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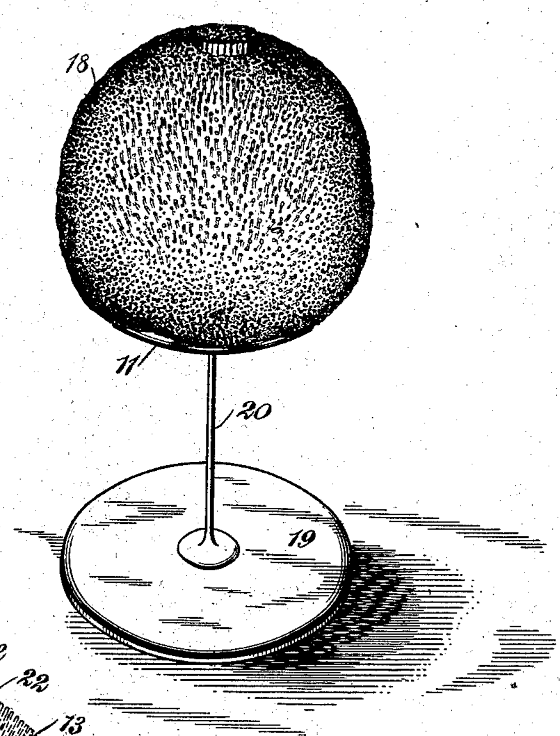

Fig. 1.

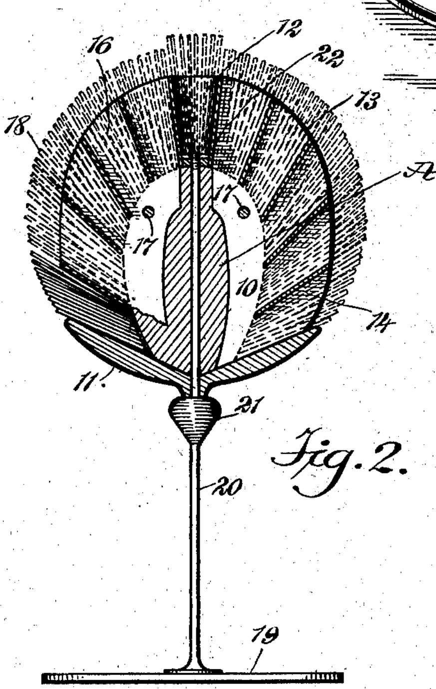

Fig. 2.

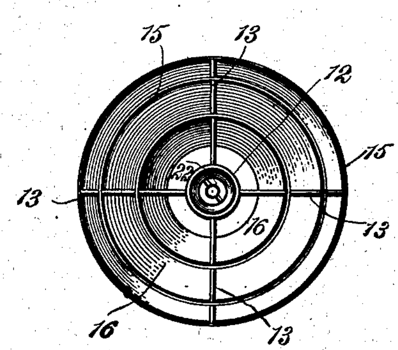

Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT DICKSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Stand for Toothpicks, Matches, or Like Articles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to certain novel and useful improvements in stands or receptacles for toothpicks, matches, and like articles.

In carrying out the present invention I have particularly in view the provision of a stand or receptacle of the character described which shall be so constructed as to firmly and securely retain articles placed therein and at the same time shall present an ornamental appearance.

It is also my intention or object to form the framework of the body of any suitable material—such as sheet metal, tin, or the like—said framework being placed about a central core of the receptacle and having pockets therein, said pockets being adapted to be filled with splints, strips, or sheaths, which, if desired, may be colored, shaped, or otherwise ornamented to present an attractive appearance.

In addition to providing a device which shall be ornamental or useful I have also as an object the construction of a holder or receptacle which shall be exceedingly simple, occupying but comparatively little space, and which may be manufactured at a small expense.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved stand. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the same, the splints appearing in positive lines in one lower compartment only, the splints in the other compartments being indicated for convenience in illustration in broken lines; and Fig. 3 is a plan view of the stand, the splints having been removed.

In the construction of the body of the stand a central oval-shaped core A is provided, preferably made of wood, and in said core a series of vertical slots 10 is made, extending from a point near the center of the top to a point near the center of the bottom. The bottom of the core A rests upon a dished tray 11, and at the top of the core a receptacle 12 is secured, made of tapering form and widest at its upper end. The back walls of the slots 10 are convexed except at their upper portions, where they are straight, and the slots are consequently deepest at this point, as is shown in Fig. 2, so as to afford a better support for partitions to be hereinafter described.

Each slot 10 receives a portion of the inner edge of a segmental partition 13, the outer edges of which partitions are convexed, and said partitions at their outer portions extend from the dished tray 11 to the upper edge of the receptacle 12. The bottom portions of the partitions 13 rest upon the dished tray 11, and their inner edges conform to the shape of and abut against the back walls of the slots 10 and the outer surface of the receptacle 12, as is also shown in Fig. 2. The partitions 13, which are preferably made of sheet metal, are provided with corresponding diagonal slots 14, extending in a downward direction from their outer edges to the outer face of the core A, and annular incline partitions 15 are passed in circular form around the core A through corresponding slots 14 in the radial partitions 13, forming a series of pockets 16 having a downward and inward slope. The annular partitions 15 are made of strips of suitable length bent to proper shape, so that they may be passed through the slots 14 of the radial partitions 13 in a manner to have their ends overlap.

The outer edges of the annular partitions 15 extend to the outer edges of the radial partitions, and the inner edges of the annular partitions bear against the core A. The radial partitions are held in place by screws or pins 17, passed through the core at the deeper portions of the slots 10 therein and through the partitions, as is shown in Fig. 2. Each pocket 16 is filled with splints 18, whose inner ends are glued or cemented to the core, thus producing a sphere of splints, the upper splints closely surrounding and concealing the receptacle 12. The splints 18 are prefer-

ably colored, and in grouping them various designs may be made.

The body is supported by a base 19, to which a standard 20 is secured, and said standard is provided with a flange 21, upon which the dished tray 11 bears, and the standard passes through the dished tray 11 and the core A. The upper end of the standard is carried through the bottom of the receptacle 12 and is provided with a nut 22, which rests upon the bottom of the receptacle, as is illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3. By this arrangement it will be seen that the receptacle 12 is held securely and firmly in position on the aforesaid standard and on the central core. The splints 18 are permanent, and the toothpicks or matches to be used are placed in the receptacle 12 and preferably extend beyond the uppermost body-splints 18.

While I have herein shown and described my invention as particularly adapted as a receptacle for toothpicks and matches, it is of course to be understood that I am not limited in such specific utilization of the same. For instance, if desired, in addition of having the receptacle serve as a holder for toothpicks the entire body of stands might be used for retaining small articles—such as a staff for toy flags, hat-pins, feathers, and the like—therein. In fact, my device may possess many advantages of a holder, both ornamental and useful, which advantages are so evident that it is unnecessary to dwell upon the same in detail.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. As an article of manufacture, a holder having a base portion, a standard vertically mounted thereon, a dished tray portion carried by said standard, an oval core, longitudinally slotted, supported on said tray portion, the aforesaid vertical standard extending longitudinally, centrally through the core, a receptacle mounted on top of said oval core, the base of the receptacle being bored to permit the passage of the end of the vertical standard therethrough, the end of the standard being screw-threaded, a nut for said screw-threaded portion bearing on the interior of the base of the receptacle, thus securing the latter rigidly to the standard and core, and an oval frame surrounding said core, and provided with inwardly-extending partitions, the inner ends of said partitions bearing against the slotted portions of the core, and annular partitions encircling the core and connected with the inwardly-extending partition, to form a series of pockets, substantially as set forth.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a stand for toothpicks, matches and like articles, comprising a base portion, a vertical standard thereon, a solid oval core having longitudinal slots therein, the back walls of which slots are convex except at their upper ends where they are straight, a dished tray supporting the lower end of the core, a tapering receptacle at the upper end of the core rigidly secured to the standard, radially-disposed, fixed segmental partitions having their inner edges fitted in the slots of the core, conforming to the contour of the back walls of the slots, the inner edges of the radial partitions likewise fitting to the exterior of the said receptacle, their lower edges resting upon the tray, whereby to stiffen the said radial partitions, the said radial partitions being also downwardly inclined, diagonal slots extending through their outer edges to the said core, and annular partitions encircling the core and passed through corresponding slots in the radial partitions, forming a series of pockets, and a support for the said tray, and splints rigidly secured in said pockets, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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