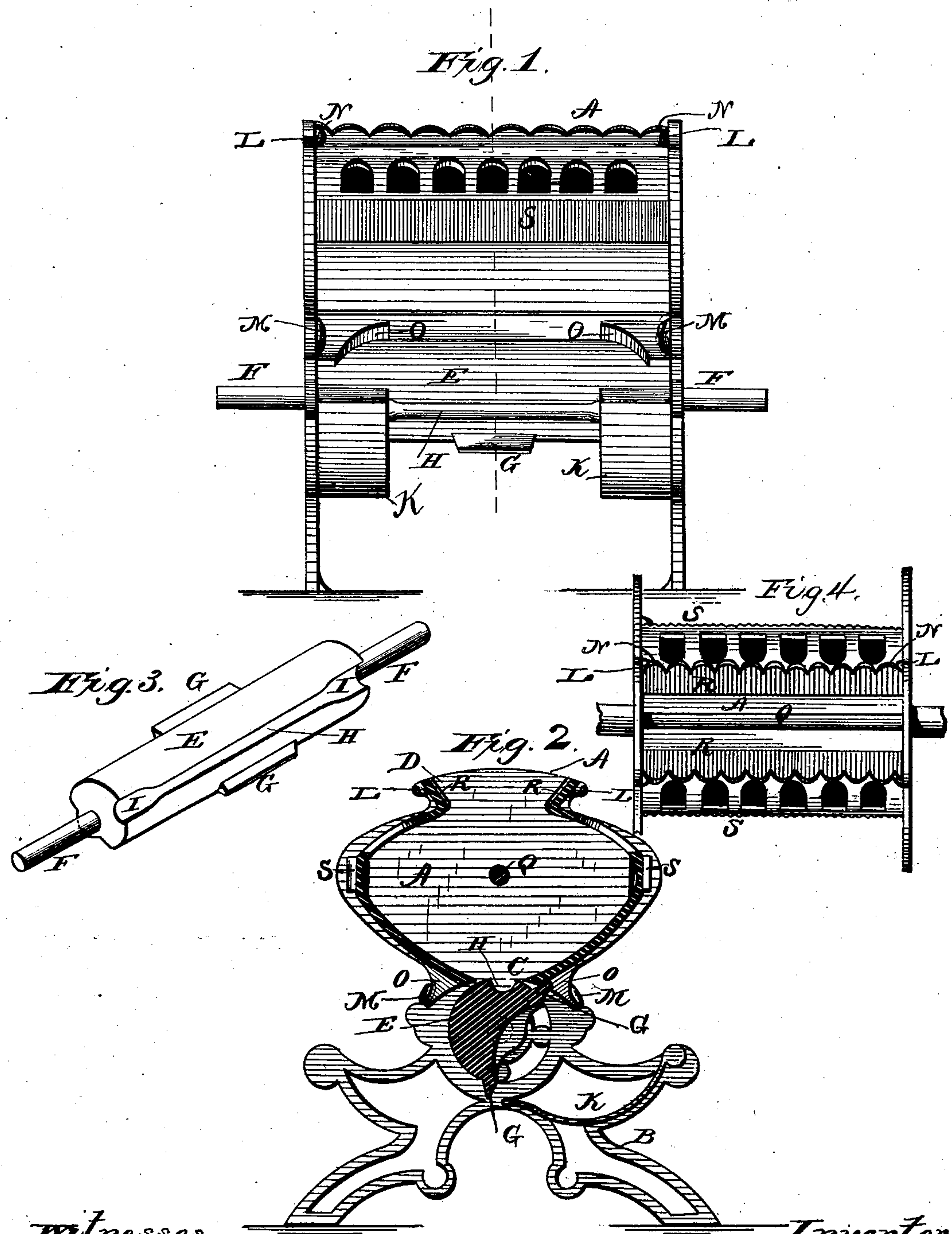


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## MATCH-SAFE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT ISKE, of Lancaster city, in the county of Lancaster, and in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Match-Safes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in match-safes, and it has for its objects to provide a device by which any number of matches can be conveniently held, in such manner as to prevent their abstraction in numbers, but which will permit the matches to be withdrawn one at a time, as more fully hereinafter specified. These objects I attain by the apparatus illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side elevation, and Fig. 2 a transverse vertical sectional view, of my improved device. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the match-deliverer E, shown detached from the safe; and Fig. 4, a plan view of my safe.

The letter A indicates the match receptacle or chamber of the apparatus, which is V-shaped in cross-section, and of an internal length equal to the length of an ordinary match, or slightly longer than the same, in order to conveniently hold the matches. The said receptacle is provided with legs or supports B, upon which it is adapted to stand. At the bottom of the receptacle is a longitudinal opening, C, through which the matches are delivered, as more fully hereinafter specified, the top of the receptacle being provided with a narrow longitudinal opening, D, of sufficient width to permit the insertion of the matches, but prevent their withdrawal.

The letter E indicates a match-deliverer, located directly below the longitudinal opening C, and provided with journals F, projecting at one or both ends of the apparatus, by means of which the deliverer can be operated. The said deliverer is semicircular in cross-section, the convex side setting up into the opening

C, and is provided at opposite edges with stops G, by which its movement in opposite directions is limited. The periphery of the deliverer is provided with a longitudinal recess, H, of a size sufficient to receive a single match, the ends of the recess being enlarged, as indicated by the letter I, for the reception of the head of the match when placed in either direction.

The letters K K indicate two curved ledges on the legs of the apparatus, to receive the matches as they are delivered from the device.

In practice I prefer to construct the ends of the receptacle and legs, respectively, in one piece, each of cast metal, with the lugs L and M on the inside, to engage the lips N and O on the side pieces, P, and hold the same in place, the ends being clamped together by means of a longitudinal riveted rod, Q, which sets below the longitudinal opening in the top of the safe, and serves as a protection against the insertion of the fingers and the abstraction of the matches through the said opening. The curved ledges K are also formed on or cast with the end pieces.

The operation of my invention is as follows: The deliverer in its normal position lies with its longitudinal recess uppermost. The receptacle being charged with matches, the lower one will always rest in the said longitudinal recess. Upon turning the deliverer laterally on its journals, the recess will be carried below the lower edge at the slot in the bottom of the receptacle, discharging the match on one side onto the curved ledges, from which it may be removed for use. Upon returning the deliverer to its normal position another match falls into the longitudinal recess ready for delivery.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a match-safe provided with longitudinal openings at the top and bottom, and mounted upon suitable legs provided with ledges for the reception of the matches as delivered, the deliverer provided with a longitudinal recess on its periphery, and with

lugs to limit its motion, and having projecting journals seated in bearings at opposite ends of the safe, substantially as specified.

5 2. In combination with the ends of the safe provided with lugs L and M, the side pieces provided with lips N O, engaging said lugs, and the longitudinal clamping-bar Q, and match-deliverer E, the whole constructed and arranged substantially as herein specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I do have hereunto set my hand this 22d day of October, 1880.

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