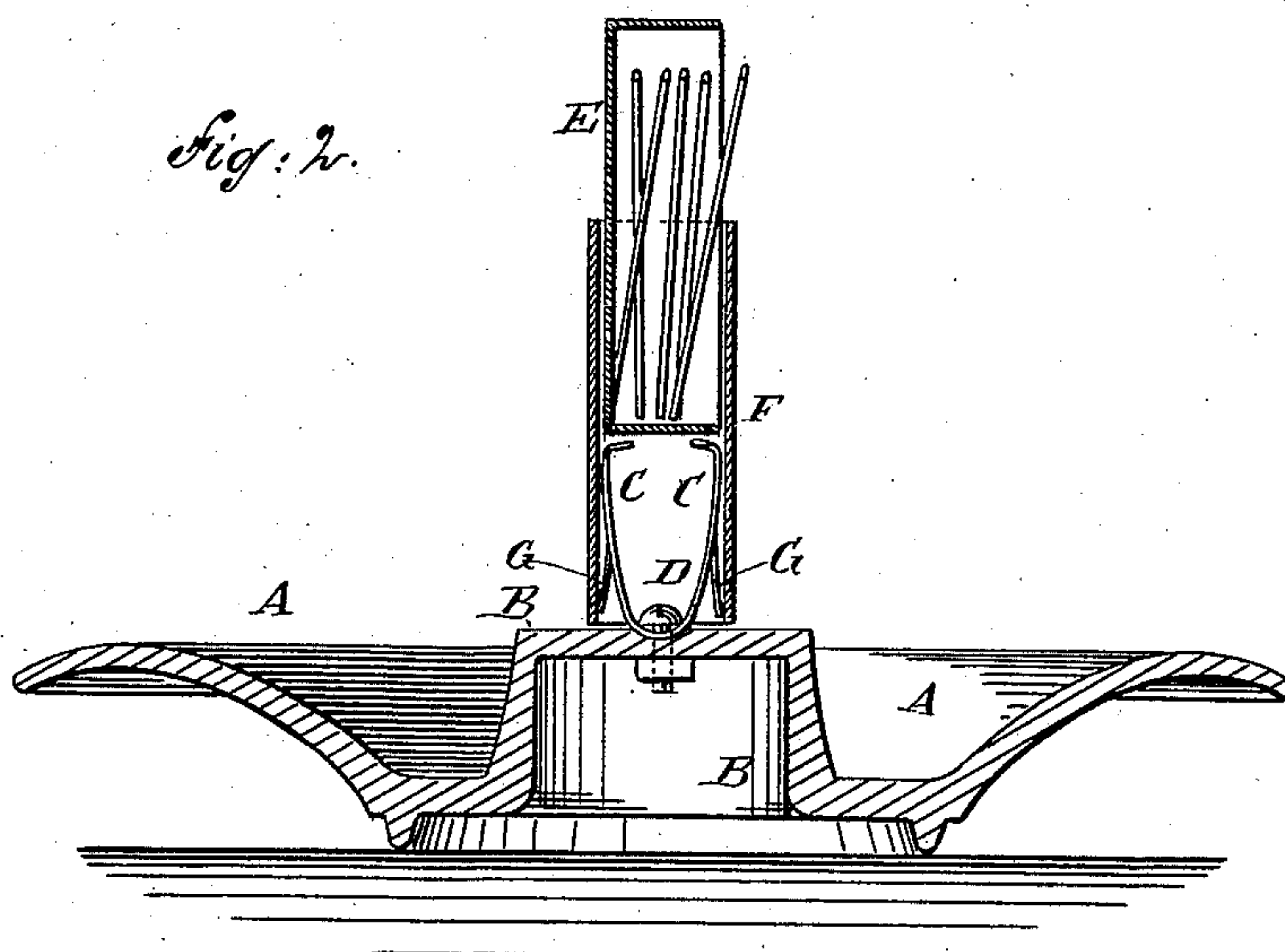
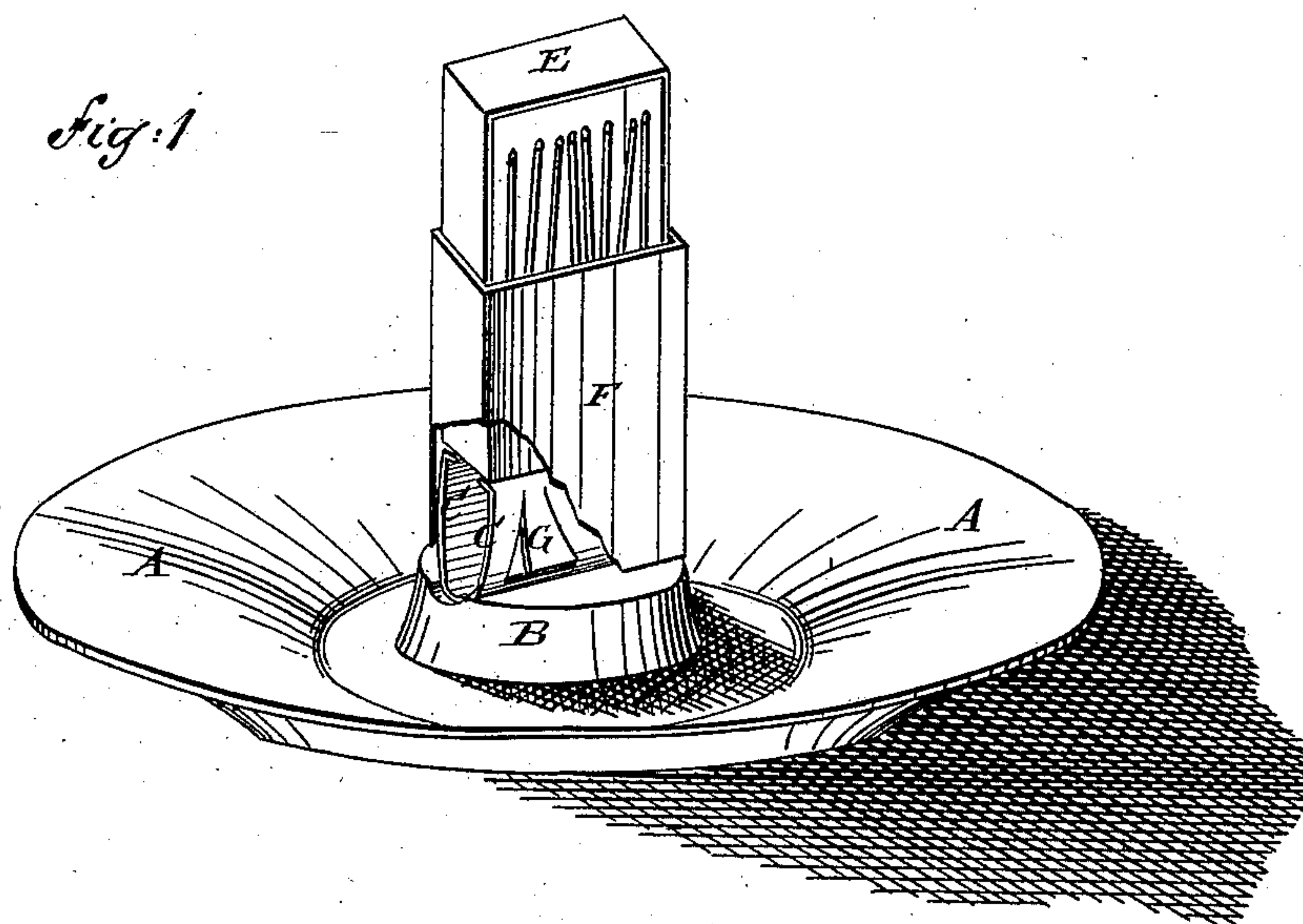


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY BEEUWKES, Jr., of Paterson, in the county of Passaic and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Self-Adjusting Match-Box Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improvement, illustrating its use, a part being broken away. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of the same.

The object of this invention is to provide a convenient match-box holder which shall be so constructed as to adjust itself to different-sized boxes, and which will also serve as a safe receptacle for burned matches and cigar-ashes.

The invention consists in a match-box holder constructed with a dish made with a central projection, to which is attached the bend of a U-shaped spring having its ends bent inward, and having projecting springs at the lower parts of its arms, as will be hereinafter fully described.

A represents a saucer-shaped dish, which is designed to be made of metal, earthenware, or other suitable non-combustible material.

In the center of the dish A is formed a projecting part, B, to serve as a pedestal to the spring C, which is made in U-shape, and is secured at its bend to the top of the pedestal B by bolts and nuts D, or other suitable means.

The holder is designed for that kind of match-boxes in which an open-topped box, E, is slipped into a box or casing, F, open at both ends, and the spring C is made of such a size that it will enter the smallest of such boxes. The ends of the arms of the spring C are bent inward into a horizontal position, or nearly so, so that when the outer casing, F, of a match-box is pressed down over the spring C the bent ends of the arms of the said spring

will force the inner or match-holding part, E, of the said box out of the said outer part, F, and give convenient access to the matches, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, the arms of the spring C being made of such a length that the inner box, E, will not project so far as to allow the matches to fall out.

On the lower parts of the arms of the spring C are formed, or to them are attached, springs G, the lower ends of which project so as to rest against the inner surfaces of the sides of the lower end of the outer box, F, and hold the said box steady, even when the said box is larger than the spring C. With this construction the match-box will be held in such a way that the matches can be readily taken out when required, and when all the matches in the box have been used the empty match-box can be readily detached and replaced with a full box. With this construction also the dish A forms a convenient and safe receptacle for burned matches and cigar-ashes, the pedestal B raising the match-box so far above the bottom of the said dish that the said box will be kept out of contact with the said burned matches, and thus out of danger of being set on fire by said burned matches.

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

1. A match-box holder constructed substantially as herein shown and described, and consisting of the dish A, having central upward projection, B, and the U-spring C, as set forth.

2. In a match-box holder, the combination, with the dish A, having a central upward projection, B, of the U-shaped spring C, having its ends bent inward, and provided with side springs, G, substantially as herein shown and described, whereby the holder is adapted to receive and hold different-sized match-boxes, as set forth.

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