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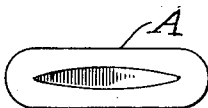
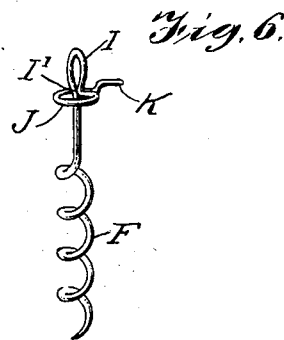
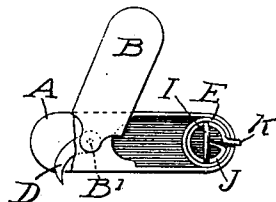
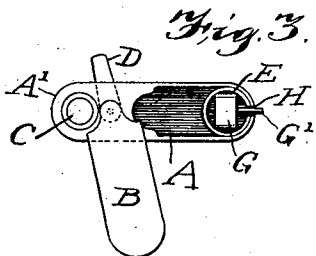
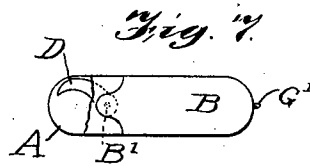
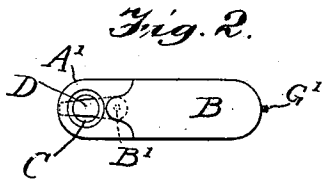
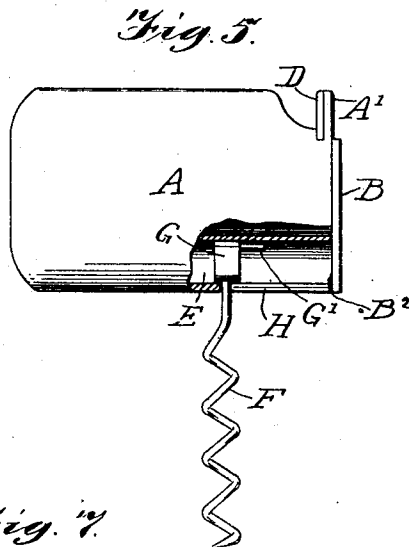
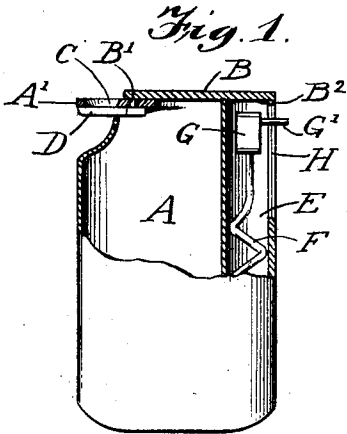


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COMBINED MATCH-BOX, CIGAR-CUTTER, AND CORKSCREW.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BARTHOLOMEW BROOKS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in a Combined Match-Box, Cigar-Cutter, and Corkscrew, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in smokers' articles, and has for its object to provide an article in which a match-box, corkscrew, and cigar-cutter are combined.

With this end in view this invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then specifically designated by the claims.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains may understand how to make and use the same, the construction and operation will now be described in detail, referring to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the article, a portion of the same being shown in section; Fig. 2, a plan view of the same; Fig. 3, a plan view with the cover swung to one side; Fig. 4, a bottom plan view; Fig. 5, a side elevation of the article with the corkscrew in place for use, a portion of the article being broken away to show the interior; Fig. 6, a perspective view of a modified form of corkscrew; Fig. 7, a plan view of the device, showing a modified form of cigar-cutter; Fig. 8, a similar view to Fig. 7, showing the cover swung to one side.

A represents the match-box, said match-box having an opening through the upper end. This opening is adapted to be normally closed by a cover B, pivoted at B' to the top of the match-box. The top of the match-box extends out rearwardly, and this extending portion is provided with an opening C, through which the end of the cigar may be thrust.

D is a knife lying flat underneath the extension A' of the top of the box, and this knife is secured upon the same pivot as the cover B, which extends through the top. The knife being sharpened upon both edges will cut the cigar from either side.

To cut the end off of a cigar, first the cover is swung to one side, so as to open the match-box. Then the end of the cigar is thrust through the opening C, and when the cover is closed the knife will clip off the end.

In one side of the match-box is located a tube E, into which is designed to be held the corkscrew F. This corkscrew F is provided with a block G, which block is provided with a pin G', extending outward therefrom. When the corkscrew is out of use and is inserted in the tubular portion E, the pin G' will protrude through a slot H, formed in the outside wall of the tubular portion, and when the cover is rocked to one side upon the match-box the corkscrew can be removed from the tubular portion by raising the pin G', and then the corkscrew may be put in operative position by sliding the block into the tubular portion, so that the corkscrew extends outward at right angles to the box. The block fitting tightly within the tubular portion and the shank of the corkscrew protruding through the slot H hold the corkscrew firm, so that it can be used, the match-box answering as a handle.

The cover B when in its normal position is locked in place by means of the slight projection B², extending downward from the under side of the outer end of the cover, entering the slot H, so that it would be necessary to raise the cover slightly to open the same. This will make the opening of the box somewhat of a puzzle, as there is no evidence of a catch in sight when looking downward upon the top of the box.

In Figs. 7 and 8 I have shown a modified form of cigar-cutter in which the knife is normally at one side of the opening C, so that the cigar is first thrust through the opening C and the tip is cut from the cigar by the opening of the lid instead of the closing of the same, as before described; but this construction has a disadvantage in that the cigar is only cut on one movement of the lid, and in the former construction the cigar could be cut by moving the lid in either direction.

In Fig. 6 I have shown a modified form of corkscrew which is made entirely of wire, the shank end of the same being bent so as to form a ring I, the plane of which is paral-

5 lel with the shank of the corkscrew, and this
 ring I is adapted to fit in the tubular portion
 E when the corkscrew is to be used, the wire
 in forming the ring being bent backward to
 10 the shank, so as to form the narrow neck I',
 which passes through the slot H when the
 corkscrew is placed in position for operation.
 The wire for forming the neck is then bent
 outward to form a ring J, the plane of which
 15 is at right angles to the shank and is adapted
 to fit within the tubular portion of the box
 when the corkscrew is placed thereon and is
 out of use, the end of the wire for forming
 the ring J extending outward to form the pin
 20 K, which answers the same purpose as the
 pin G', described in connection with the other
 construction. This form of corkscrew can be
 made at a comparatively small cost and still
 will be held firmly in the tubular portion
 when used.

Of course I do not wish to be limited to the
 exact construction here shown, as slight modi-
 fications could be made without departing
 from the spirit of the invention.

25 Having thus fully described my invention,
 what I claim as new and useful is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a match-
 box, a lid pivoted to the top of the match-box
 and adapted to swing horizontally, an exten-
 30 sion formed with the top of the match-box,
 an opening formed through said extension
 vertically, a knife carried by the lid and
 adapted to cross said opening when the lid is
 swung upon its pivot, a tubular portion
 35 formed in the match-box upon one side, the
 wall of the box provided with a slot extend-
 ing downward from the top and extending
 from the exterior of the box to the inter-
 40 rior of the tubular portion, a corkscrew
 adapted to normally fit within the tubular
 portion, an enlargement formed upon the
 shank end of the corkscrew, said enlargement
 adapted to fit tightly within the tubular por-
 45 tion when the corkscrew is at right angles to
 the box with the shank extending through

the slot, and a pin extending outward at right
 angles to the corkscrew adapted to protrude
 through the slot when the corkscrew is in its
 normal or inoperative position, as and for the
 purpose specified.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a de-
 vice of the character described consisting of
 a match-box, a lid pivoted at one end so as to
 swing horizontally over the top of the box, an
 extension formed upon the top of the box ex-
 55 tending outward beyond the outer wall of the
 box, said extension provided with a vertical
 opening, a knife arranged underneath the ex-
 tension and adapted to fit tightly against the
 under side of the same, said knife connected
 60 to the pivot of the lid so that the knife will
 cross the opening when the lid is swung, a
 vertical tubular portion formed in the box,
 the wall of the tubular portion being provided
 with a slot extending from the top of the box
 65 downward and extending from the interior of
 the tubular portion to the exterior of the box,
 a corkscrew adapted to normally fit within the
 tubular portion, an enlargement formed upon
 the shank end of the corkscrew adapted to
 70 tightly fit the tubular portion when the cork-
 screw is at right angles to the box with the
 shank extending through the slot, a projec-
 tion formed with a cover and extending down-
 ward from the outer lower side thereof and
 75 adapted to snap into the upper end of the
 slot when the lid is closed, and a pin protrud-
 ing outward at right angles to the corkscrew
 and adapted to protrude through the slot
 when the corkscrew is in its normal or inop-
 80 erative position, as and for the purpose speci-
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In testimony whereof I have hereunto af-
 fixed my signature in the presence of two sub-
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