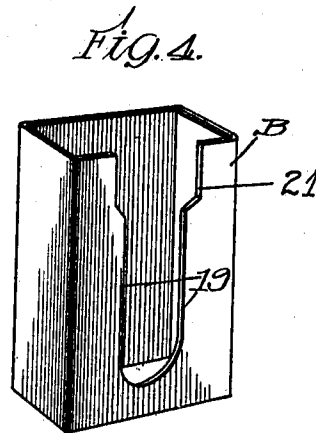
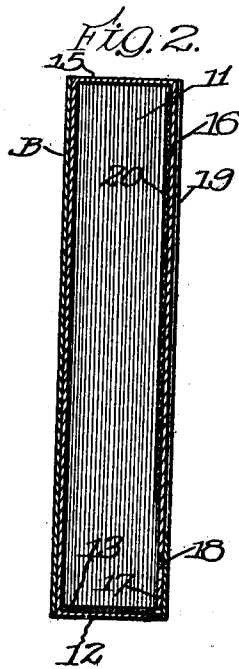
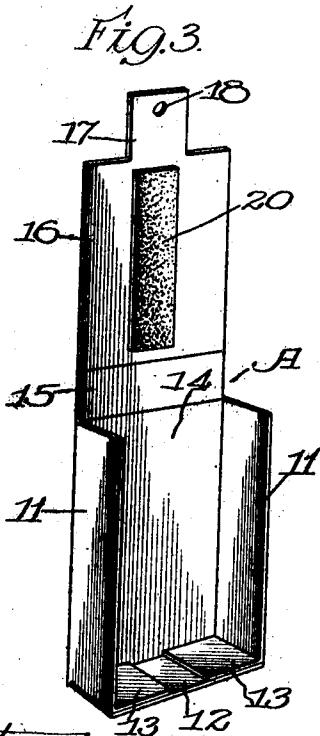
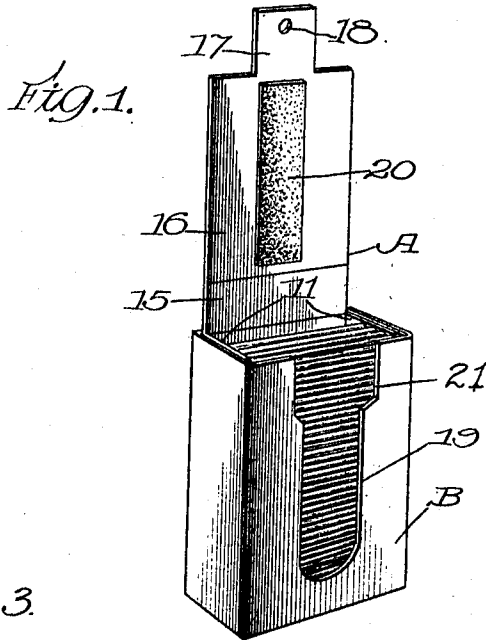


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB S. GATES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Match-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a match box more particularly described as a hanging match box, and the principal object of the invention is to provide a convenient, simple and efficient device of this character which may be used either as a pocket receptacle for matches, or as a hanging receptacle for the same.

A further object is to provide means whereby the matches or other articles may be extracted from the box in a hanging position with facility and ease.

Another object of the invention is to provide a roughened surface adjacent the lid or hanger of the box whereupon the matches may be ignited.

The invention consists in the construction generally described in the subjoined specification, but more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing—Figure 1 is an assembled view of my match box in a hanging position; Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the match box when closed; Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the match receptacle; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the cover.

Referring now more particularly to the drawing, the receptacle A is preferably formed of a single piece of material, the sides 11 and the end pieces 12 being folded in an upright position and connected together by means of the flaps 13. The bottom 14 of the receptacle is extended at the other end to form an end piece 15 and a flap 16. The outer end of the flap 16 is formed with a tongue 17 in which is a hole 18, the inner face of the flap 16 being provided with an abraded or roughened portion 20. The cover B is also formed of a single piece of material and is provided with an aperture 19 extending from one edge of the cover toward the other edge. This cover is adapted to slide over the receptacle A, and the flap 16 is adapted to slide beneath the cover without loosening the receptacle from the cover either by inserting or withdrawing the flap. When the flap 16 is folded over the receptacle the upper face of the flap is flush with the top edges of the sides 11 so that the

frictional engagement of the sides with the cover B is not affected by the position of the flap 16. When the flap 16 is withdrawn, the cover B is held firmly in place about the receptacle and both the receptacle and the cover are suspended by means of the flap without danger of their disengagement. It will be seen that the articles, such as matches, will be supported by the receptacle, the aperture 19 being adapted to permit and to facilitate the taking of matches from the receptacle. When the box is closed or is not intended to be used as a hanging receptacle, the flap 16 is folded over the receptacle, and with the receptacle portion is slid within the cover, acting in conjunction with the cover to keep the matches from falling out. The width of the tongue portion 17 is less than the width of the aperture 19, so that when the flap 16 is over the receptacle, it is not necessary to remove the cover B entirely from the receptacle to disengage or to pull out the flap. In this preferred embodiment, the flap 16 will be released as soon as the shoulders adjacent the tongue 17 are drawn outside the cover B. If desired, the flap may be extended to fold over on the outside of the cover to close the aperture 19. The aperture 19 may be formed with a widened mouth portion 21, thereby affording a larger opening to facilitate the removal of matches from the mouth of the receptacle.

In the foregoing specification, I have described a specific embodiment of the device, but it is obvious that many variations will suggest themselves to persons skilled in the art, and yet will come within the spirit of the invention.

I claim:

1. The combination of a cover formed with an opening extending from one edge thereof, the opening being wider near the said edge, and a receptacle slidable within the cover and having a flap to extend over the receptacle, the flap being reduced in width at the free end, whereby the flap may be raised through the wider portion of the opening when the receptacle is withdrawn part way from within the cover.

2. The combination of a cover formed with an aperture in one face extending from one edge, and a receptacle slidable within the cover and having a flap adapted to be folded over the receptacle, the flap having a tip less in width than the said aperture, whereby the flap may be raised when the

receptacle is withdrawn part way from within the cover.

3. The combination of a match receptacle formed with sides and one end upright and secured together, the other end being formed with an extension to form a lid to project over the receptacle flush with the top of the sides, and an apertured cover to contain the receptacle, the cover being slidable over the receptacle when the lid is closed over the receptacle and binding the edges of the receptacle, the said lid being free of the cover.

4. In a match box, the combination of a receptacle formed of a single piece of flexible material with one end and sides upright and secured together, the bottom of the receptacle being extended to form the other end and a covering flap for the receptacle, the outer face of the flap in its folded position being disposed below and between the top edge of the sides, and a cover slidable over the receptacle and the flap provided with an aperture which opens from one edge of the cover, and extending longitudinally thereof over the flap.

5. In a match box, the combination of a receptacle formed of a single piece of flexible material with one end and the sides thereof turned upright and secured together, the other end and a flap being formed as a continuation of the bottom with an abrasure surface on the inner surface of the flap, and a slidable cover for the receptacle fitting closely over the upright sides and end, the said flap being adapted to be

inserted within the cover and in such position to be flush with the top of the upright sides and provided at its free end with a hole to hang up the receptacle and cover leaving an upper opening to the receptacle and presenting the abrasive surface outwardly.

6. In a match box, the combination of a receptacle formed of a single piece of flexible material with one end and the sides thereof turned upright and secured together, the other end and a covering flap being formed as a continuation of the bottom and adapted when covering the receptacle to be flush with the top edges of the upright sides, and a cover provided with an aperture extending from one edge of the front face toward the other edge and adapted slidably to contain the receptacle and the flap, the tip of the flap being less in width than the aperture and provided with an aperture to hang up the box, and the remainder of the flap being wider than the aperture, the tip of the flap being narrowed to permit of the withdrawal of the flap from beneath the cover when the receptacle is withdrawn part way from within the cover.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, on this 19th day of January A. D. 1911.

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