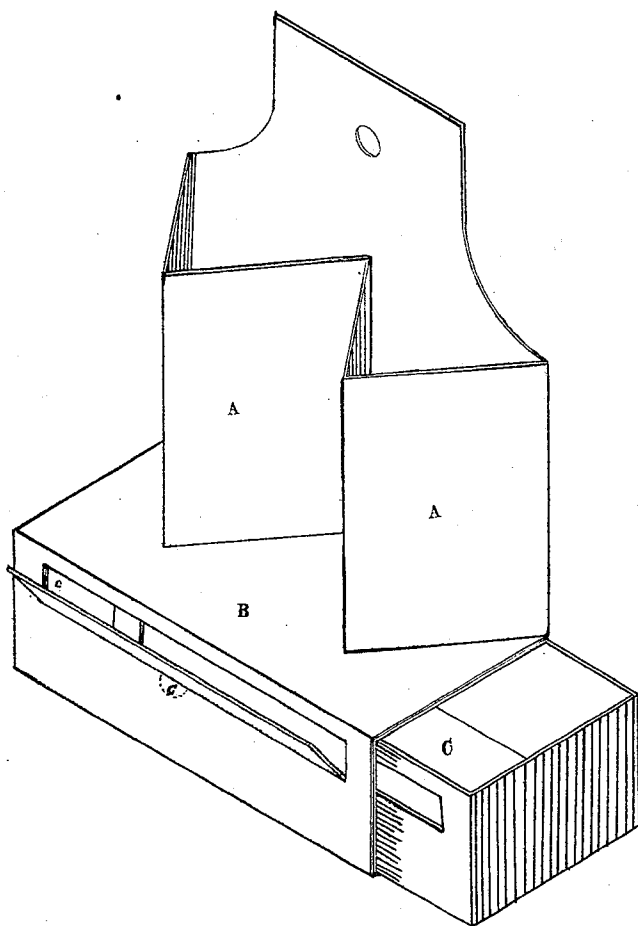


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IMPROVEMENT IN MATCH-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HOLTZ, of the city of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented certain Improvements in Match-Safes, of which the following is a specification; and I do hereby declare that in the same is contained a full, clear, and exact description of my said invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention relates to a match-safe combined with a drawer or receptacle in which the stubs or waste ends of the matches may be deposited after the matches have been ignited and used.

The drawing represents a perspective view of my improved match-safe, the drawer being partly open.

I do not, however, confine myself strictly to the construction or shape of the match-safe as herein shown.

As illustrated, the safe consists of two pockets, A, resting upon a base, B, the plate forming the back of the pockets being extended upward as a means for suspending the device from a nail driven into the wall. The base is in itself a box open at the ends, and contains the drawer C. The front of the base has

a slot, *c*, cut lengthwise thereof, through which, when the drawer is closed, the stubs or waste ends of the matches can be passed therein. The upper edge of the front side of the drawer is cut away opposite the slot. A plate, *c'*, extending from the lower side of the slot outwardly at an angle from the front plate of the base B, serves to facilitate the insertion of the stubs.

Match boxes or safes are a household necessity, and a place of deposit for the stubs or waste ends of the matches is required by considerations of safety, convenience, and neatness.

I claim as my invention—

1. In combination with the slotted base of the match-safe, the slotted sliding drawer C, into which the stubs may be placed without opening the said drawer, as set forth.

2. The plate *c'*, in combination with the entrance-slot of the base of the match-safe and the inclosed slotted drawer, as shown.

In testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my name, in the city of Baltimore, this 10th day of June, in the year of our Lord 1873.

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