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COMBINATION TOBACCO BOX.

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Fig. 2

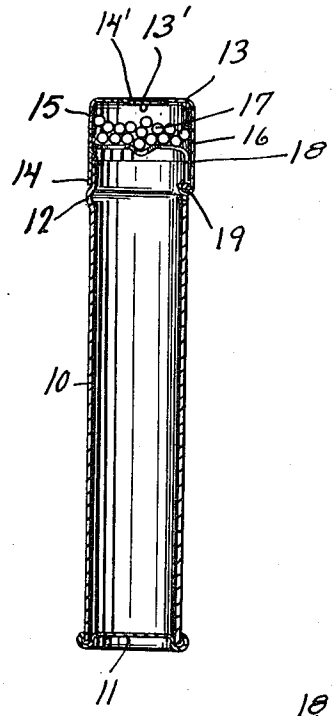
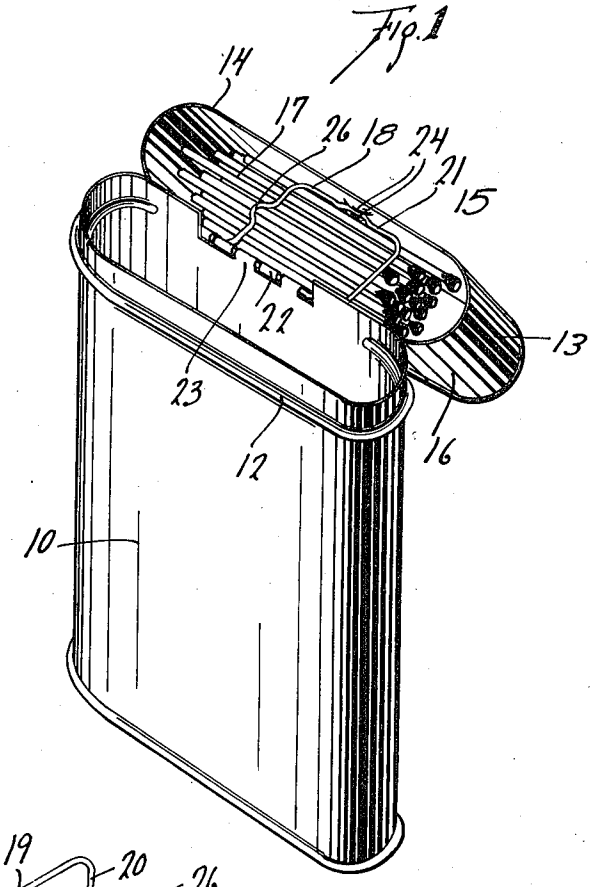


Fig. 1



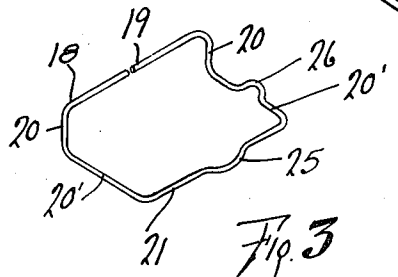


Fig. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH J. CLIST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Spokane, in the county of Spokane and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Tobacco-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in combination receptacles.

It has for its principal object to provide a receptacle for holding tobacco or the like, the cover of said receptacle forming a container to hold matches.

A further object of the invention is to provide a combination tobacco and match receptacle which may be manufactured at a low cost by utilizing a simple expedient for holding the matches in position.

A further object is to provide a combination tobacco and match receptacle which shall, besides holding the customary amount of tobacco, hold a liberal supply of matches which may easily be removed.

Further objects and features of the invention will be more fully described in connection with the accompanying drawings and will be more particularly pointed out in and by the appended claims.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved receptacle showing the cover thereof in an open position. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section through the receptacle showing the cover closed. Fig. 3 is a detached perspective view of the match retaining clip.

Like characters of reference designate similar parts throughout different figures of the drawings.

The body portion 10 is preferably made of sheet metal and of an elongated form and it may be constructed in any well known or preferred manner.

A bottom which may be secured to body portion 10 in any suitable way is indicated at 11.

Near the top of body portion 10 is provided a bead 12 extending as shown in the drawings around the ends and along one longitudinal side of the receptacle. The bead 12 may serve as a stop for the cover 13, the edge 14 of which is adapted to rest upon bead 12. Cover 13 will be made with the longitudinal sides 15 and 16 slightly longer than is ordinarily the case, in order to provide ample space for the matches which are indicated at 17. The top 13′ of the cover 13 may be serrated as at 14′ to provide a scratcher for igniting the matches.

The match retaining clip consists of metal wire 18, preferably of circular cross section, comprising a straight section 19 which serves as a hinge pin for cover 13, sections 20 which are bent at approximately right angles to section 19, the sections 20′ which are bent so as to lie in a plane perpendicular to the plane of sections 20, and the section 21 which is substantially parallel with section 19. Cover 13 is hinged to section 19 by bending projections of said cover, such as 22, around section 19 and similar projections 23 of the body portion 10 are bent around section 19 to hinge said cover 13 to said body portion 10. The side 15 of the cover 13 is dented inwardly to form projections 24 on the inside of cover 13 to normally hold the clip 18 in the position shown in the drawings. The section 21 of clip 18 is bent outwardly as at 25 so that it will project far enough to normally fall between the projections 24 in cover 13.

One of the sections 20′ will be bent as at 26 to allow the finger of the operator to more readily grasp the clip, to pull projection 25 out from between projections 24 to allow the clip 18 to be raised when it is desired to withdraw matches. The natural spring of the metal cover 13 and clip 18 will serve to hold clip 18 in the position of the drawings and yet they may be distorted enough to allow clip 18 to be swung upwardly on section 19 without permanently altering the shape of the body portion 10 or the cover 13.

The sections 20 of the clip 18 will normally lie parallel with and immediately adjacent to the side 16 of the cover 13 and will thus serve to hold the clip more rigidly in position. The sections 20 will also serve to elevate the matches to such a height as not to interfere with the closing of the cover 13 or the complete filling of the body portion 10 with tobacco.

When desiring to withdraw a match it is simply necessary to raise the cover 13, insert the finger under grip 26, raise clip 18 upwardly out of engagement with projections 24 to such a distance as to make the withdrawal of matches easy.

It will be seen that it is not necessary to

radically alter the well known form of tobacco can in order to provide for my match receptacle and that I have utilized one portion of my improved match retaining clip to replace one of the necessary elements in every tobacco box, namely the hinge pin.

While it is believed that the novelty and utility of the device of my invention will be fully understood from the foregoing description and which I have herein shown and described one specific form of my invention I do not wish to be limited thereto, except for such limitations as the claims may import.

I claim:—

1. In a box of the character described a body portion, a cap for said body forming a match receptacle, a match retaining clip, said match receptacle being hinged to said body portion by said clip, substantially as described.

2. In a box of the character described a body portion, a hinge pin, a match retaining clip formed integral with said hinge pin, and a match receptacle hingedly secured to said body portion by means of said hinge pin, substantially as described.

3. In a box of the character described, a body having an open marginal portion, a cap having a marginal portion adapted to engage the marginal portion of said body to close the latter, a match retainer having a portion hinged to said body and said portion hinging said cap to said body, said cap and retainer having coacting portions for locking the latter in the former above the margin of said cap to permit the cap to close onto the margin of said body by direct engagement therewith, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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