

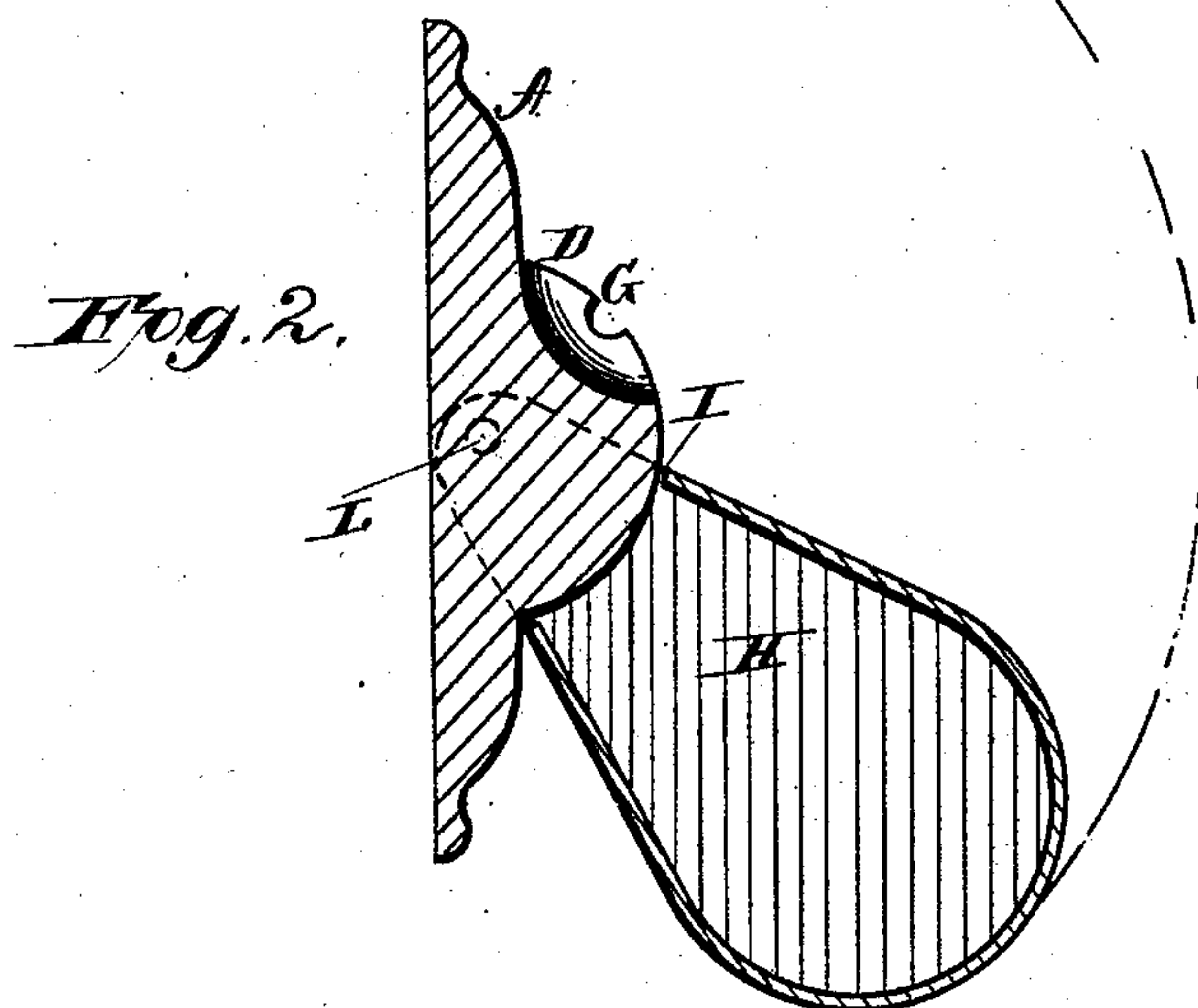
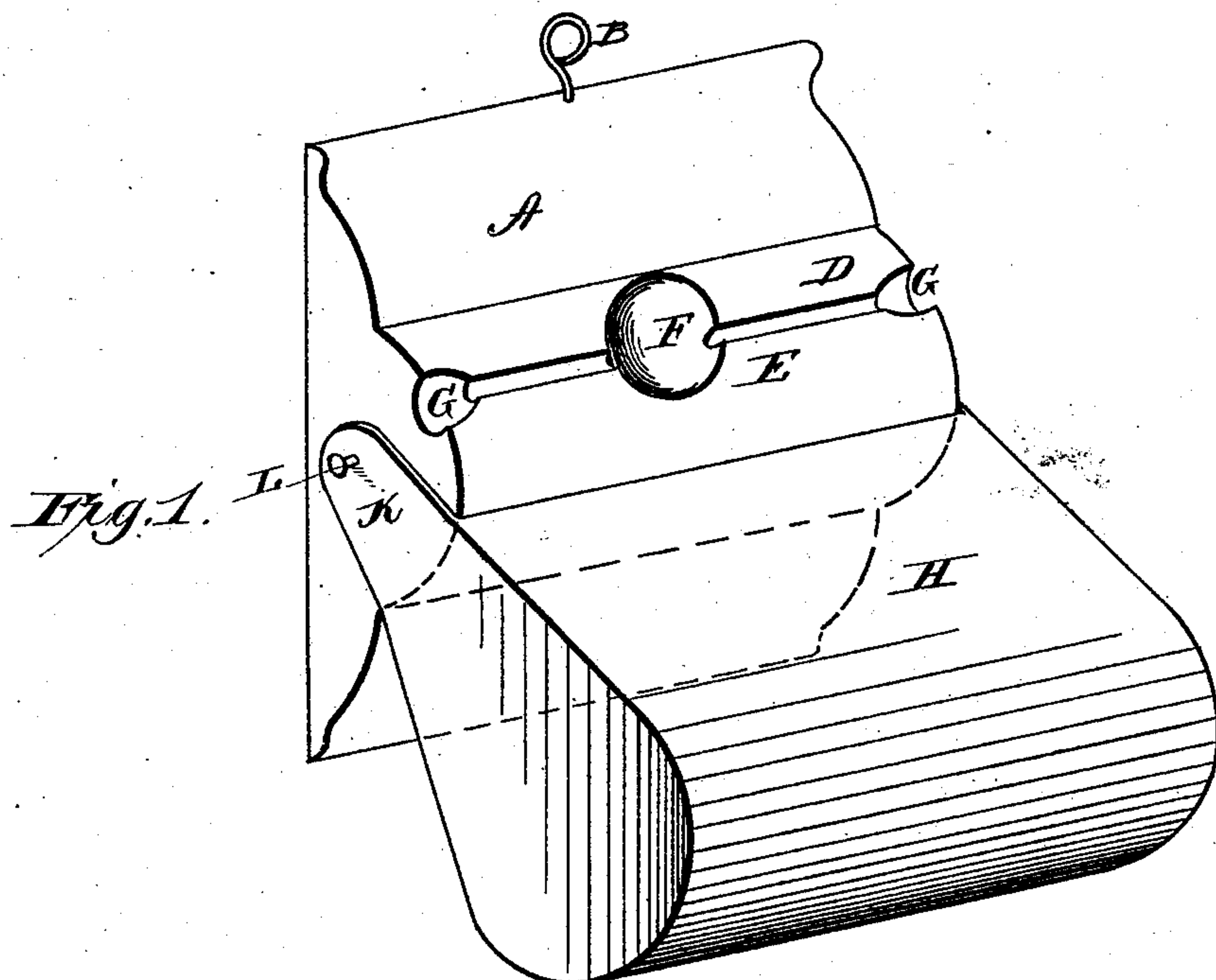
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## MATCH-SAFE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ISRAEL L. LANDIS, of Lancaster, 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 convenient receptacle for matches, from which they can be delivered as required for use, one at a time, as more fully hereinafter specified. These objects I attain by the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my invention, and Fig. 2 a sectional view of the same.

The letter A indicates a support, constructed of any suitable material and adapted to be hung against a wall by means of a hook, B. The said support is of a width slightly greater than the length of the match, and is formed with a semi-cylindrical transverse rib, D, on its face. The said rib, on its upper side, is formed with a transverse groove, E, with a depression, F, at its center, and depressions G at each end, for the purpose hereinafter explained.

The letter H indicates the match-receptacle. This consists of a box constructed of metal or other suitable material, and any convenient shape, open at one side, as indicated by the letter I. The said box is provided with extensions K at each end, which embrace the sides of the support, and are detachably secured thereto by means of pins L, the said receptacle being adapted to swing on the pins back and forth over the semi-cylindrical transverse rib on the support.

The operation of my invention is as follows: The receptacle is filled with matches by detaching it from its support and inserting said matches through the opening. The receptacle is then replaced and the device is ready for use. When hung by its hook, as indicated in the drawings, to remove a match it is simply necessary to raise the receptacle on its pivots until the open end comes opposite the transverse groove in the semi-cylindrical rib. One match then drops into the groove and the receptacle is dropped, leaving the match there. The match may then be removed by inserting the thumb and finger in the depression at the center of the groove and grasping the match. The depressions at the ends of the groove are to accommodate the head of the match.

I am aware that an oscillating receptacle has heretofore been arranged to swing in a suitable frame having a groove at its top in such manner as to receive and hold a match when the receptacle is elevated and leave it in said groove when said receptacle assumes its normal position. Hence I do not claim, broadly, the receptacle and match-groove.

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

In combination with the support A, adapted, as described, to hang on a wall, and provided with a semi-cylindrical transverse rib, D, having a longitudinal groove, E, with depressions F and G, the receptacle H, having extensions K, detachably secured to the support by means of the pins L, the whole arranged to operate substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of January, 1881.

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