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Fig. 1.

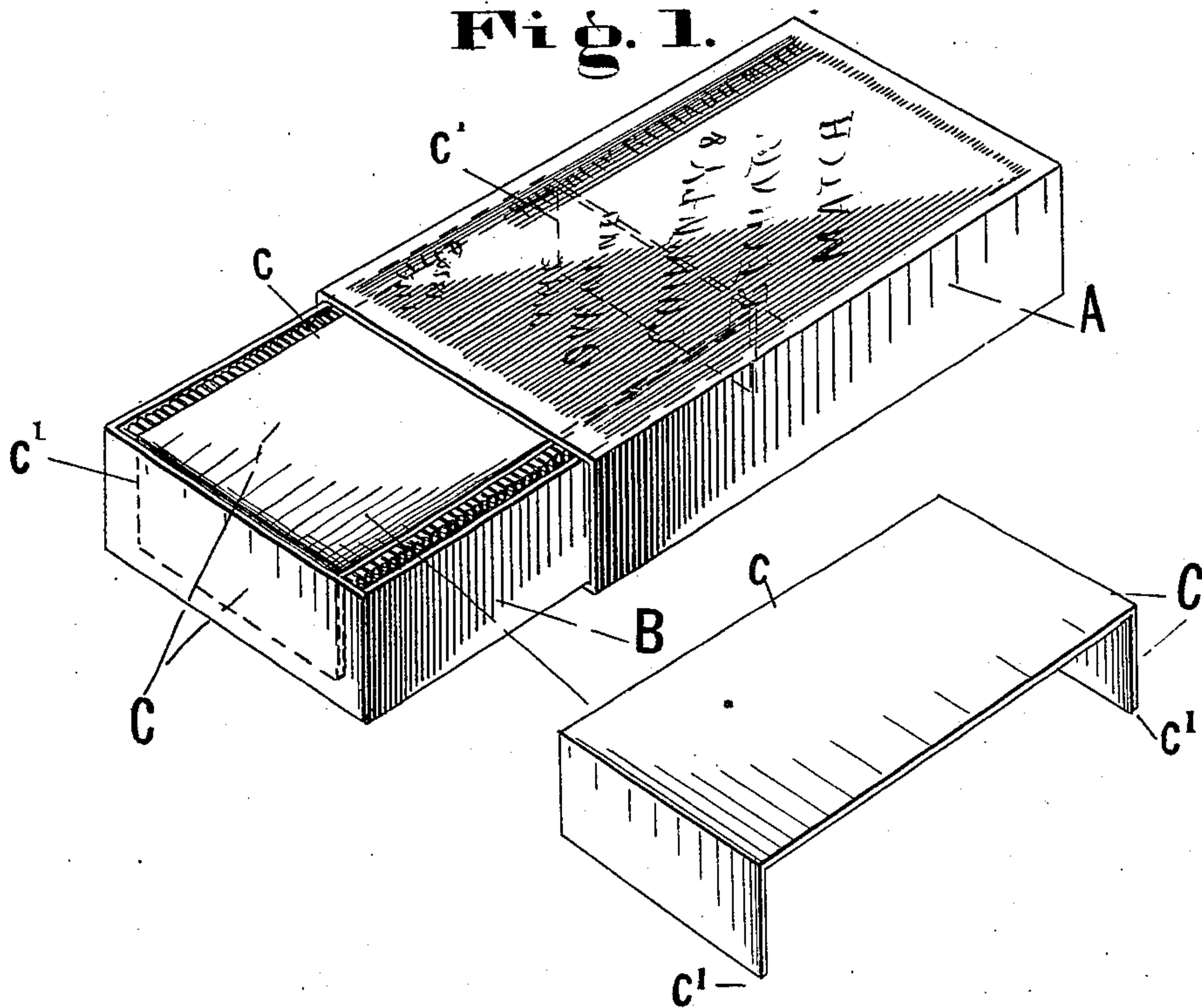


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. BEECHER, of Westville, county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful
5 Improvement in Match-Boxes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

10 This invention relates to that class of match-boxes which are composed of a cover-case and a sliding drawer; and it consists in the combination, with the cover-case and drawer, of a cover-strip having a center portion crossing
15 the top of the drawer, and two end portions extending into the drawer adjacent to its ends, as will be fully described hereinafter.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the entire box, and Fig. 2 a
20 longitudinal sectional view of the same.

A represents the shuck or case of the ordinary parlor-match box, and B the drawer of the same.

25 C represents an auxiliary cover-strip, consisting of a suitable length of pasteboard, wood, or other proper material, which is scored near each end to form the central portion, *c*, and the end portions, *c' c'*, as shown. This strip may vary in width; but it is preferable to have
30 it nearly as wide as the box in connection with which it is used. The central portion, *c*, in length equals the length of the drawer, and the end portions, *c' c'*, in length nearly equal the depth of the box.

When the drawer has been filled with
35 matches, the auxiliary cover-strip is placed in position, its central portion crossing the entire body of matches and its end portions, *c' c'*, extending into the box, adjacent to the end pieces, as shown.

Some of the advantages of the described construction are as follows:

By means of the auxiliary cover-strip the matches are kept from sifting out of the boxes even if the drawer should project slightly beyond the case. The matches are also kept from
45 spilling when the drawer is pushed out bottom upward, as is often done by accident. The matches being perfectly confined, the danger of accidental ignition is largely reduced. By
50 scoring the strip the proper relative dimensions of the parts are obtained, and the strip itself is adapted for ready, convenient, and effective use.

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

In combination with the cover-case and sliding drawer, the cover-strip having a central portion crossing the top of the drawer, and
60 two end portions extending into the drawer adjacent to its ends, as described.

This specification signed and witnessed this 19th day of July, 1883.

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