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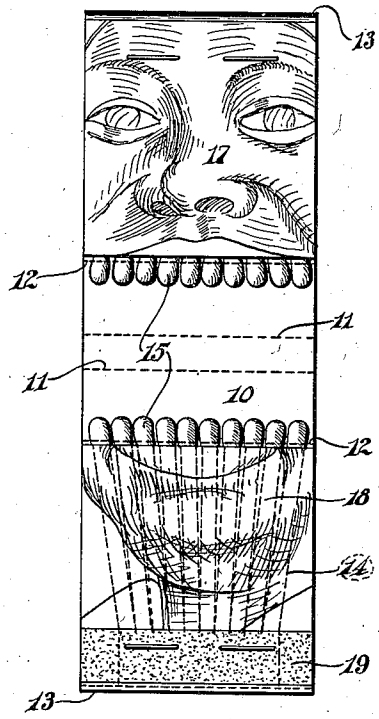


Fig. 1.

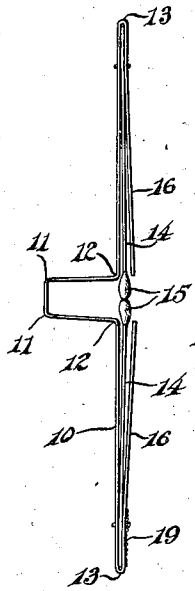


Fig. 2.

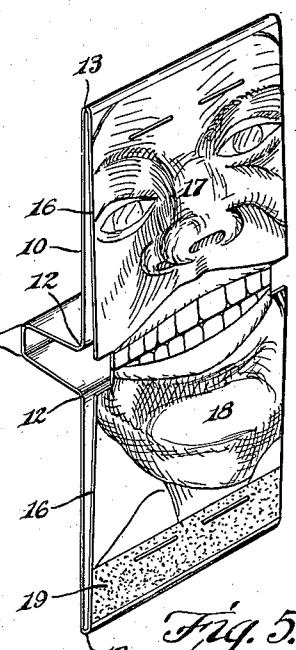


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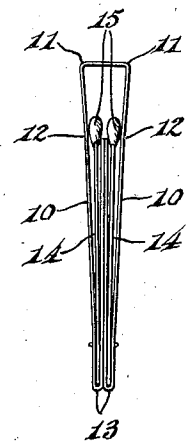


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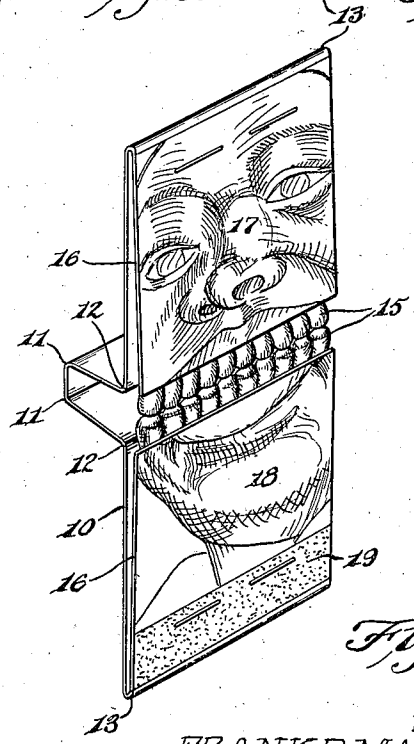


Fig. 4.

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The object of my invention is to produce a match package by means of which an effect of a dentured face may be simulated.

The accompanying drawing illustrates my invention:

Fig. 1 is an inner face view of the article in extended position;

Fig. 2 a side elevation in dentured contacting position;

Fig. 3 a side elevation with the parts folded to enclose the denture elements;

Fig. 4 a perspective view of the parts in the position shown in Fig. 2; and

Fig. 5 a view similar to Fig. 4 showing a modification.

In the drawing 10 indicates the main body sheet of the device conveniently composed of heavy paper or light cardboard and provided, near its middle, with two parallel fold lines 11—11 flanked by opposite fold lines 12—12 which are, in turn, flanked by opposite fold lines 13—13 spaced from the fold lines 12 a distance approximating the length of standard paper matches 14—14 less the approximate length of the match heads 15—15 with the free ends of the body strip beyond the fold lines 13 of a length approximating the length of the matches less the approximate length of the match heads, so as to form cover flaps or end panels 16—16 upon the exposed or obverse faces of which are applied illustrations of face portions 17 and 18 above and below the mouth respectively, thus leaving exposed the match heads 15 to simulate dentures. When the body 10 is folded in the manner illustrated on these fold lines, there is provided a match package comprising the complementary end panels 16—16, adapted to lie in a common plane with their free end edges spaced from each other, intermediate panels (between the fold lines 12 and 13) joined with the remote ends of said end panels, medial panels (between the fold lines 11 and 12) connected to said intermediate panels and projecting away from said common plane, and a section (between fold lines 11—11) connecting the medial panels. The matches 14 are held in place between flaps 16 and the subjacent portions of the body between fold lines 12 and 13, and one or both of the flaps 16 adjacent the fold line 13 may be provided with striking surfaces 19.

When the parts are folded to the position shown in Figs. 2 and 4 the operator, by grasping between the thumb and forefinger those portions of the body flaps between fold lines 11 and 12, may hold the match heads in contact with each other and, by releasing the pressure slightly, may cause the two series of match heads to separate by reason of the natural spring of the body sheet at the fold lines 11—11.

It will, of course, be understood that the denture simulating elements 15—15 need not be match heads and that if removability of the individual denture simulating elements is not desired, these elements may be integrated with the flap 16 as indicated in Fig. 5.

I claim as my invention:

1. A match package comprising an end panel carrying a representation of the upper portion of a face, an opposite end panel carrying a representation of the lower portion of such face, said panels being arranged substantially in a common plane with their adjacent free end edges bearing to each other substantially the relation of lips of such face, means flexibly connecting the remote ends of said panels together to permit relative movement of said panels in said common plane, and a series of matches paralleling that surface of each of said panels opposite the surfaces on which said representations appear, the heads of said matches protruding beyond the adjacent free ends of said panels to simulate teeth, the heads of one of said series being movable, upon movement of said panels in said common plane, into and out of contact with the heads of the other of said series.

2. A match package comprising a pair of panels each carrying an illustration of a portion of a face complementing the illustration of the companion panel, a series of matches secured to the reverse surface of each of said panels with the heads of said matches protruding beyond the adjacent edges of said panels to simulate teeth in said face, and flexible means connecting said panels for relative movement in a common plane without placing an obstruction between said illustration or said match heads.

3. A match package comprising a body strip folded upon parallel transverse lines to form two end panels adapted to lie in a common plane with their free end edges adjacent and slightly spaced from each other, and with their obverse faces bearing, respectively, illustrations of complementary portions of a face respectively above and below illustrations of a mouth whose lips substantially coincide with said free edges, two intermediate panels respectively underlying and approximately coextensive with the reverse faces of said end panels, two medial panels connected respectively to the inner ends of said intermediate panels at fold lines paralleling each other, said medial panels extending away from the free end edges of the end panels and having their inner ends connected with each other, and two groups of matches, each secured between a pair of end and intermediate panels with the heads of said match groups exposed between the end edges of the end panels and simulating teeth in such mouth.

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