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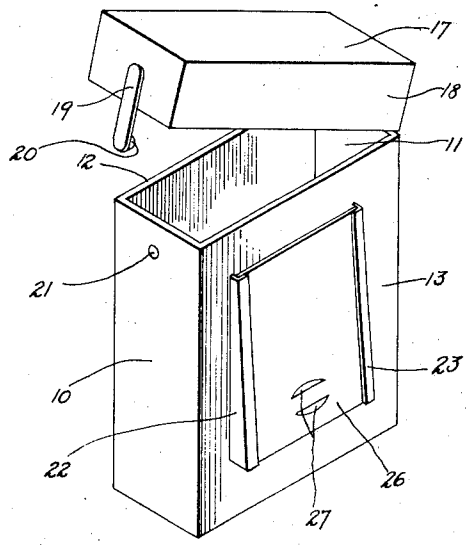



FIG. 1

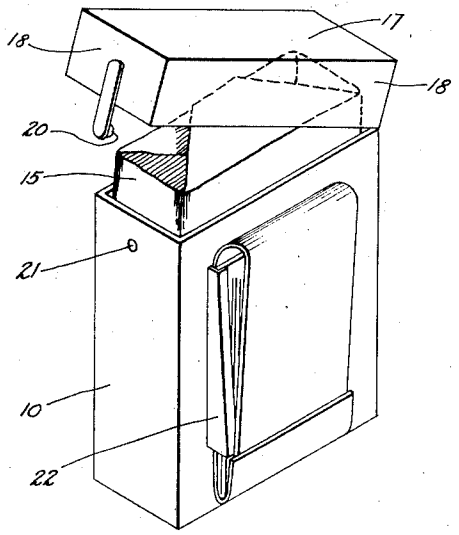



FIG. 2

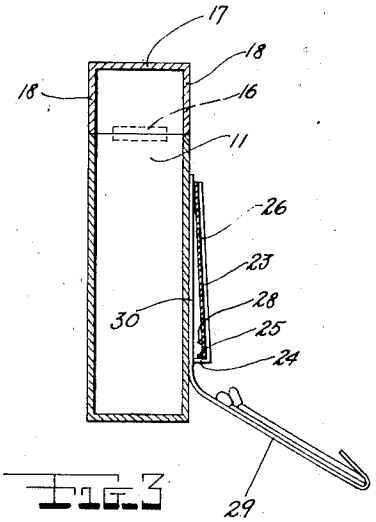



FIG. 3

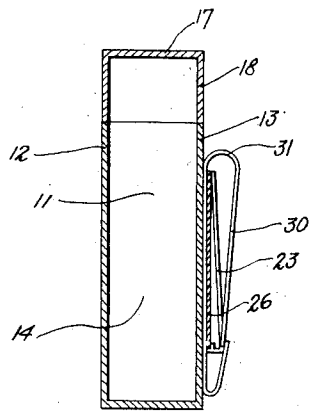



FIG. 4

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MILLARD D. BURRIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bloomfield, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Match and Cigarette Holders, of which the following is a specification.

It is a common fault with cigarette smokers that when the cigarettes have been found in the pockets, the matches for igniting the same must be searched for. This invention aims to provide a device or article which combines a package of cigarettes and a book of matches in a single packet so that either or both may be produced when desired. A further object is to provide a container which receives a packet of cigarettes and has means on one face of the container whereby the common book of matches may be releasably mounted.

The above and other objects will become apparent in the description below, in which characters of reference refer to like-named parts in the drawing.

Referring briefly to the drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the article, showing the cover in partly opened position and void of contents.

Figure 2 is a view similar to Figure 1, showing the packet of cigarettes in the container and a book of matches mounted in its proper place.

Figure 3 is a longitudinal sectional elevational view taken substantially thru the vertical center of the article and illustrates the method of mounting or demounting a book of matches in place thereon.

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 3, showing the book of matches mounted in place.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the numerals 10 and 11 indicate the side walls of a container, the latter being provided with a rear wall 12 and front wall 13. The side and rear and front walls are connected at their longitudinal edges and are integral with each other to provide a chamber 14 in which a packet of cigarettes 15 is adapted to be inserted. At the upper edge of the side wall 11, a hinge 16 is mounted and to this hinge, a cover 17 having enclosing side walls 18 is secured. One of the walls 18 of the covering 17 which aligns with the wall 10 of the container, has a resilient downwardly projecting tongue 19 thereon. Said tongue extends downwardly and at its lower end has a hemispherical lug 20 thereon. At a position slightly below the upper edge of the side wall 10, a hemispherical recess 21 is provided, said recess being adapted to receive the lug 20 of the tongue 19 when the cover 17 is closed down upon the container. The front wall 13 of the container is provided with a pair of tapering vertically mounted L-shaped guide bars 22 and 23. These guide bars are spaced-apart from each other and have their widest ends at the lower portion thereof. At the lower widest portions of these guide bars 22 and 23, a relatively small ledge 24 is provided and intermediate the length of these ledges, a ridge 25 extends upwardly. A retainer plate 26 is adapted to be slidably inserted between the L-shaped guide bars 22 and 23 and on said retainer plate, a pair of recesses 27 are provided. These recesses are adapted to receive the nail of a finger and are oppositely disposed toward each other so that when the finger nail is inserted into the lower recess 27, the retainer plate may be pushed upwardly, and when the finger nail is inserted in the upper recess, the plate may be pushed downwardly. The surface of the retainer plate 27 which faces the wall 13 of the container, is provided with one or more pointed prongs 28 which are adapted to be impinged into the material forming the back 29 of the book of matches.

The above described article is used for storing a packet of cigarettes and a book of matches in a convenient pocket or the like. The packet of cigarettes 15 is inserted into the chamber 14 of the container and in order to retain the freshness of the cigarettes, the cover 17 is provided which is releasably locked in place on the container by the lug 20 being engaged in the recess 21. This lug is mounted on the flexible tongue 19 and may be disengaged from the recess 21 by an upward pull of the hand. The book of matches of the type now in common use, is mounted on the external surface of the front wall 13 of the container. The guide bars 22 and 23, cooperating with the plate 26, are used to secure the book in place on the wall. These guide bars 22 and 23 are spaced-apart a distance somewhat greater than the width of the book of matches and the cover 30 of said book of matches is first inserted between the retainer plate 26 and the wall 13 of the container

by inserting the book from the lower end of the article and urging the same upwardly, it being noted that the retainer plate during this operation is in the position shown in Figure 3, in which said plate lies adjacent the tapering portion of the guide bars 22 and 23. After the book of matches has been completely inserted into place so that the fold or return bend 31 will extend above the guide bars, the finger nail is then inserted into the lower recess on the retainer plate 26 and the latter is urged upwardly so that its lower edge rises above the portion 25 on the ledge 24. When this has been accomplished, the opposite or upper recess on the retainer plate 26 is engaged by the finger nail, and after the retainer plate is urged toward the front wall 13 of the container, the pointed prongs 28 will enter the material forming the portion 29 of the book of matches and the retainer plate will then be urged downwardly so that its lower edge will be retained between the back 29 of the book of matches and the portion 25 mounted on the ledge 24, this position being shown in Figure 4 of the drawing. The reverse operation takes place when it is desired to release the spent book of matches.

I claim:—

1. A device of the class described comprising a container receiving the packet of cigarettes, a cover for said container, means for releasably locking the cover on said container, means for removably mounting a book of matches on said container comprising a retainer plate having pointed prongs on its concealed face, the back of the book of matches being adapted to be gripped by the prongs when in position between the wall of the container and the retainer plate, guide bars mounted vertically on the wall of the container and adapted to support said retainer plate, and means for supporting the retainer plate so that the pointed prongs thereof enter the material forming the back of the book of matches.

2. A device of the class described comprising a container receiving the packet of cigarettes, a cover for said container, means for releasably locking the cover on said container, means for removably mounting a book of matches on said container comprising a retainer plate having pointed prongs on its concealed face, the back of the book of matches being adapted to be gripped by the prongs when in position between the wall of the container and the retainer plate, tapering L-shaped guide bars mounted vertically on the wall of said container, the retainer plate being slidable between said guide bars, a shelf on the lower end of each guide bar, a ridge projecting upwardly from the shelf intermediate its length, said ridge being adapted to separate the ledge in two, one portion thereof being adapted to lock the retainer plate in position adjacent the back of the book matches so that the pointed prongs on said retainer plate enter into the material forming the back of the book of matches, and means on said retainer plate for lifting or lowering the same.

3. A device of the class described comprising a rectangular container, a hinged cover for said container, yieldable means for releasably locking the cover on said container, means for removably mounting a book of matches on said container comprising a pair of spaced-apart guide bars mounted vertically on the wall of the container, said guide bars forming an inclined channel therebetween, a retainer plate movable in the channel formed by the guide bars and having pointed prongs at its lower end, the upper end of said channel formed by the guide bars being open, said channel being adapted to receive the cover and back of a book of matches between the retainer plate and the wall of the container.

4. A device of the class described comprising a container, a cover for said container, means for releasably locking the cover on the container, means for removably mounting a book of matches on said container comprising L-shaped guide bars extending vertically on the container and forming tapering channels widest at the bottom of said guide bars, a shelf on the lower end of each guide bar, a ledge intermediate the length of each shelf and projecting entirely across the same, said ledge being adapted to form recesses, and a retainer plate loosely mounted in the guide channels being adapted to enter into the ledge recesses and be secured in two positions.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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