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MATCH BOX.

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Fig. 1.

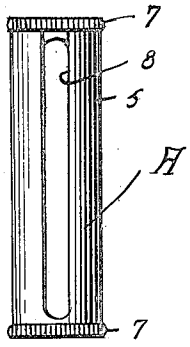


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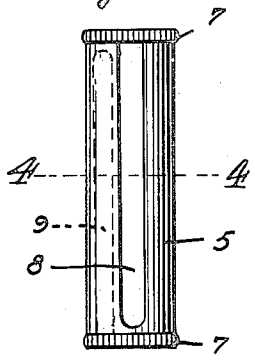


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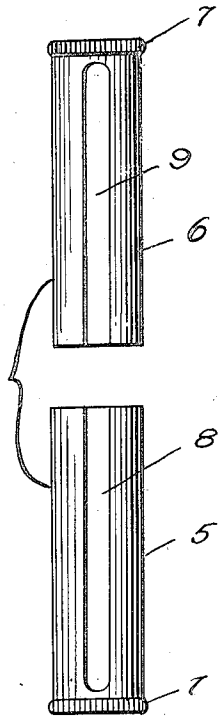
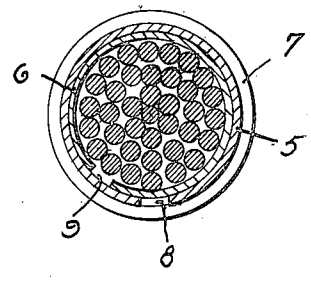


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS S. LINGNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at East Glastonbury, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Match-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention comprehends improvements in match boxes and relates more particularly to those which are especially adapted for personal use.

The primary object of the invention resides in the provision of a pocket match box, which shall be of extremely simple construction, cheap to manufacture, easy to fill, and of such a construction that a match may be easily removed therefrom.

Another and more specific object of the invention resides in the provision of a match box of this type, comprising a telescoping tubular body portion closed at each end and provided with slots which are adapted to register to permit the withdrawal of a match.

The invention also aims to generally improve devices of this nature to render them more efficient, useful, and commercially desirable.

With these and other objects in view, as will become more apparent as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

For a complete understanding of my invention, reference is to be had to the following description, and accompanying drawings, in which,

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my invention, showing the slots in registration, Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing the slots out of registration, Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the two sections attached, and, Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view taken upon the plane of line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Referring in detail to the drawings by numerals A designates generally, my improved pocket match box, which comprises the telescoping sections 5 and 6, said sections being tubular and closed at their outer ends by the walls 7. The walls 7 are relatively thick and are of a somewhat greater diameter than the diameter of the sections 5 and 6 and have their periphery knurled, as clearly shown in the drawing. The sections 5 and 6 are preferably cylindrical in cross section and formed of sheet-metal. The sections are provided with the longitudinal end opening slots 8 and 9, respectively, which extend practically the full length of the same. The section 5 is adapted to telescope over the section 6 and be held against accidental rotation thereon by friction. The sections are capable of a slight springy action and may therefore be constructed of such a relative size as to bind tightly against one another so as to hold their relative positions.

The match box is filled by disconnecting the sections and closed by telescoping the sections and rotating them to bring the slots 8 and 9 out of registration. When it is desired to extract a match or matches from said box, the sections 5 and 6 are turned by means of their knurled ends so as to bring the slots 8 and 9 in registration.

It is to be understood that my invention may be used for articles other than matches, such as tooth picks, etc., and that it may be varied in size to accommodate different lengths of matches, tooth picks, etc. It will be noted, however, that my invention is, to a certain extent, adjustable and will accommodate itself to articles of various lengths, inasmuch as the sections do not have to be entirely telescoped to form an operative device.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

A match box comprising two hollow telescopic members, enlarged heads at the opposite ends of said members forming closures, each member having a longitudinal slot extending inwardly from its open end and terminating in spaced relation to its head, said members being rotatable one within the other for bringing the slots into coincidence for discharging a match and being separable for filling the smaller member with matches.

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

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