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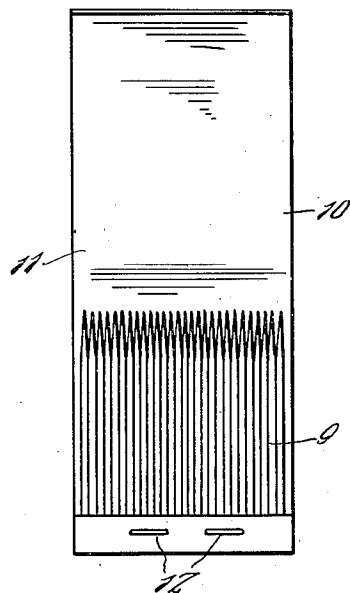


Fig. 1.

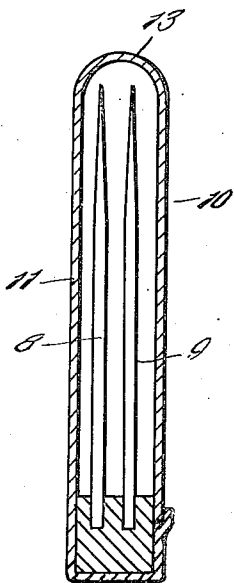


Fig. 2.

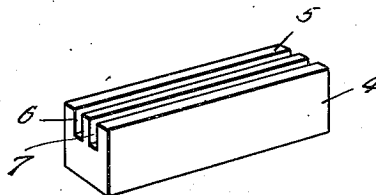


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This invention relates to a book of toothpicks, and an object of the invention is to provide for carrying a store of toothpicks on the person for his individual needs, that is extremely sanitary and useful.

Further objects of the invention are to provide a device of the character referred to that is strong, compact and durable, thoroughly reliable for its intended purpose, very simple in its method of assembly, and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture and use.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists of a novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter specifically described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein is disclosed an embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes, variations, and modifications may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the claim hereto appended.

In the drawings wherein like reference characters designate like parts throughout the several views:—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the book of toothpicks in accordance with the present invention, in open position.

Fig. 2 is a vertical detailed section through the device in closed position, and

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the anchor block.

Referring to the drawings in detail, wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown the preferred embodiment of my invention, 4 indicates a rectangular block of material such as cardboard formed on the upper face 5 with a pair of spaced longitudinal grooves 6, 7.

The grooves are U-shaped in cross section and extend the entire length of the blocks, on the opposite sides of the longitudinal median thereof. The depth of the grooves are substantially half the height of the block

4. The walls of the grooves are coated with a very light solution of glue, and the lower ends of rows of toothpicks 8, 9 are inserted in the grooves, thereafter the lock is compressed so that the glue will anchor about the lower ends of the tooth picks which are seated in these grooves.

A cover indicated generally at 10 is formed of a single sheet of cardboard or stiff paper 11, one end of which is anchored by staples 12 to one face of the block. The remaining portion of the cover 10 is folded about the bottom and other side of the block and trained over the tooth picks making a fold 13 over the pointed ends of the up-standing toothpicks.

The end of the cover 10 is tucked behind the free edge of the anchored portion of the sheet to hold the cover in place over the up-standing rows of tooth picks. The method of holding the cover in folded position is clearly shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings.

Thus it will be seen when it is desired to use a toothpick the cover 10 may be slipped from the holding edge and a tooth pick withdrawn from the groove of the block 4. Thereafter, the cover is closed about the tooth picks whereupon they may be carried in the pocket in a sanitary condition.

While I have shown the cover 10 anchored to the block 4 by means of staples, it is within the contemplation of the invention to glue the lower portion of the cover to the block instead of using staples.

The present embodiment of the invention has been disclosed in considerable detail merely for the purpose of exemplification, since in actual practice it attains the features of advantage enumerated as desirable in the statement of the invention and the above description.

It is to be understood that by describing in detail herein any particular form, structure, or arrangement, it is not intended to limit the invention beyond the terms of the

claim, or the requirements of the prior art.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:—

- 5 A tooth pick holder comprising a block
a longitudinally extending groove therein,
and a row of tooth picks each formed with
a pointed end and a blunt end, with the
blunt end frictionally held in the groove
and a cover member having a part attached
10 to the block and extending over the tooth
picks.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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