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Fig. 1.

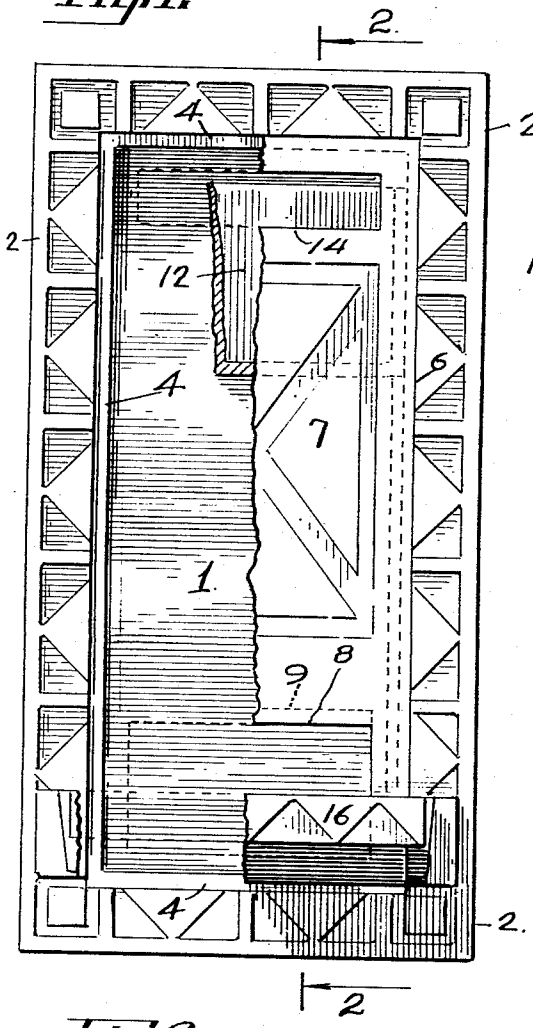


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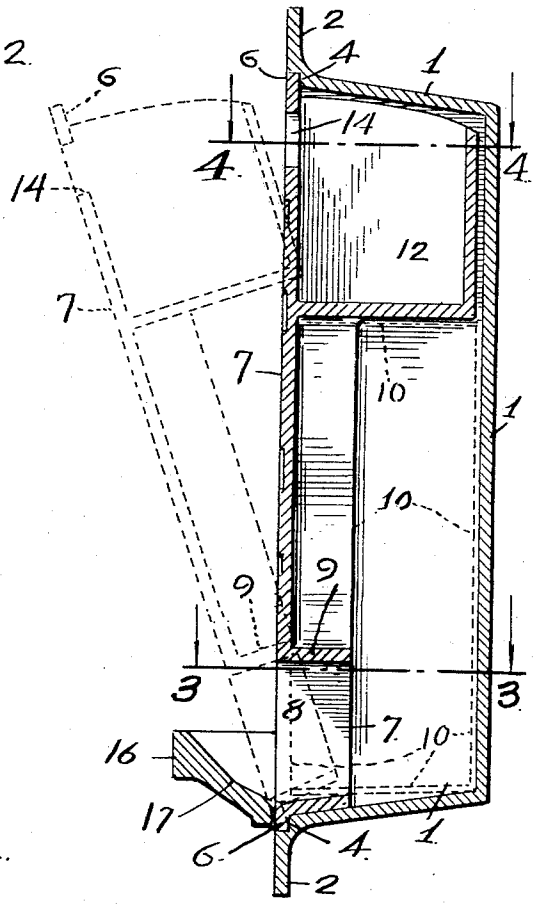


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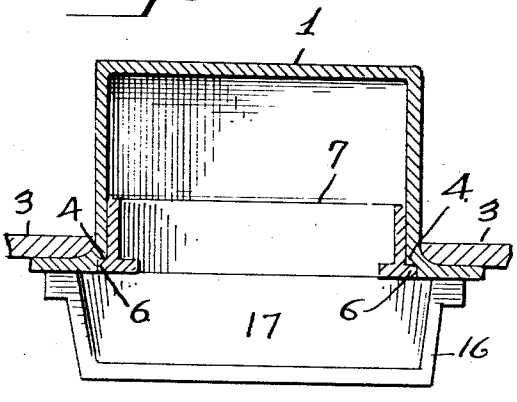
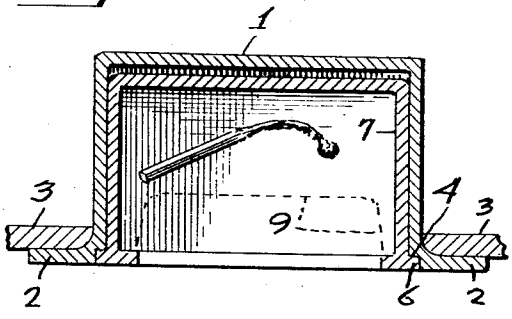


Fig. 4.



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My invention relates to improvements in receptacles, preferably for containing and dispensing matches, wherein a housing set within a wall recess operates in conjunction with a hollow member set therein and having a match containing and dispensing compartment and also a used match receiving compartment, the whole setting within a wall receptacle and having their respective front faces flush with each other to provide a dispensing and receiving receptacle.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved wall receptacle for dispensing matches and receiving them after use.

Another object is to provide a new and improved device of the type set forth for dispensing matches conveniently and for receiving used matches within a fire-proof container.

A further object is to provide a new and improved device of the character described that shall be neat in appearance, especially when the match containing member is removed from the housing for replenishment or dispensing an accumulation of burnt or used matches.

A still further object is to provide a simple, economical and fire-proof device to reduce fire risk and also for the purpose of containing and dispensing matches conveniently.

A still further object is to provide an improved device of the character described, that may be installed within a wall recess and set substantially flush with the surface of said wall for the purpose of presenting a neat and attractive appearance.

A still further object is to provide an improved match receptacle of the character set forth, having improved means for receiving and retaining a box of matches and for dispensing continuously, as the matches are used, small additional supplies of matches, and which may be easily removed for replenishment.

I accomplish these and other objects by means of the improved device disclosed in the drawing forming a part of the present application wherein like characters of reference are used to designate similar parts throughout the specification and drawing, and in which—

Fig. 1 is a broken front elevation of my improved device;

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view on line 2—2 of Fig. 1 in the direction indicated, disclosing the construction and arrangement of the several parts of the device;

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2, in the direction indicated; and

Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 2, in the direction indicated.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 is used to designate a housing having a surrounding flange 2 arranged to support the housing 1 within a convenient or suitable recess within a wall 3, as disclosed in Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawing, whereby the front of the assembled device, when in operative position, may be held substantially flush with the surface of said wall.

The interior of said housing 1 is provided at the front edge thereof with a surrounding internal shoulder 4 within which is seated a flange 6 of a member 7 seated within the housing and having what I term a dispensing opening 8 in the lower end thereof and a support or lug 9 arranged directly above said opening for supporting a box of matches indicated in dotted lines as at 10, in Fig. 2 of the drawing.

A compartment 12 is provided at the upper end of the member 7 and has an opening 14 for the introduction of used or burnt matches.

A dispensing shelf is conveniently located at the lower end of the housing 1 and has an inwardly inclined bottom 17 to prevent matches from spilling out and away from the device.

In operation, an opened box 10 of matches is inserted within the device as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 2 of the drawing, and when the member 7 is in closed or operative position, said box of matches is contained within a fire-proof housing or receptacle. A small amount of matches is spilled from the opened box into the lower portion of the housing 1 and directly opposite the dispens-

ing opening 8 of the member 7. When matches are needed, the fingers of an operator are inserted a sufficient distance into said opening 8 to contact said matches. As the supply is used, a further supply is liberated from the box above.

When the match is used, it is inserted into the compartment 12 for used or burnt matches, through the opening 14, so that any matches whose flame or fire has not been sufficiently extinguished will be prevented by the metal structure from setting fire to the wall or the house within which it is installed.

When it is desired to replenish an exhausted match supply, the upper portion of the member is moved outwardly to the position indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 2 of the drawing, the lower flange 6 of said member 7 acting as a fulcrum or pivotal point in the lower internal shoulder 4 of the housing 1. The member 7 may then be slightly raised and removed entirely from the housing 1, the burnt or used matches emptied from the compartment 12, and a new supply or box inserted or placed upon the lug or support 9 and the member reinserted within the housing 1.

The device is then again ready for use.

While I have disclosed and described the device as a match receptacle, it is quite obvious that its use and purpose is not necessarily limited to such use, but may be used for an unlimited variety of other objects, where such object is used and an undersired residue remains for depositing within the compartment 12.

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

1. A match dispensing and receiving receptacle comprising a housing provided with a flange for engaging a wall adjacent a wall recess to support said housing within said recess and the front portion of said receptacle substantially flush with said wall, and likewise provided with an internal shoulder surrounding the front edges of the interior of said housing; a dispensing shelf projecting from the lower surface of said interior; and a member detachably mounted within said housing and provided with a dispensing opening in the lower end thereof, a used match compartment and opening thereinto in the upper portion of said member, and a match-box supporting lug arranged above the dispensing opening of the member to support a box of matches above said dispensing opening said member being provided with a surrounding flange on the front thereof to engage the internal shoulder of the housing whereby the front face of said member may be held flush with the face of the housing when said member is in closed position.

2. A match dispensing and receiving receptacle comprising a housing provided with a flange for engaging a wall adjacent a wall recess to support said housing within said recess and the front portion of said receptacle substantially flush with said wall, and likewise provided with an internal shoulder surrounding the front edge of the interior of said housing; a dispensing shelf projecting from the lower surface of said interior; a member detachably mounted within said housing and provided with a dispensing opening in the lower end thereof, a used match compartment and opening thereinto in the upper portion of said member, and a match-box supporting lug arranged above the dispensing opening of the member to support a box of matches above said dispensing opening; and means for supporting said member within said receptacle with the front face of said member lying flush with the surrounding flange of the housing.

3. A match dispensing and receiving receptacle comprising a housing provided with a flange for engaging a wall adjacent a wall recess to support said housing within said recess and the front portion of said receptacle substantially flush with said wall, and likewise provided with an internal shoulder surrounding the front edge of the interior of said housing; a dispensing shelf projecting from the lower surface of said interior; a member detachably mounted within said housing and provided with a dispensing opening in the lower end thereof, a used match compartment and opening thereinto in the upper portion of said member; and a match-box supporting lug arranged above the dispensing opening of the member to support a box of matches above said dispensing opening; and a flange surrounding the member and engaging the internal shoulder of the housing for maintaining the front of the member flush with the front of the housing and in proper co-relation therewith.

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