

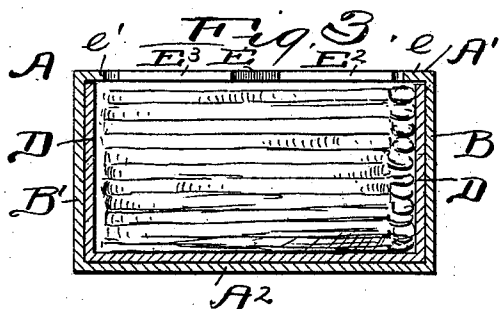
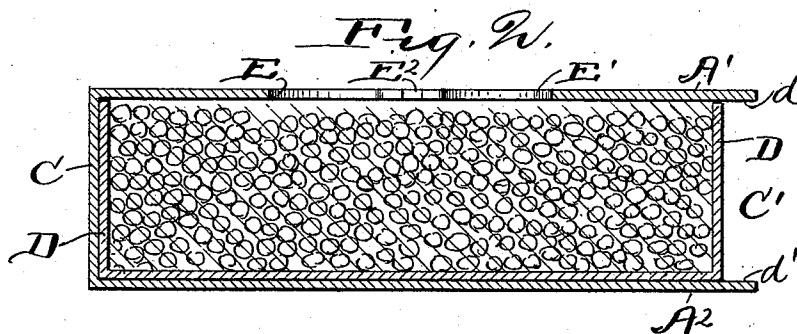
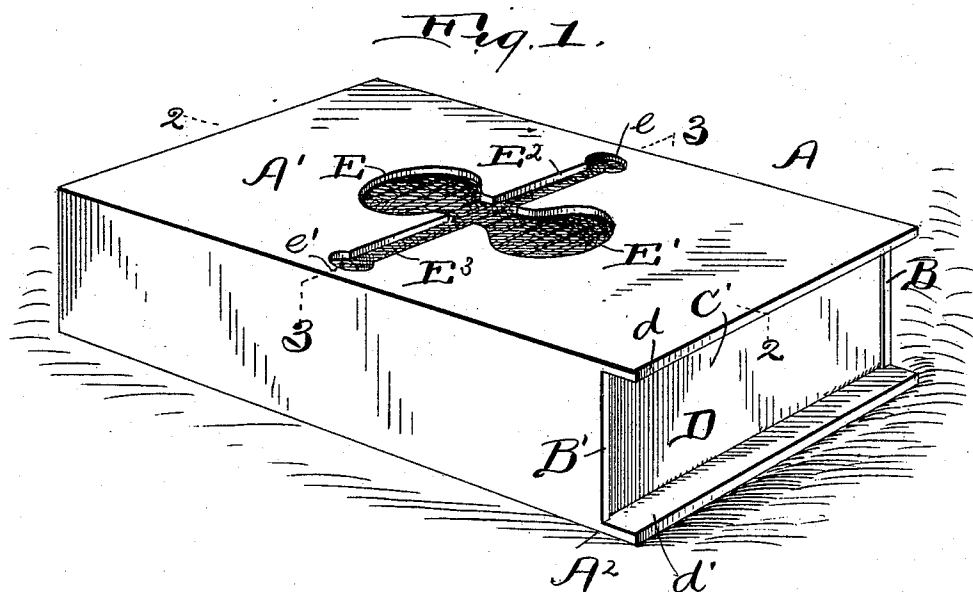
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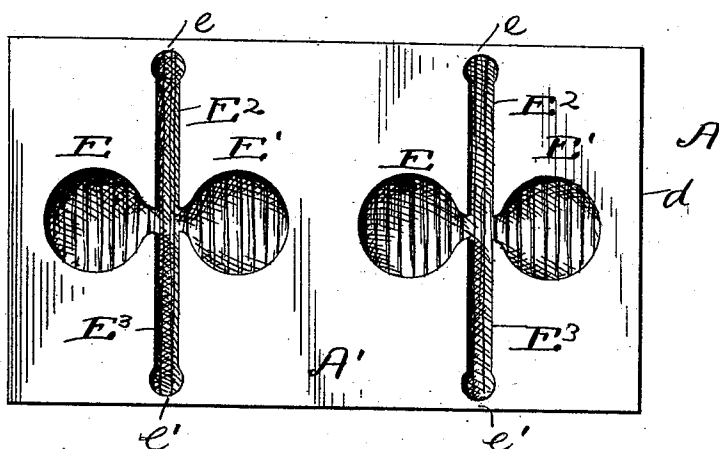


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MATCH-SAFE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CALEB EBERSOLD, of Ravenna, Portage county, Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Match-Safes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in match-safes; and it consists in the peculiar construction of the same, whereby the original package or box containing the matches may be contained therein, and only one match at a time can be extracted from the box after the match-box is inserted.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective illustrating my improved device. Fig. 2 is a view in longitudinal vertical section taken through line 2 2, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a view in transverse section taken through line 3 3, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 illustrates a modification of my safe.

A represents a casing or container, which is preferably formed of cast metal. This container is provided with top and bottom walls A' A', two side walls B B', and one end wall C. The end C' is open to allow of the match-box D being slipped in.

In order to prevent the box D from being easily extracted, I have provided at the open end C' two extending ledges *d d'*, thus making the top A' and bottom A' longer than the match-box D. The sides B B' may also be made slightly longer than the box, but this is not essential. About central of the top of the casing A is formed an opening E E' E² E³, cruciform in shape, and having the longitudinal arms E E' formed with enlarged circular ends, sufficiently large to accommodate the thumb and finger, and the transverse arms E² E³ just large enough to allow of the passage of a single match and provided with slightly-enlarged ends to allow of the free passage of the match-heads.

The transverse arms E² E³ do not extend fully across the box, but leave shoulders or flanges *e e'* at either end. The object of this is to prevent two matches being extracted in vertical line at one time, inasmuch as it is hardly probable that any two matches in the

box will be in line vertically, both at their ends and sides, when being withdrawn or extracted. The shoulders or flanges act to interfere with a match out of line with the transverse slot. It is of course understood that by shifting the matches in line vertically with the slot two or even more matches might be extracted, but by my safe there is no possibility of the matches being dropped or scattered around, as would be the case where a person carelessly grabbed at a box of matches, and on the other hand the loss of matches in cigar-stores and like places is lessened, inasmuch as persons, when wishing a match or "light," take only sufficient for their immediate wants, and cannot, without being noticed, "grab a handful," as is the usual practice in many cases.

As shown in Fig. 4, casing A may be provided with two cruciform openings for extracting the matches.

It will be noticed that in my match-safe the narrow or transverse arms E² E³ are so located as to be in the same direction as the matches are laid in the boxes when sold or packed, and it is hence unnecessary to either turn the match for the purpose of extracting it or to remove the matches from the box in order to place them in a safe, it only being necessary to remove the outer covering of the box and insert it in the safe, when the matches will be in position to be extracted through the narrow slot E² E³ without the necessity of turning them.

What I claim is—

A match-safe formed box shape and open at one end or side, said end or side having the top and bottom extending over or beyond the sides, in combination with a match-box adapted to enter the safe, said match-box being, when in position in the safe, within or beyond the extending portions of the safe, and an opening in the match-box to extract the matches.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification, in the presence of two witnesses, this 13th day of June, 1896.

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