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Design for a Match Safe.

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Fig. 2

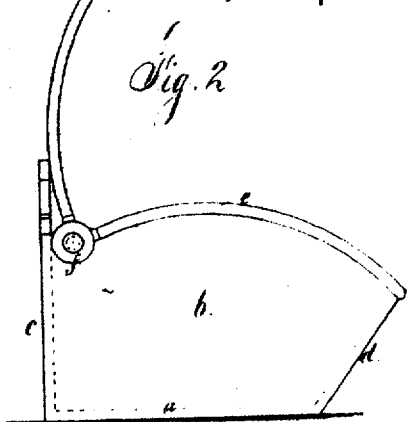


Fig. 1

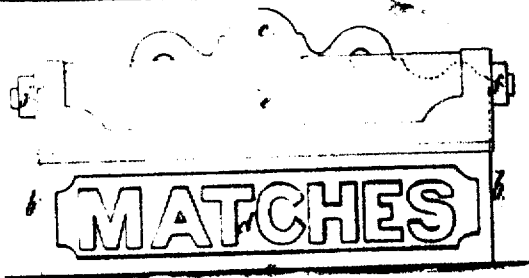
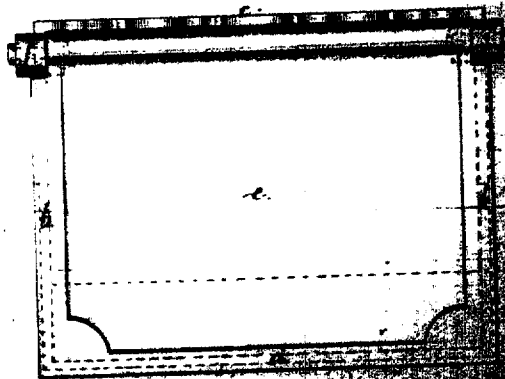


Fig. 3



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DESIGN FOR A MATCH-BOX.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, RODNEY L. SMITH, of Wolcottville, in the county of Litchfield, and State of Connecticut, have invented or produced a new and original Design for a Match-Safe; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is a front elevation,

Figure 2 is an end view, and

Figure 3 is a plan.

The same parts are indicated by like letters.

This invention relates to the design of the shape and configuration given to the box forming the match-safe.

In the drawing, *a* is the bottom, *b b* the sides, and *c* the back of the box forming the match-safe.

The front, *d*, of the match-safe, instead of being at right angles to the bottom, as usual, is inclined, as shown in fig. 2, and the sides *b b*, instead of being straight upon their upper edges, are curved upwards, as shown in fig. 2, and the top, *e*, instead of being flat, as usual, is a segment of a cylinder, as shown, the same being united, as at *f*, by hinges, to the sides *b b*.

When the lid or top, *e*, is opened, it will come into contact with the upper part of the back, *c*, as shown by red lines, fig. 2, and the shape and configuration of this lid are such, (as aforesaid,) that it will fall and close by its own weight when not held open.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The shape and configuration of the match-safe, substantially as described and represented.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my signature, this fifteenth day of July, 1868.

RODNEY L. SMITH.

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