangular body of suitable sheet material, preferably sheet metal, one part of the body being fashioned to form one or more spring arms adapted to engage the paper match to support the same in connection with the body, said body having at one side thereof a reduced extending tongue portion fashioned to form a spring clip facilitating the mounting of the device in connection with a belt or other support; a further object being to provide a device of the class described wherein the spring clip joins the body portion of the device in a forwardly curved member cooperating with the curved or folded edge of the wrapper of said paper matches to normally hold the closure flap of the wrapper in a position covering the matches; a further object being to provide another edge of said body with a channel member in which the bound or secured end of the matches or match package is adapted to rest, preventing vertical displacement of the paper matches in the holder; a further object being to provide a holder of the class described including a relatively narrow arm adapted to be positioned over the bound end of the matches and within the striking and retaining flap of the package to aid in supporting the matches in the holder and to provide a backing for the striking surface of the matches; a still further object being to provide means for supporting the wrapper of the paper matches in the holder so as to prevent lateral displacement thereof; and with these and other objects in view, the invention consists in a device of the class and for the purpose specified, which is simple in construction, efficient in use, and which is constructed as herein-after described and claimed.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawing forms a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the device made according to my invention, illustrating the method of its use.

Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a face view of the device shown in Figs. 1 and 2 with the paper matches detached; and,

Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

In carrying my invention into effect, I provide a body portion of sheet material, preferably of sheet metal, fashioned to form a substantially rectangular part 5 having a reduced tongue portion extending centrally from one side edge thereof, the latter being bent and fashioned to form a spring clip 6 which joins the part 5 in a forwardly and upwardly curved member 7.

The opposite side edge of the part 5 has a projecting part 8 fashioned to form a retaining channel arranged longitudinally of said edge. Formed from the control portion of the part 5 are two spring arms 9 and 10, both of which are arranged outwardly of the outer face of said part. The arm 10 is spaced a greater distance from the part 5 than the arm 9, and said arm 9 terminates at its free end in upwardly flared corners 11 facilitating the insertion of the arm within the wrapper of a paper match package 12 of conventional form and construction.

The package 12 contains a plurality of paper matches 13 bound together at the ends 14, the free ends of the matches having the usual phosphorous or other igniting tips 15. These matches are contained in a wrapper consisting of a sheet of light cardboard folded to form a back wall 15, a closure flap 16 as an extension of the wall 15 and a sealing and striking flap 17 secured to the bound ends 14 of the matches by a staple or other means indicated at 18, as is the usual practice.

In mounting the package 12 in connection with my improved holder as shown in the accompanying drawing, the arm 9 is placed between the back 15 of the wrapper and the matches 13, whereas the arm 10 is placed between the bound end 14 of the matches and the flap 17 as well as inwardly of the free end of the closure flap 16 as is clearly illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawing.

In this operation it will be understood that the package 12 is moved laterally across the holder, and when moved inwardly to its fullest extent, the arm 9 will by virtue of its spring properties operate to depress the side edge of the backing 15 of the wrapper so as to position the same in alinement with the adjacent wall of the part 5 formed by the opening 5a therein, thus retaining the package 12 against lateral displacement or shifting in the holder as will be apparent. It will also be understood that the lower bound edge of the package is arranged within the channel 8, and this channel in conjunction with both arms and the curved member 7 also retains the package against vertical displacement with respect to the holder.

When the package is mounted in the holder, it will be understood that the flap 16 may be raised to permit the removal of one of the matches 13. In the latter operation, the arm 10 will aid in the tearing off or removal of the paper match, forming a backing or reinforcing wall for this purpose. When a match is removed, the flap 16 previously raised under tension against the curved member 7 will automatically be lowered or moved into a position covering the matches necessitating the user to place the free end of the flap 16 within or beneath the flap 17 prior to striking the match on the striking surface of said flap 17. In the latter operation, it will be understood that the arm 10 will serve as a backing, facilitating the striking of the match.

With a holder of the type described, it is possible for an individual to open the paper package, remove a match therefrom and strike the match with one hand, assuming that the holder is mounted in connection with a suitable support. It will thus be apparent that a device of this class will find its usefulness by hunters, fishermen, golfers and others.

While the spring clip 6 of the holder is designed for use in mounting the holder upon a belt, it will also be understood that this clip or other means may be employed for supporting the same in connection with a pocket or other support. Aside from this method of mounting, it will also be understood that the holder may be used as a convenient means for supporting and carrying paper matches in the pocket or in a pocketbook, it being understood that after one package of paper matches has been consumed, the same may be quickly removed and another package replaced in the holder which will provide an unlimited use.

It will also be understood that the device may be ornamented in any desired manner and composed of expensive or inexpensive materials, and at the same time, the several parts of the device may contain advertising or other matter formed therein in any desired manner, thus making the device an at-

tractive and desirable advertising medium, and by virtue of the simplicity of the construction of the complete holder, the same may be produced at a very nominal cost.

It will also be understood that while I have shown the holder as designed for supporting a package of specific structure and contour, the holder may be modified in its design to support packages of any shape or form, and various other changes in and modifications of the construction herein shown and described may be made within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit of my invention or sacrificing its advantages. Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A holder of the class described comprising a body part of sheet material, said body part being fashioned to form an arm offset forwardly with respect to the longitudinal plane of said part and a supporting member extending from one side edge of the body part and folded downwardly upon the rear face thereof and fashioned to form a spring clip arranged to extend transversely to the longitudinal extent of said arm, the free end of said arm terminating in outwardly flared corners.

2. A holder of the class described comprising a body part of sheet material, said body part being fashioned to form an arm offset forwardly with respect to the longitudinal plane of said part and a supporting member extending from one side edge of the body part and folded downwardly upon the rear face thereof and fashioned to form a spring clip arranged to extend transversely to the longitudinal extent of said arm, and said clip joining said body in a forwardly and upwardly curved member.

3. A holder of the class described comprising a body part of sheet material, said body part being fashioned to form an arm offset forwardly with respect to the longitudinal plane of said part and a supporting member extending from one side edge of the body part and folded downwardly upon the rear face thereof and fashioned to form a spring clip arranged to extend transversely to the longitudinal extent of said arm, said clip joining said body in a forwardly and upwardly curved member, and another arm fashioned from said body and disposed at one side edge of the first named arm and spaced from said body a greater distance than said first named arm.

4. A holder of the class described comprising a body part of sheet material, said body part being fashioned to form an arm offset forwardly with respect to the longitudinal plane of said part and a supporting member extending from one side edge of the body part and folded downwardly upon the rear face thereof and fashioned to form a

spring clip arranged to extend transversely to the longitudinal extent of said arm, said clip joining said body in a forwardly and upwardly curved member, another arm fashioned from said body and disposed at one side edge of the first named arm and spaced from said body a greater distance than said first named arm, and the side edge of said body adjacent the last named arm being provided with a forwardly projecting and upwardly extending channel.

5. A holder of the class described comprising a substantially rectangular body of sheet material, the central portion of which is cut and fashioned to form a spring arm arranged forwardly of one side face of the body, and another arm disposed at one side edge of the first named arm and spaced from said body a greater distance than the spacing of the first named arm.

6. A holder of the class described comprising a substantially rectangular body of sheet material, the central portion of which is cut and fashioned to form a spring arm arranged forwardly of one side face of the body, another arm disposed at one side edge of the first named arm and spaced from said body a greater distance than the spacing of the first named arm, and one side edge of said body having a reduced projecting part folded upon the opposite wall thereof and forming means for mounting the holder in connection with a suitable support.

7. A holder of the class described comprising a substantially rectangular body of sheet material, the central portion of which is cut and fashioned to form a spring arm arranged forwardly of one side face of the body, another arm disposed at one side edge of the first named arm and spaced from said body a greater distance than the spacing of the first named arm, one side edge of said body having a reduced projecting part folded upon the opposite wall thereof and forming means for mounting the holder in connection with a suitable support, and the opposite side edge of said body having a channel projecting from said body in the same direction as said arms.

8. A holder for use in combination with paper match packages consisting of a body of matches enveloped in a wrapper including a back wall, a front closure flap and a front retaining and striking flap, said holder comprising a body portion upon which the back of the package is adapted to be placed, said body portion including an arm arranged between the matches and said back and adapted to clamp the back of the package onto said body portion, means on said body portion for mounting the same in connection with a suitable support and a supplemental arm engaging the package intermediate the bound end of the matches and said retaining and striking flap.

9. A holder for use in combination with paper match packages consisting of a body of matches enveloped in a wrapper including a back wall, a front closure flap and a front retaining and striking flap, said holder comprising a body portion upon which the back of the package is adapted to be placed, said body portion including an arm arranged between the matches and said back and adapted to clamp the back of the package onto said body portion, means on said body portion for mounting the same in connection with a suitable support, a supplemental arm engaging the package intermediate the bound end of the matches and said retaining and striking flap, and said first named means comprising a spring clip arranged at right angles to the longitudinal plane of said arms and on the rear face of said body portion.

10. A holder for use in combination with paper match packages consisting of a body of matches enveloped in a wrapper including a back wall, a front closure flap and a front retaining and striking flap, said holder comprising a body portion upon which the back of the package is adapted to be placed, said body portion including an arm arranged between the matches and said back and adapted to clamp the back of the package onto said body portion, means on said body portion for mounting the same in connection with a suitable support, a supplemental arm engaging the package intermediate the bound end of the matches and said retaining and striking flap, said first named means comprising a spring clip arranged at right angles to the longitudinal plane of said arms and on the rear face of said body portion, and said clip joining the body portion in a forwardly and upwardly curved member engaging the upper folded part of the wrapper of said package.

11. A holder of the class described comprising a substantially rectangular body part of sheet material, said body part being cut adjacent and longitudinally of three side edges thereof to form a long arm from the central portion of said part and offset with respect to the longitudinal plane thereof, and a supporting member extending from one side edge of the body part and arranged to extend transversely to the longitudinal extent of said arm.

12. A holder of the class described comprising a substantially rectangular body part of sheet material, said body part being cut adjacent and longitudinally of three side edges thereof to form a long arm from the central portion of said part and offset with respect to the longitudinal plane thereof, a supporting member extending from one side edge of the body part and arranged to extend transversely to the longitudinal extent of said arm, said supporting member being in the form of a spring clip, and the opposite side edge of said body extending to form an

upwardly directed channel arranged forwardly of the body and longitudinally with respect to said arm.

13. A holder for a package of matches of the class described comprising a substantially rectangular body, the central portion of which is cut and fashioned to form two spring arms disposed one above the other, and both of said arms being offset with respect to said body, one a greater distance than the other, and the free end of one of said arms being offset inwardly to retain a package of matches against lateral displacement from the holder.
14. A holder for a package of matches of the class described comprising a substantially rectangular body, the central portion of which is cut and fashioned to form two spring arms disposed one above the other, and both of said arms being offset with respect to said body, one a greater distance than the other, the free end of one of said arms being offset inwardly to retain a package of matches against lateral displacement from the holder, and the corner portions of the free end of said arm being flared outwardly with respect to said offset to facilitate the insertion of the paper matches in said holder.
15. A holder for a package of matches of the class described comprising a substantially rectangular body, the central portion of which is cut and fashioned to form two spring arms disposed one above the other, and both of said arms being offset with respect to said body, one a greater distance than the other, the free end of one of said arms being offset inwardly to retain a package of matches against lateral displacement from the holder, the corner portions of the free end of said arm being flared outwardly with respect to said offset to facilitate the insertion of the paper matches in said holder, and means at the upper and lower edges of the holder for retaining a package of matches mounted therein against vertical displacement with respect to the holder.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name this 17th day of October, 1932.

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