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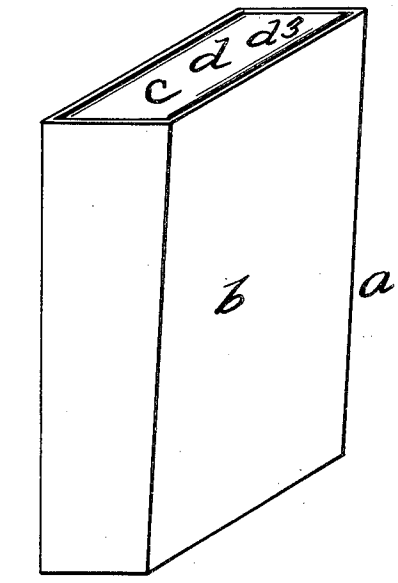


Fig. 1.

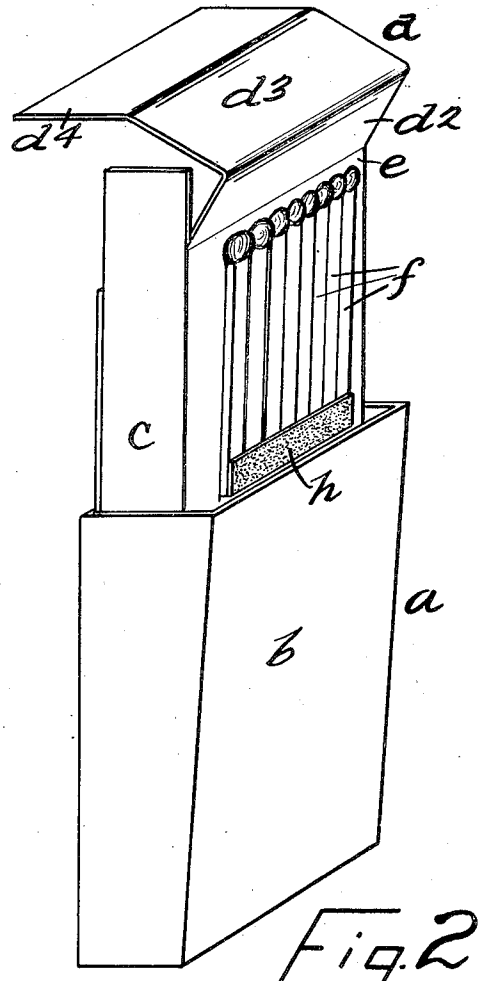


Fig. 2

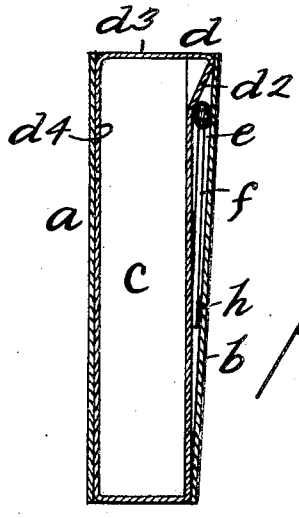


Fig 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRIK J. SCHMIDT, a subject of the King of Denmark, and residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigarette-Boxes, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to cigarette or cigar boxes and the object thereof is to provide a box for this purpose, preferably of the telescopic class, upon which sufficient matches are carried for igniting the contents of said box; a further object being to provide a box of this class which absolutely protects the said matches from accidental ignition and from moisture when the box is closed and in which the said matches are readily accessible when the box is open and a still further object being to provide a combination cigarette and match box which is simple in construction and comparatively inexpensive.

My invention is fully described in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which the separate parts are indicated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cigarette box constructed according to my invention and showing the same closed; Fig. 2 is a similar view but showing the box open; and Fig. 3 is a central vertical section through the box in its closed position.

In the drawings forming a part of this application I have shown a cigarette box *a* comprising a casing *b* open at each end and a sliding box *c* telescoped therein and it will be observed that one side of the casing *b* is slightly inclined and the reason for which will be hereinafter explained.

The sliding box *c* is provided at the top thereof with a lid member *d* which comprises a back vertical portion d^2 secured to the body of the box *c* and to which is secured a top portion d^3 which in turn carries a downwardly directed portion d^4, all of which is integral with the box *c* and forming a closure for the open end thereof.

In practice, I make the transverse diameter of the top portion d^3 somewhat greater than the transverse diameter of the box *c*, but of the same diameter as the top of the casing *b* whereas the bottom of the casing *b* is of the same diameter as the box *c* all of which is clearly shown in the drawings and when the box *c* is telescoped into the casing *b* a recess *e* is formed at the back of the box *a* as shown in Fig. 3.

Secured to the back of the sliding box *c* are a plurality of matches *f* arranged in such manner that the heads thereof are beneath the top of the box *a* and entirely within the recess *e* and said matches are preferably of paper so as to be readily detached from the box *c* and are also preferably of the safety variety, a strip of ignition material being mounted upon or adjacent to the matches *f* as shown at *h* in Figs. 2 and 3.

When it is desired to extract one of the cigarettes or cigars from the box *a*, the bottom of the sliding box *c* is forced upwardly, the closure device *d* turned upwardly and backwardly and the box is open and this operation also carries the matches *f* into view and into operative position and, when the box *a* is closed, the matches *f* are protected as clearly shown in Fig. 2.

It will be obvious that many changes in and modifications of the construction shown and described may be made within the scope of my invention without departing from the spirit thereof or sacrificing its advantages and, with this reservation,

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

A cigarette box, comprising a casing smaller at one end than at the other and open at each end, a cigarette receptacle telescoped therein and closely fitting the smaller end of said casing, the back of said receptacle being cut away from the sides thereof for a predetermined distance and being bent backwardly, forwardly and downwardly to form a closure for the larger end of said casing, and a plurality of matches arranged on said receptacle beneath the line upon which said back is bent away from the sides of said receptacle.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of the subscribing witnesses this 7th day of September 1906.

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