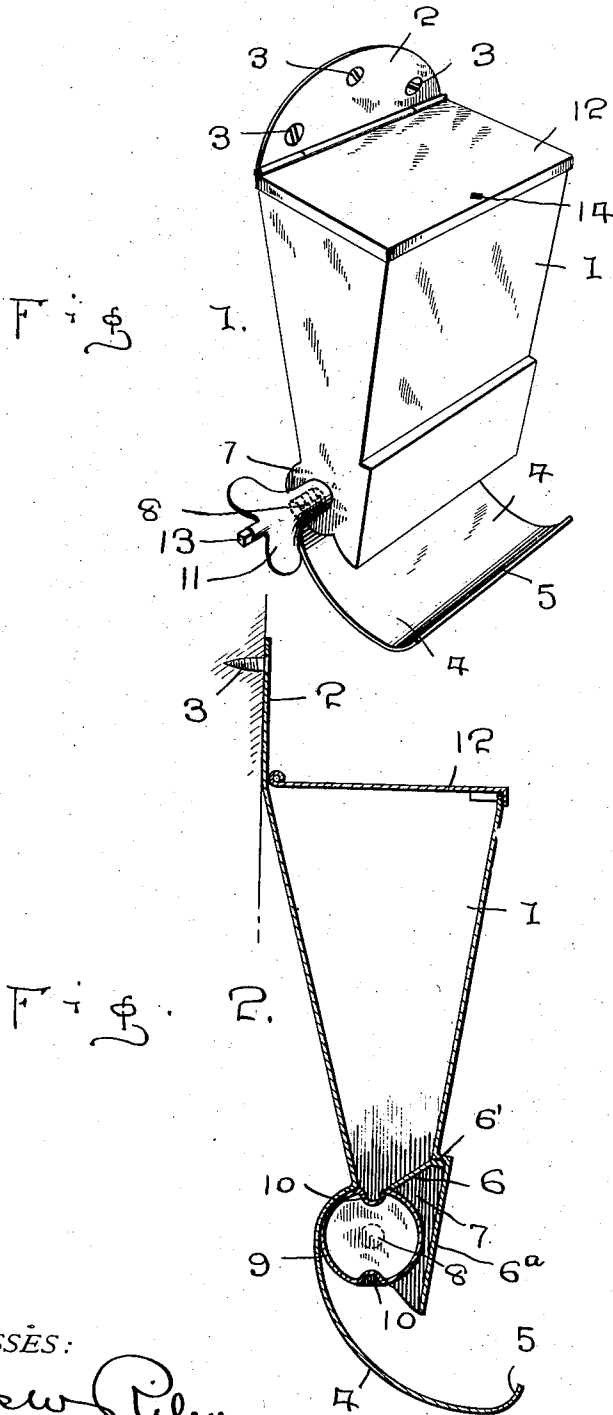


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN VOGT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hampton, in the county of Hamilton and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Match-Boxes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in match boxes or safes and it is an object of the invention to provide a novel device of this character wherein but a single match can be delivered at one time.

It is also the object of the invention to provide a novel device of this character which will be simple in construction, efficient and advantageous in practice and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the details of construction and in the novel arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more particularly referred to.

In describing the invention in detail reference will be had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification wherein like characters of reference denote corresponding parts in the several views, and in which,

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a match box constructed in accordance with the invention, and, Fig. 2 is a longitudinal central sectional view thereof.

In the drawings 1 denotes the body of the box having its rear and forward face tapered and its rear face provided with an upwardly projecting ear 2 through which the screws 3 or other securing means are adapted to pass to hold the box in a desired location. The lower portion of the rear face is extended and curved downwardly and forwardly as at 4 and terminates in a sharp upward curve as at 5 to form a delivery apron or shelf.

The lower portion of the forward face of the box is offset, as at 6' to form a forward and downward extension of the box, as at 6<sup>a</sup>, the same serving as a guard, a purpose to be

hereinafter referred to. Secured in any suitable manner to the side faces of the body 1, and having its upper portion abutting the shoulder formed at 6' is an inclined apron 6 to assure proper delivery of the matches within the box, the spaces between the lower edge of the incline 6 and opposed portion of the rear face being sufficient to allow the passage of but one match only. The side faces of the box depend below the inclined portion and in said depending portions 7 are mounted trunnions 8 of a hollow roll 9 mounted between the depending portions 7. This hollow roll 9 is provided at opposed points with the longitudinal grooves 10, into which a match is guided by the inclined portion 6. A button or thumb nut 11, adapted for the suitable actuation of the roller 9, is applied to the screw-threaded extension of one of the roller trunnions, said nut also having an angular projection 13, which is used as a key for locking the cover 12, by removing said nut or button from said trunnion and suitably engaging it with the latch or lock 14 of said cover 14, as will be readily understood. The apron 6<sup>a</sup> depends a sufficient distance beneath the roller 9 to prevent access being had to the roller for the purpose of turning the same.

The operation of the device is thought to be obvious without a description thereof, and in conclusion it may be stated that the upper end of the box is open and is provided with the cover 12 hinged to the rear face of the box.

I claim:

A device of the character described, comprising a downwardly tapered receptacle having an offset forward and downward extension at its lower end and a forwardly curved extension arranged at its lower rear edge, a drum or roller hung in the lower edge of said receptacle and having opposed longitudinal grooves or cavities in its periphery and slightly spaced away from said forward and downward extension, said receptacle having an inclined member on its upper edge opposed to the offset of said downward and forward extension and its lower end adapted to deliver into either of the said grooves or

cavities, said roller having one of its trunnions provided with a threaded extension and thumb-nut means engaging said threaded extension, said thumb nut means also having  
5 an angular extension adapted to provide for engaging and releasing the locking means for the cover of said receptacle.

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

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