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Fig. 1.

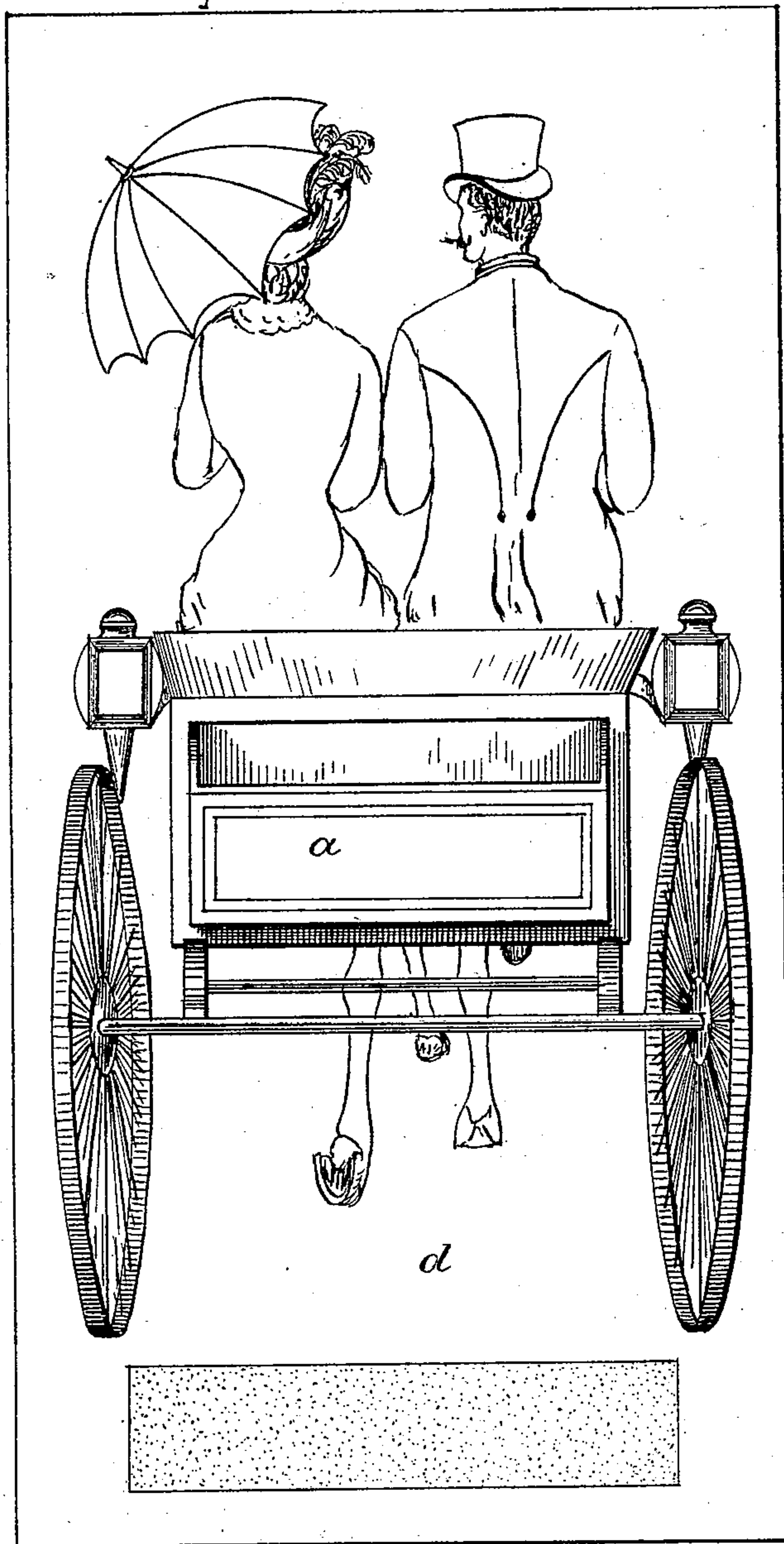


Fig. 2.

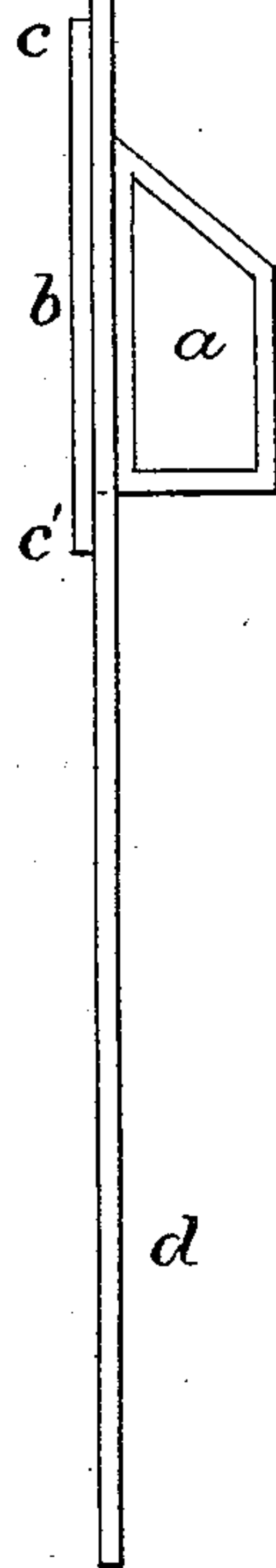


Fig. 3.



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## MATCH-RECEPTACLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FREDERICK H. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Elizabeth, in the county of Union and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Match-Receptacles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the drawings accompanying and forming a part of the same.

The object of my invention is to provide a receptacle for matches which is detachably secured to a panel or back support designed to be suspended from the wall, so that in packing for transportation the receptacle can be disconnected, and the whole so compactly and uniformly laid together that a large number can be put into a single box or package without injuring them.

In the accompanying drawings, which serve to illustrate my improvement, Figure 1 is a front view of a match-receptacle and its panel connected together. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same; and Fig. 3 is a similar view, but with the match-receiver disconnected from its panel.

A represents the box or receptacle for containing the matches, composed of a front, side and bottom portions, and a back part, *b*. The back *b* is extended above and below the sides to form the projections or lips *c c'*, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. These lips may be formed by extending or enlarging the back proper of the box, as here shown; or a separate piece of material of a greater width or depth than the box may be secured to the back portion thereof, and be made to serve the same purpose.

*d* represents the panel or back board for supporting the receptacle or box *a*. This panel is provided with an aperture, *e*, corresponding in size to that of the receptacle *a*. It may also be provided with a ring, loop, or any other suitable device for suspending it from the wall or other support. In mounting the box or receptacle *a* it is inserted from the back of the panel through the aperture formed to receive it, and pressed into position until the projecting edges *c c'* of the back impinge against the back of the panel. As the panel is

generally sustained in a vertical position, and the receptacle fits snugly in its aperture, there is no liability of its falling out behind. The panel may be ornamented by painting or otherwise, or may be made to serve the purpose of advertising.

Heretofore in the construction of articles of this class the box or receptacle for containing the matches has, when mounted on a tablet or panel, been permanently attached thereto by gumming or otherwise. In order to protect them from injury in transportation, each article must be packed singly in a box specially prepared for this purpose. By my construction this expense and labor are avoided, as the panel and receptacle can be readily taken apart and the panels laid flatly together with the receptacles arranged compactly on top, so that a large number can be made to occupy but a small space, and can be packed in but one box without fear of injury. I prefer generally to make both parts of pasteboard; but this is a matter of preference, as the receptacle or box can be made of light metal, if desired. The front of the panel is embellished by painting or otherwise, and the exterior of the receptacle likewise ornamented, and being detachable any style of panel and box may be used together, thus effecting combinations to suit individual tastes and business purposes.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A match-receptacle composed of a supporting or back panel provided with an aperture, and a box or receiver having projections or lips formed on its back and adapted to fit into said aperture, whereby the two parts are detachably connected together, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination, with the ornamental apertured panel *d*, of the removable match-receptacle *a*, provided with the extensions or lips *c c'*, whereby the two are connected together in a separable manner, as and for the purpose set forth.

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