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Fig. 1.

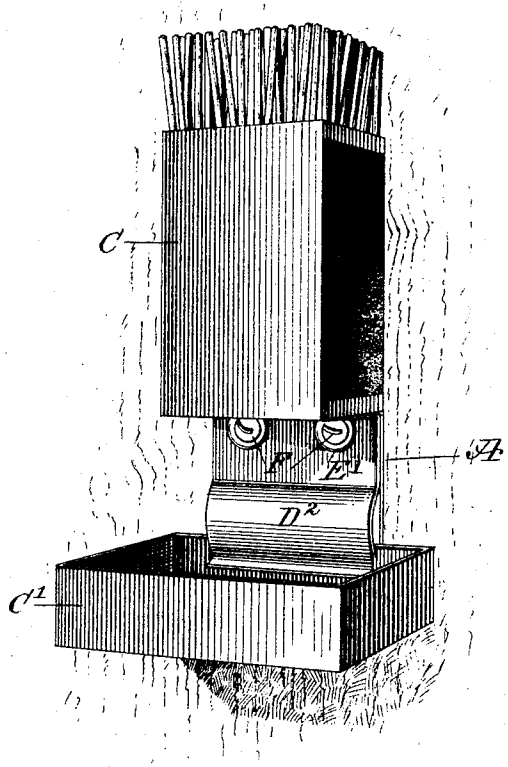


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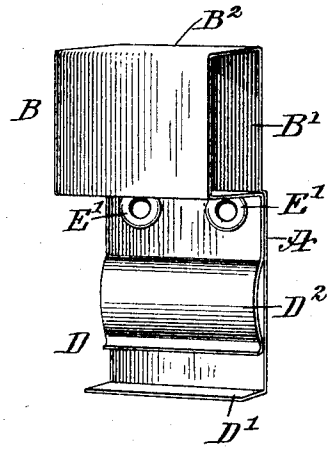


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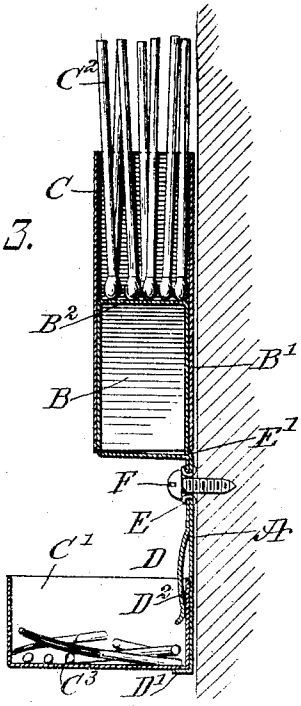
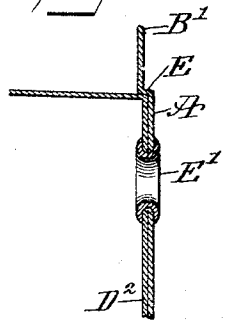


Fig. 4.



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MATCH-BOX HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR C. LUTHER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brockton, in the county of Plymouth and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Match-Box Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved match-box holder more especially designed to receive and hold a box of parlor, safety, or other matches in such a manner as to project the matches beyond the box for convenient withdrawal by the user and to utilize the drawer of the box of matches as a receptacle for the burned matches.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be more fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement, showing the match-box in position. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the improvement. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the improvement, showing the match-box in position; and Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross-section of the improvement, showing one of the eyelets for fastening the clamping-tongue to the back plate.

The match-box holder is preferably made from a single piece of sheet metal bent to produce a back plate A, a seat B for the match-box casing C, and a support D for receiving and holding the drawer C′ of the match-box. The seat B is formed by bending the sheet metal into rectangular box shape to pass into and fill the lower end of the match-box casing C, the rear wall B′ of the seat forming, with the upper end of the back plate A, an offset or stop E for the lower end of the back of the match-box casing C to rest on to prevent the casing from slipping too far down on the seat B. Matches C^2, held in the casing C, rest on the top B^2 of the seat B, and by the seat extending in the lower portion of the casing C the matches project beyond the top of the casing to permit convenient withdrawal of the matches whenever it is desired to use the same for their legitimate purpose. The matches can be readily ignited on the usual scratch-faces formed on the sides of the casing C.

The support D is formed by bending the lower end of the back plate A forwardly to form a flange D′, on which rests a portion of the bottom of the drawer C′, the rear side of which extends under a tongue D^2, forming, with the back plate A, a clamping device for holding the drawer C′ in position. The tongue D^2 is a continuation of the bottom of the seat B and is secured at its upper portion by eyelets E′ to the back plate A, the said eyelets E′ forming passages for screws F, employed for securing the back plate, and consequently the entire holder, to a wall or other suitable support, as plainly illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3.

The device is used as follows: The box of matches consists of the usual casing C and the drawer C′, filled with the matches C^2, and the drawer C′, with the matches contained therein, is first withdrawn from the casing C, and the latter is then slipped with its lower portion onto the seat B, as plainly indicated in Figs. 1 and 3, and then the matches C^2 are emptied from the drawer C′ into the upper end of the casing C, the matches then resting on the top B^2 of the said seat B. The user now takes the empty drawer C′ and engages the rear side thereof with the tongue D^2 to clamp the rear side in position between the back plate A and the tongue, the rear portion of the bottom of the drawer resting on the flange D′.

By the arrangement described use is made of the casing for supporting, in conjunction with the seat B, the matches in a very convenient position, and the drawer C′ is utilized for receiving the burned matches C^3.

The device is very simple and durable in construction and can be cheaply manufactured.

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

1. A match-box holder made of a single strip of metal of even width, bent at its lower end to form a flange for supporting the match-box drawer, and extending upwardly for a

distance above said flange, then bent again to form a transverse offset in the strip and then extending on upwardly above said offset a distance about equal to the distance from the offset to the bottom flange, said upwardly-extending portions forming a back plate for the holder, the strip at the top of the back plate being bent outwardly then downwardly in parallelism with the back plate, then inwardly into contact with the back plate, and downwardly in engagement therewith and terminating at a point between said transverse bend in the back plate and the flange at the lower end of the same, the upper portion of said holder above the transverse offset in the back plate forming a seat adapted to fit into the lower end of a match-box casing, said offset forming a stop for the lower end of the rear side of the casing.

2. A match-box holder comprising a back plate, a seat of rectangular shape at the upper portion of said plate adapted to pass into the lower end of a match-box casing, a support on the lower portion of the back plate, for the match-box drawer, and a spring carried on the back plate below said rectangular seat and above said support and adapted to coöperate with said lower portion of the back plate to hold the match-box drawer on said support.

3. A match-box holder, comprising a back plate, a seat at the upper portion of the plate adapted to fit into the lower end of a match-box casing, a stop on the back plate for the casing, a flange on the lower portion of the back plate for supporting the match-box drawer, and a spring carried on the front face of the back plate for coöperating therewith to support the match-box drawer on said flange.

4. A match-box holder made of a single piece of metal bent to form a back plate, a seat of rectangular shape, to pass into the lower end of a match-box casing, a support for the match-box drawer, formed by a flange on the back plate, and a tongue secured to the back plate and forming a continuation of the bottom of the said seat.

5. A match-box holder made of a single piece of metal bent to form a back plate, a seat of rectangular shape, to pass into the lower end of a match-box casing, a support for the match-box drawer, formed by a flange on the back plate, a tongue secured to the back plate and forming a continuation of the bottom of the said seat, and eyelets for securing the upper portion of the tongue to the said back plate.

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

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