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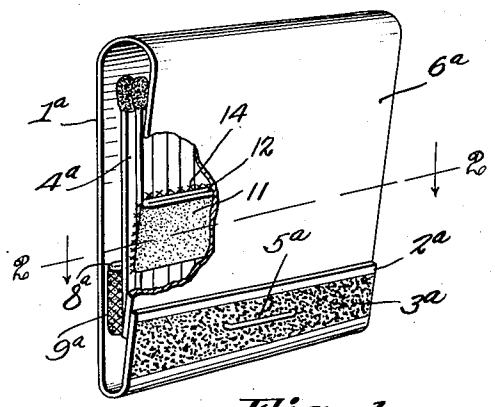


Fig. 1.

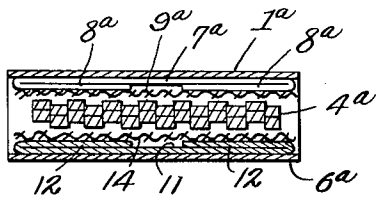


Fig. 2.

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This invention aims to provide a simple but effective means whereby a package of matches may be attached to and supported by an article through the instrumentality of one or more adhesive tapes.

In the accompanying drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing a device constructed in accordance with the invention;

Fig 2 is a cross section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawing, there is shown the casing of a match pack, the casing generally being made of paper or cardboard and comprising a back 1*a* having a short upstanding bottom flap 2*a* provided with a striking surface 3*a*. Matches 4*a* are held in place by a securing element 5*a* passing through the flap 2*a* and the back 1*a*. The matches 4*a* are housed by a long depending flap 6*a* at the upper end of the back 1*a*, the lower end of the flap 6*a* being detachably inserted behind the upper portion of the lower flap 2*a*, above the securing element 5*a*.

In carrying out the invention there is provided an adhesive strip 7*a*, for instance tape, disposed transversely of the back 1*a* and having its adhesive surface attached to the inner surface of the back. The length of the strip 7*a* is greater than the width of the casing. The ends 8*a* of the strip 7*a* are folded inwardly, within the casing, and are covered by a flexible combined protector and holder, such as a piece of gauze 9*a*, engaged with the adhesive surfaces of the ends 8*a*. The part 9*a* is called a protector because it prevents the adhesive surfaces of the ends 8*a* from sticking to the matches 4*a*, and it is called a holder because it retains the ends 8*a* in inwardly-folded position. A strip 11 of adhesive material, such as tape, is adhesively engaged with the inner surface of the long top flap 6*a*, the ends 12 of the strip 11 being folded inwardly and being connected adhesively by a protector and holder 14, like the part 9*a*.

The ends of the strips 7*a* and 11 are extended outwardly and attached to an article, to support the match back, gauze having been first removed.

What is claimed is:

1. A match pack comprising a casing including a back, a depending top flap at the upper end of the back, and an upstanding bottom flap at the lower end of the back, the flaps being terminally and detachably interengaged, an adhesive tape disposed transversely of the casing, the intermediate portion of the tape being adhesively engaged with the inner surface of the casing, the length of the tape being greater than the width of the casing, to form tabs for adhesively mounting the pack on a support, the tabs being folded inwardly, and a strip detachably and adhesively engaged with the inwardly-folded tabs, the strip constituting a protector, in that it prevents the adhesive surfaces of the tabs from sticking to the matches of the pack, and constituting a retainer, in that it holds the tabs in inwardly folded position.

2. A match pack constructed in accordance with claim 1, and wherein the tape is adhesively engaged with the inner surface of the back.

3. A match pack constructed in accordance with claim 1, and wherein the tape is adhesively engaged with the inner surface of the top flap.

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