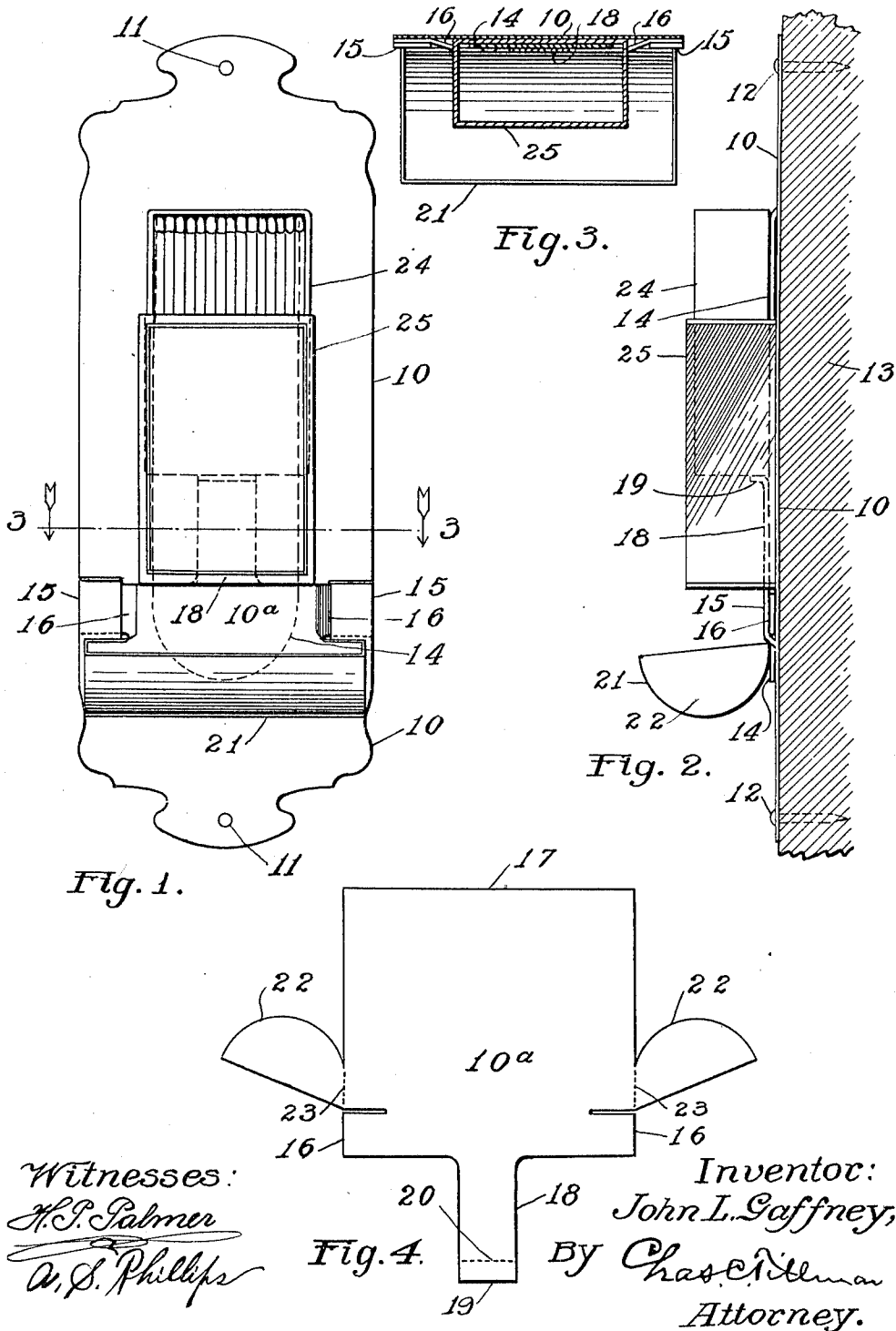


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN L. GAFFNEY, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Match-Box Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in a device to be used for supporting and holding match-boxes on the walls of rooms or other vertical supports, and it consists in certain peculiarities of the construction, novel arrangement and operation of the various parts thereof, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth and specifically claimed.

The principal object of the invention is to provide a match box holder which shall be extremely simple in construction, of few parts, cheaply manufactured, strong, durable, attractive in appearance, easily placed in operative position, and effectual in all respects in the performance of its functions. To provide a match box holder of such construction as to be particularly adapted for holding and locking against easy removal, that type of match-boxes which contain "safety" or "parlor" matches, that is, the kind of matches which it is necessary in order to ignite them, to strike or rub their heads on a specially prepared surface. In this class of match-boxes, the matches are held in an open faced box which is slid into a case therefor, which is open at each of its ends so that said box can be extended from either of its ends in order to expose the matches for use, and said case usually has on one or both of its sides the aforesaid specially prepared striking surface. Such boxes of matches, when left lying on a table or mantle-piece in rooms of hotels, are usually taken away by the guests, and to prevent this, yet to furnish means for holding the boxes in convenient places with the matches exposed for use, is another object of the invention.

Other objects and advantages will be disclosed in the following description and explanation.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which the invention pertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe it, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a face view of a match box holder embodying the invention, showing a

match box placed thereon with the matches exposed ready for use; Fig. 2 is a side view thereof; Fig. 3 is a plan sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1 looking in the direction indicated by the arrows; and Fig. 4 is a face view of the blank out of which the burnt match receptacle is formed.

Like numerals of reference refer to corresponding parts throughout the different views of the drawing.

The holder consists of two pieces, which are preferably made of sheet metal, the main supporting piece 10, being substantially rectangular in shape and having near each of its ends an opening 11, to receive spikes or nails 12, used for securing it to the wall 13, or other vertical support. The piece 10, has punched therefrom a tongue 14, the lower portion of which is free and rounded as shown by the dotted line in Fig. 1 of the drawing. Near the lower portion of the tongue 14, the member or piece 10, is provided at each of its edges with an upwardly extended projection 15, each of which is bent out slightly from the face of the member 10, yet extended in parallelism therewith to receive between them and the member 10, laterally extending projections 16, one of which is formed on the upper portion of the side edges of the other member 10^a, of the holder, which latter member is by preference formed of a single piece of material of the form shown in Fig. 4 of the drawing, that is to say, of a sheet 17 of metal provided at one of its edges, at the middle thereof, with a tongue 18, which has its free end 19, bent at a right angle thereto, preferably on the dotted line 20, of Fig. 4. The sheet of material 17, is bent to form a receptacle 21, substantially semi-circular in cross section, for the reception of the burnt matches, and the ends of this receptacle are closed by means of flaps or wings 22, formed integrally with the plate or sheet 17, and which flaps or wings may be bent on the dotted lines 23, and secured to the ends of the receptacle 21, by means of solder or otherwise. As shown in Figs. 1 and 3 of the drawing, each of the lateral projections 16, is slightly rearwardly deflected so as to extend rearwardly of the clips or projections 15, on the main supporting member when placed in position thereon.

In using the device the plate or member 10, is fastened to the wall or support 13, by means of screws or nails 12, when it is ob-

vious that the tongue 14, which is projected forwardly of, yet in substantial parallelism with the face of said member 10, will be in position to receive the match box, the sliding
5 open faced box 24, of which should be entirely inclosed within the open ended casing 25, therefor. When the parts of the match box are thus arranged, the tongue 14, is inserted between the back of the box 24,
10 and the back of the casing 25, when, by sliding the box upwardly on the tongue 14, to its juncture with the plate 10, the free end 19, of the tongue 18, can be placed against the lower end of the box 24, when,
15 by moving the receptacle 21, and tongue 18, upwardly, the box 24, will also be slid upwardly, thus permitting the projections 16, on the member 10^a, to be inserted between the projections 15, on the member 10, and
20 the wall, when, by drawing the receptacle 21, downwardly, it is obvious that the same will be held by means of the projections 15 and 16, engaging one another. When thus arranged, the casing 25 of the match box,
25 can be slid down to the position shown in Fig. 1, in which position the casing 25, will serve to lock the member 10^a in position against easy removal, and it is obvious that the casing 25, of the match box will also be
30 similarly locked in position, yet the matches will be exposed so as to be readily reached for use. It is also apparent that as the member 10^a and the receptacle 21 thereon is detachably connected to the main supporting
35 member 10, it can be easily removed by raising it so that the projections 16 thereon

will be disengaged from the projections 15, on the member 10, and that the burnt matches can be dumped or emptied from said receptacle.

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

A match box holder consisting of a main supporting member provided with a tongue extended forwardly and downwardly in substantial parallelism with said member and having its lower end free, a projection on the supporting member at each side of the lower portion of said tongue, each of said
45 projections being extended forwardly and upwardly in substantial parallelism with the supporting member and secured thereto at their lower ends, another member having a horizontally disposed receptacle and at
50 each of its sides a lateral projection to engage the first named projections, said last named member also having between its sides an upwardly extended tongue provided at its free end with a deflected part to rest
60 against the bottom of the match box and to sustain it with one end thereof extended through the casing of the box.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, this 12th day of September 1912, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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