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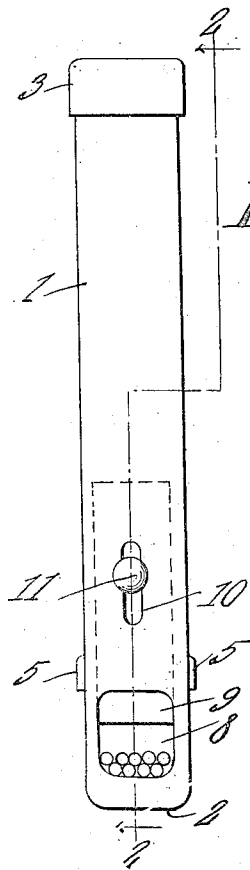


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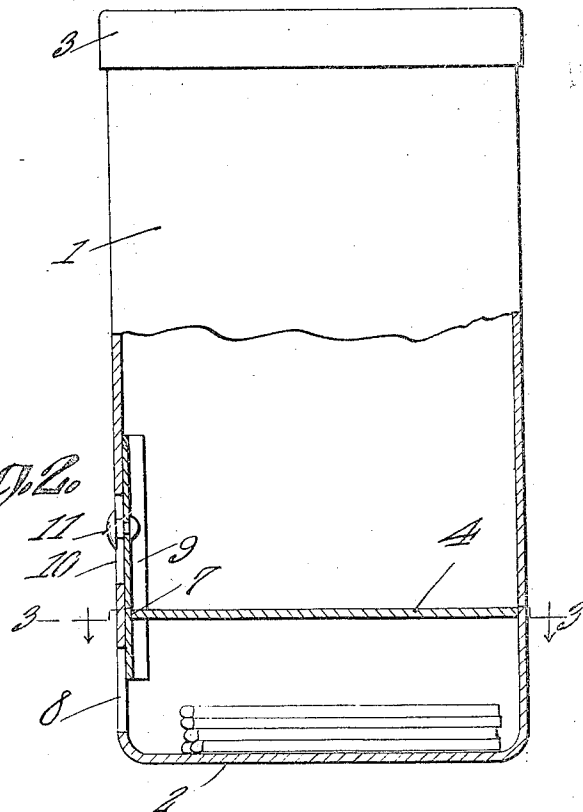


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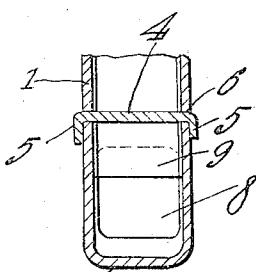


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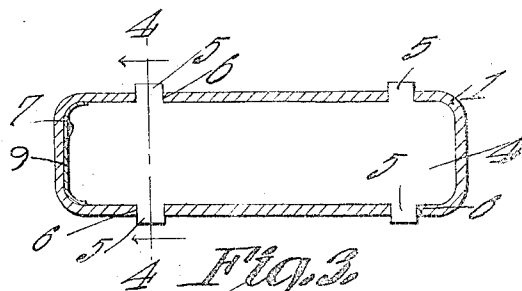


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADAM LOCHNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pine, in the county of Jefferson and State of Colorado, have invented a new and useful Combination Tobacco-Can and Match-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention appertains to a combination tobacco can and match holder, and aims to provide a tobacco can provided with a match holder or receptacle whereby matches may be carried by the can and readily removed for lighting the pipe or cigarette, and in order that it is unnecessary to carry the matches independent of the can as is ordinarily done.

It is also within the scope of the invention to provide a device of the nature indicated, embodying a unique construction and assemblage of the component parts, whereby the device is not only simple, compact, non-encumbering and inexpensive in construction, but is also convenient, serviceable, practical and efficient in use.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed can be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is an edge view of the tobacco can which is provided with the match holder. Fig. 2 is a partial sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, portions being illustrated in elevation. Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a sectional detail taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

In carrying out the invention, there is employed a flat tobacco can 1 of usual construction adapted to be carried in the pocket, and formed from sheet metal. This can 1 has a bottom 2, and a removable slip cover or cap 3 closing the mouth of the can. A false bottom 4 is disposed within the can or receptacle 1 slightly above the bottom 2 of the can and the side edges of the false bottom 4 are provided with tongues 5 projecting

therefrom and projecting through slots 6 provided in the sides of the can 1. The false bottom 4 is preferably constructed of sheet metal, and the tongues 5 are clenched or bent upon the exterior of the can 1, to securely fasten the false bottom 4 in place. One end of the false bottom 4 is spaced slightly from one edge portion of the can 1, to provide a slot 7 between the said end of the false bottom and the said edge portion of the can.

The space or chamber between the false bottom 4 and the bottom 2 of the can provides a match holder or receptacle, and the aforesaid edge portion of the can is provided with an opening 8 between the bottoms 2 and 4 and which provides a mouth for the match holder, through which opening or mouth 8 the matches may be introduced and withdrawn.

As a means for normally closing the opening 8 of the match holder, a valve or shutter 9, constructed of sheet metal, is slidable along the interior of that edge portion of the can 1 having the opening 8, the valve or shutter 9 sliding through the slot 7 between the false bottom 4 and respective edge portion of the can, and projecting below and above the false bottom. The valve or shutter 9 is curved or bent transversely to conform to the curvature of the edge portion of the can, and the respective end of the false bottom is curved similarly, whereby the valve 9 may slide snugly along the edge portion of the can. As a means for enabling the valve 9 to be slid open and closed, the said edge portion of the can 1 is provided with a vertical or longitudinal slot 10 above the false bottom 4, and a rivet or other operating element 11 is engaged to the valve 9 and works within the slot 10, the rivet having an outer head or knob which may be pressed by the thumb or fingers for sliding the valve upwardly or downwardly. The valve 9 closes the slot 10, so as to prevent the accidental discharge of tobacco through the said slot.

The tobacco is retained within the can 1 above the false bottom 4, and the matches are held within the match holder between the two bottoms. Ordinarily, the valve 9 is slid downwardly to close the opening 8, to prevent the matches from being lost or dropped out of the holder. After the tobacco is removed from the can for filling a pipe or rolling a cigarette, the valve 9 may be slid upwardly to open position, for en-

abling a match to be withdrawn from the match holder, and to enable the pipe or cigarette to be lighted.

The present device is most convenient, 5 since the matches are carried by the tobacco can or receptacle, and it does not require the separate handling of both a tobacco can and a match holder. The tobacco can may be provided with the false bottom and valve 10 without depreciable or prohibitive expense, in order that the invention may be embodied in ordinary tobacco cans which are discarded after being emptied, although it is to be understood that the invention may be em- 15 ployed in a permanent tobacco can or holder and may be refined when more expensive or elaborate features are desired in the structure.

Having thus described the invention, what 20 is claimed as new is:—

A flat receptacle adapted to be carried in

the pocket and having a false bottom above its bottom and an opening in one edge portion between the bottoms, there being a slot 25 between one end of the false bottom and said edge portion of the receptacle, a valve slidable upon the inner side of said edge portion of the receptacle and movable through said slot for closing said opening, said edge 30 portion of the receptacle having a vertical slot above the false bottom, and a headed element carried by the valve and working in said slot for guiding the valve and enabling the valve to be manually opened and closed.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as 35 my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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