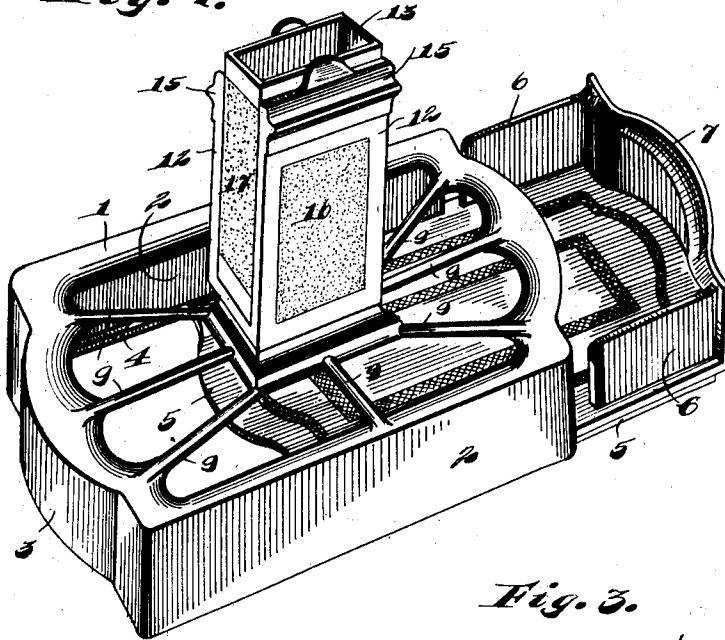


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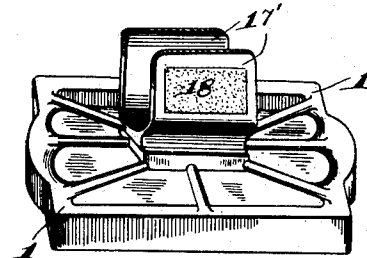
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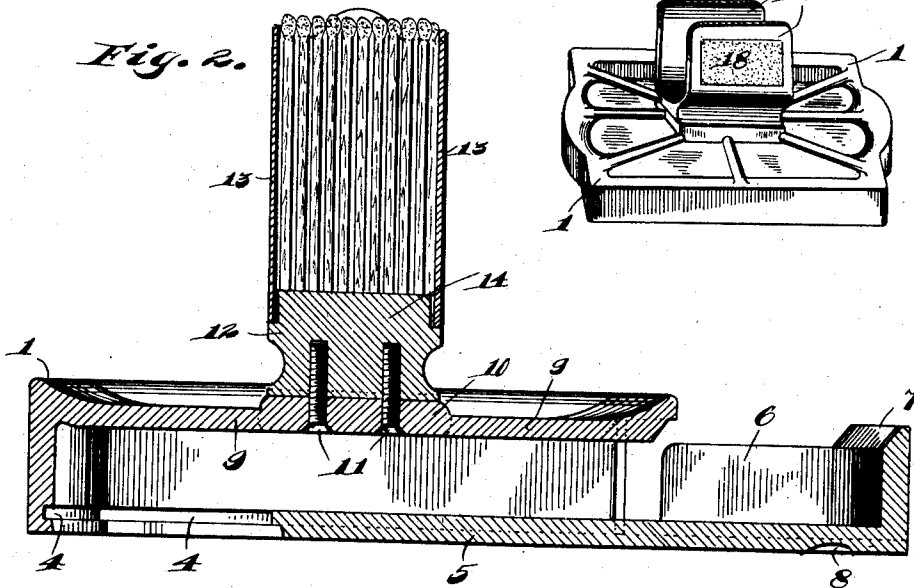
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 2.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE VOEGELI, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, and a resident of the city of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ash-Receivers and Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to combined ash trays and match box holders and the object of my improvement is to provide a combined ash tray and match striker and holder which is easily and quickly cleaned, strong and durable of construction, as hereinafter described.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the preferred form of an ash receiver and holder embodying my invention, the sliding bottom being partially withdrawn. Fig. 2 is a medial longitudinal vertical section of the device shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of my improved ash receiver having a modified form of holder.

In these drawings 1 indicates the top of my improved ash receiver having a plurality of radial openings therein.

2 represents the sides, and 3 one of the ends of the receptacle, these being rigidly secured to the top 1. Longitudinal grooves 4 are provided in the lower portion of the sides and end formed to receive the edges respectively of a substantially flat sliding bottom 5. In practice, I prefer to make the bottom slightly concave and to apply some ornamentation thereto as the same is distinctly visible through the openings in the top. Short sides 6 are secured at one end of the sliding bottom, as is also an end member 7 so formed as to close the end of the box when the drawer or sliding bottom entirely occupies the grooves 4. It will be seen that the sides 6 together with the end 7 form a pocket for holding ashes, cigar butts, burnt matches, and the like, when it is desired to remove same from the receptacle, this refuse being readily collected in said pocket by merely slanting the receptacle. The side members 6 have the further function of holding the bottom in closed position by frictional contact with the inner surface of the sides 2, these short sides being preferably of thin metal having resiliency or spring. A notch 8 in the bottom of the drawer facilitates withdrawing same when closed. In the preferred form of con-

struction rounded rod-like members 9 extend radially from the edges of the top to a central portion 10. I prefer to incline downwardly the top edges of the cover 1 and to have all of the surfaces about the said top and corners of the receptacle well rounded to facilitate the passage of ashes into the receptacle and as well as the cleaning of the device.

On the central portion 10, I preferably affix by means of screws 11 an upstanding bifurcated holding member 12, which, in Figs. 1 and 2, is arranged to accommodate a match box 13 of the usual form. This member 12 is provided with a central portion 14 formed to interfit the box and prevent lateral movement thereof between the sides of the holder and to cause the matches resting thereon to project slightly above the open top edges of the box. This construction of the box holder is old and its use and operation are well understood. At the top of the sides of the member 12, however, I preferably provide a molding 15, not only for the sake of appearance but to prevent the finger and thumb from sliding off when the device is grasped by the upstanding member 12. On the sides of the holder 12 I preferably provide roughened surfaces 16 for striking matches. The match-striking surfaces 17 on the match box 13 are exposed in the usual manner as shown in Fig. 1.

In the construction shown in Fig. 3 the upstanding bifurcated member 17 is of such shape that a cigar or cigarette may be conveniently rested between the two sides thereof, in which arrangement ashes or fire falling from the cigar or cigarette end will be caught within the receptacle. The sides of this form of holder are so spaced that a match box may be inserted therebetween and held by frictional contact. Match-striking surfaces 18 are provided on the sides of this holding member, as in the device of Fig. 1.

My improved receptacle and holder is particularly useful in first-class hotels, restaurants, and the like, where the requirements of neatness, cleanliness, and expedition in service are exacting. After the receptacle has been used, the contents thereof are quickly conveyed between the short sides of the sliding bottom by tilting the device and the drawer is then withdrawn and the cigar ashes, butts, etc., emptied. By now merely passing a cloth over the various sur-

faces of the receptacle, the device is quickly made ready for another guest. It is largely to facilitate the expeditious cleaning of the device that I preferably employ a bottom member open substantially at its sides and one end, the cleaning cloth thus being permitted to pass quickly over its entire surface.

In the use of this improved ash receiver and holder, a match is taken from the top of the box and struck upon the roughened surface 16 of the holder or 17 of the box, the receptacle proper or base of the device in either event taking the thrust of the stroke. Should the match break or particles of burning phosphorus be discharged during the striking operation, the burning substances will fall safely into the receptacle below. The same is also true, of course, in the arrangement of Fig. 3. It is thus seen that the provision of a match-striking surface above a receptacle having openings in the top thereof is of great utility in the combined operation and functions of the two parts.

My improved holder and receptacle is made preferably of metal, by casting, stamping or other well-known method. I have found both aluminum and bronze very satisfactory, although other metals and substances may be used according to any particular requirements as to cost, durability or finish.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred and a modified form of my improved holder and receptacle, as these are capable of modification without departing from the spirit of my invention, I do not limit myself thereto, but refer to the appended claims to indicate the scope of my invention.

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

1. A device of the kind described comprising a receptacle provided with a perforated top, two sides and one end depended from said top and a bottom portion carrying one end and removably secured thereto;

and two resilient short side portions carried by said bottom portion for frictionally maintaining said bottom portion in normal position, substantially as described.

2. A device of the kind described comprising a receptacle provided with a perforated top, two sides and one end depended from said top and a bottom portion carrying one end and removably secured thereto; two resilient short side portions carried by said bottom portion for frictionally maintaining said bottom portion in normal position; and means in said bottom portion to facilitate manually removing said bottom portion, substantially as described.

3. A device of the kind described comprising a receptacle provided with a perforated top, two sides and one end depended from said top and a bottom portion carrying one end and removably secured thereto; two resilient short side portions carried by said bottom portion for frictionally maintaining said bottom portion in normal position; and a bifurcated upstanding member provided with match striking surfaces carried on said perforated top, substantially as described.

4. A device of the kind described comprising a receptacle provided with a perforated top, two sides and one end depended from said top and a bottom portion carrying one end and removably secured thereto; two resilient short side portions carried by said bottom portion for frictionally maintaining said bottom portion in normal position; a bifurcated upstanding member provided with match striking surfaces carried on said perforated top; and lateral projections on said bifurcated upstanding members to facilitate manually lifting the device, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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