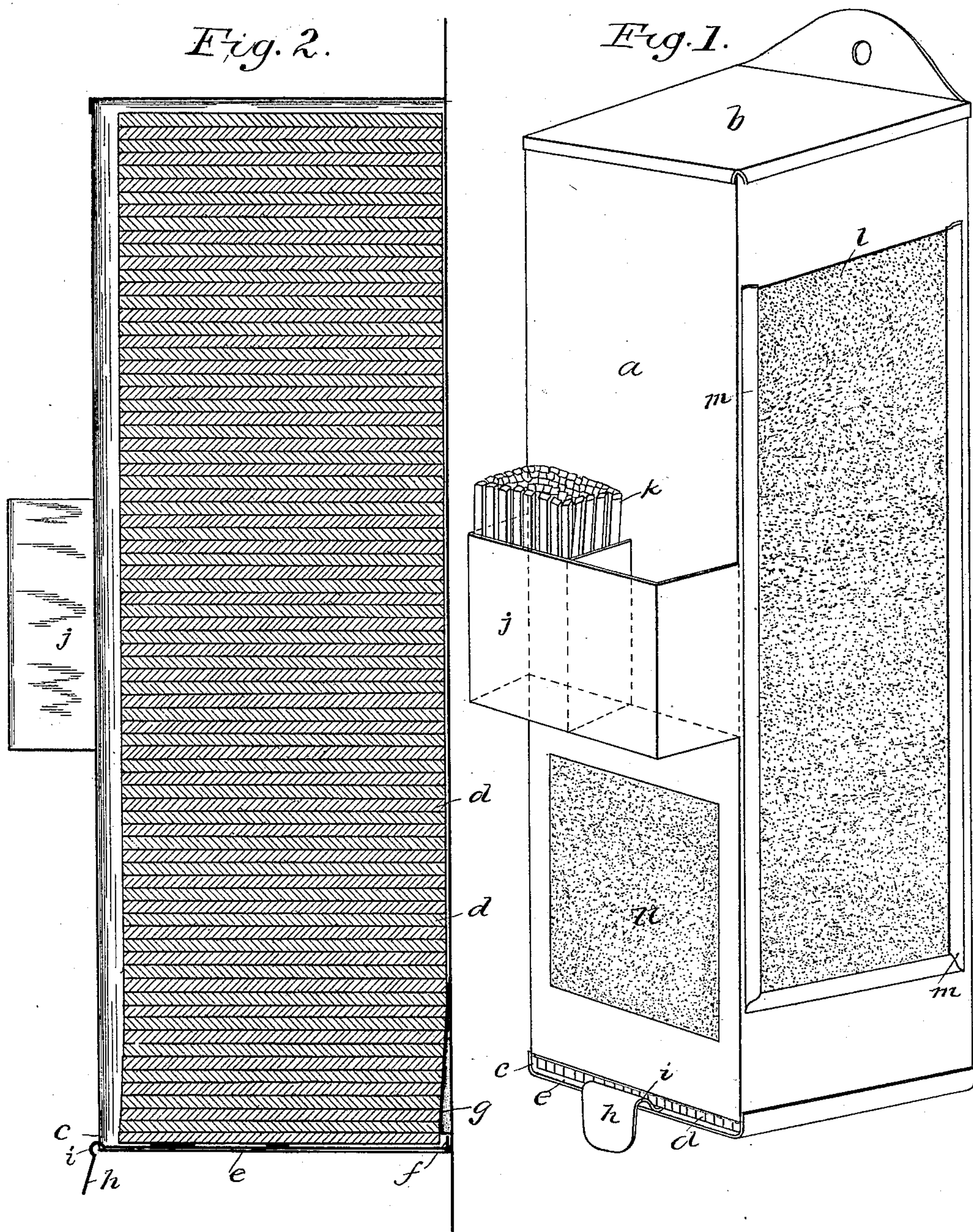


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. BAKER, of Jonesborough, in the county of Moore and State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Match-Safes, of which the following is a specification.

It is the object of my invention to provide a match-safe which shall be capable of receiving a large number of "cards" of matches, and be provided with means whereby a card at a time may be readily taken out and separated into individual matches, which latter may be placed in a box connected with the match-safe, to be used from time to time as they may be needed.

As is well known, ordinary match-boxes are capable of holding a very limited number only of matches, and it not infrequently happens that the box is found to be empty at a time when it is neither convenient nor agreeable to go to another part of the house to obtain the needed supply. Again, it is desirable that matches, particularly such as are sold in the form of cards, should be stored in a place where they will be secure against accidental ignition and dampness.

By my invention the objection or perplexity mentioned is overcome and the desired ends recited are attained, and other advantages besides are accomplished.

My invention consists of a match-safe comprising a reservoir for the reception of a large number of cards, means whereby separate cards may be readily removed from the reservoir, and a box or boxes for the reception of the individual matches, all as hereinafter fully described, and subsequently pointed out in the claims.

Of the drawings hereto annexed and forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved match-safe and match-box complete. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same.

The same letters designate the same parts or features, as the case may be, in both figures.

In the drawings, *a* designates the match-safe proper, which consists of a rectangular box of sheet metal or other suitable material, of such size as that cards of matches placed therein in a horizontal position may fit loosely, so as to be readily moved up and down in the

safe, and of such a depth as that it may be capable of receiving a very large number of cards.

b designates a cover for the safe, which may be constructed in any way to suit it to be placed over the top and held against accidental displacement thereon.

At the bottom of the safe and in front of the same (though, for that matter, it might be at the side) I provide a slot *c* of a form and size to permit of a card *d* of matches being drawn out therethrough.

e is a slide suitably arranged so as to be moved on the bottom of the safe from the rear toward the front and beneath the supply of cards of matches, as shown most clearly in Fig. 2. The slide *e* is provided at its rear end with an angular or upturned portion *f* of such character that when the slide is moved back said angular part may fall behind the lowest card *d*, which may be guided toward the front of the safe and away from the rear wall by a guide-strip *g*, arranged as shown. The handle *h* on the forward end of the slide, which affords means for its manipulation, may be curved or beaded, as at *i*, so that the lowest card *d* may not slip out of the safe by accident.

j designates a box or boxes, which may be connected with the outside of the safe for the reception of the individual matches *k*, into which the cards of matches *d* may be divided.

l is a strip of sand-paper, which may be suitably supported on any convenient part of the safe. As here shown, I have soldered strips *m* to the sides of the safe, back of which the edges of the strip *l* may be passed, and by which it may be guided to and held in place. Instead of employing a strip of sand-paper, I may roughen or "sand" the surface of some portion of the safe—as, for example, as is designated at *n*. In this way I am enabled to provide a safe and convenient means for keeping readily at hand a large quantity of matches, and meet the ends and obviate the objections recited at the outset of this specification.

It is obvious that changes may be made in my invention without departing from the nature or spirit of the invention.

Having thus explained the nature of my in-

vention and described a way of constructing and using the same, I declare that what I claim is—

- 5 1. A match-safe consisting of a reservoir for the reception of a number of cards of matches, provided with a slot through which separate cards may be drawn, and a box or boxes connected with the reservoir for the reception of individual matches, as set forth.
- 10 2. A match-safe consisting of the match-card

reservoir *a*, provided with a slot *c*, guide-strip *g*, slide *e*, and box or boxes *j*, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 29th day of 15 July, A. D. 1889.

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