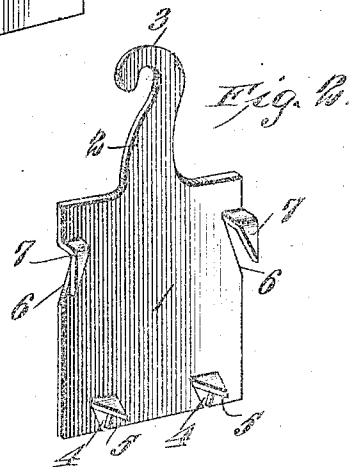
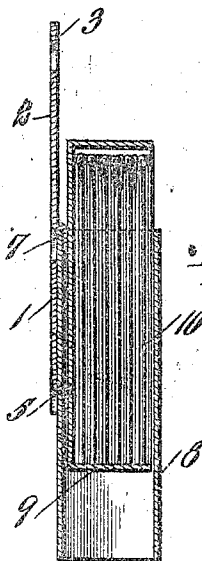
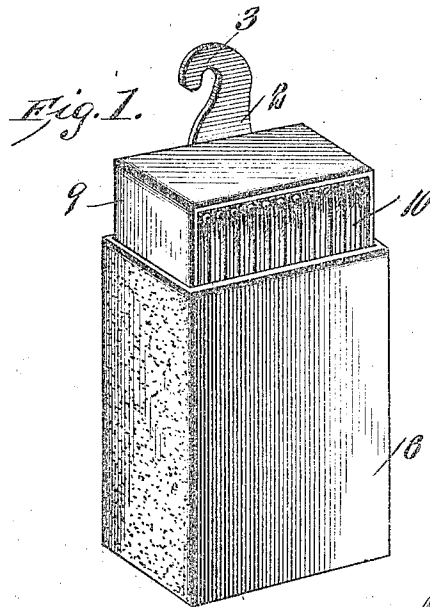


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CYRUS S. RADFORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Match-Box Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in match box holders, and consists of certain novel constructions, and combinations of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of the invention is to provide a device for holding any match box, especially those containing safety matches; in open position and with both striking surfaces exposed, and which may be connected with a full box and disconnected from an empty one with but little trouble, and with a minimum expenditure of time.

Referring to the drawings forming a part hereof:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder with a match box in place, Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the support, Fig. 3 is a similar view of a shaped support, and Fig. 4 is a vertical section through the holder and the supported box.

The present embodiment of the invention consists of a base plate, having a body portion 1, provided at its upper edge, and at approximately the center thereof, with an upwardly extending lug 2, which tapers from its connection with the plate to its free end, and the said end is hooked laterally as at 3. In its lower edge the plate is provided with spaced pairs of slits, 4, the members of the pairs diverging from each other inwardly, as shown in Fig. 3, and the material between the slits is bent forwardly to form pointed lugs 5, one at each side of the plate. Near each upper corner and in its side edge the plate is provided with a slit 6 inclining inwardly and upwardly, and the material between the slit and the edge of the plate is struck up and bent forwardly and downwardly to form a hooked and pointed lug 7.

The match box, for which the holder is especially designed, consists of a shuck 8, and a sliding tray 9, the matches 10 being held in the tray as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and each side of the shuck is provided with a striking surface, upon which it is necessary to rub the match head, in order to ig-

nite it. The holder is placed against the rear wall of the shuck with the tray partly open and with the lugs 7 engaging over the upper edge of the said rear wall, and the pointed lugs 5 are then forced through the rear wall of the shuck and the bottom of the tray, as shown in Fig. 2. When so placed, the complete box is supported by the holder, with both striking surfaces exposed, while the tray is retained in partly opened position, to expose enough of the matches so that they may be easily withdrawn. When the matches are exhausted the old box is removed and a new one placed in position. The hook 3 forms a convenient means for supporting the holder, and if desired the holder may be shaped to represent a figure, a holder shaped to represent a man being shown in Fig. 1. In this construction the lugs 5 are at the bottom of the feet 11 of the figure, while the lugs 7 are represented by the hands 12, but the principle of the holder is precisely the same. In the above figure a ring 13 replaces the hook 3.

The holder broadly considered, consists of a support provided with pointed lugs for piercing the box and tray at approximately the center thereof, and with overhanging lugs for engaging the edge of the box shuck, and it will be evident from the description, that it is very efficient, although simply constructed.

I claim:

1. A device of the class described, comprising a support having at one end spaced lateral struck up pointed lugs, adapted to pierce the shuck and the tray of a match box, and at the other end, with means whereby it may be supported, and intermediate its ends with spaced overhanging lugs for engaging the edge of the shuck.

2. A device of the class described comprising a support having at one end struck up lugs adapted to pierce the shuck and tray of a match box, and having at the other end means whereby the said support may be suspended and having intermediate its ends an overhanging lug for engaging the edge of the shuck.

3. A device of the class described, comprising a support having at one end pointed lugs for piercing the tray and shuck of a match box, and having at the other ends means whereby the said support may be sus-

pended and having intermediate its ends means for holding engagement of the edge of the shuck.

4. A device of the class described comprising a support, means at one end thereof for piercing a match box tray and shuck and having above said means, means adapt-

ed for hooked engagement with the upper edge of the shuck, substantially as set forth.

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