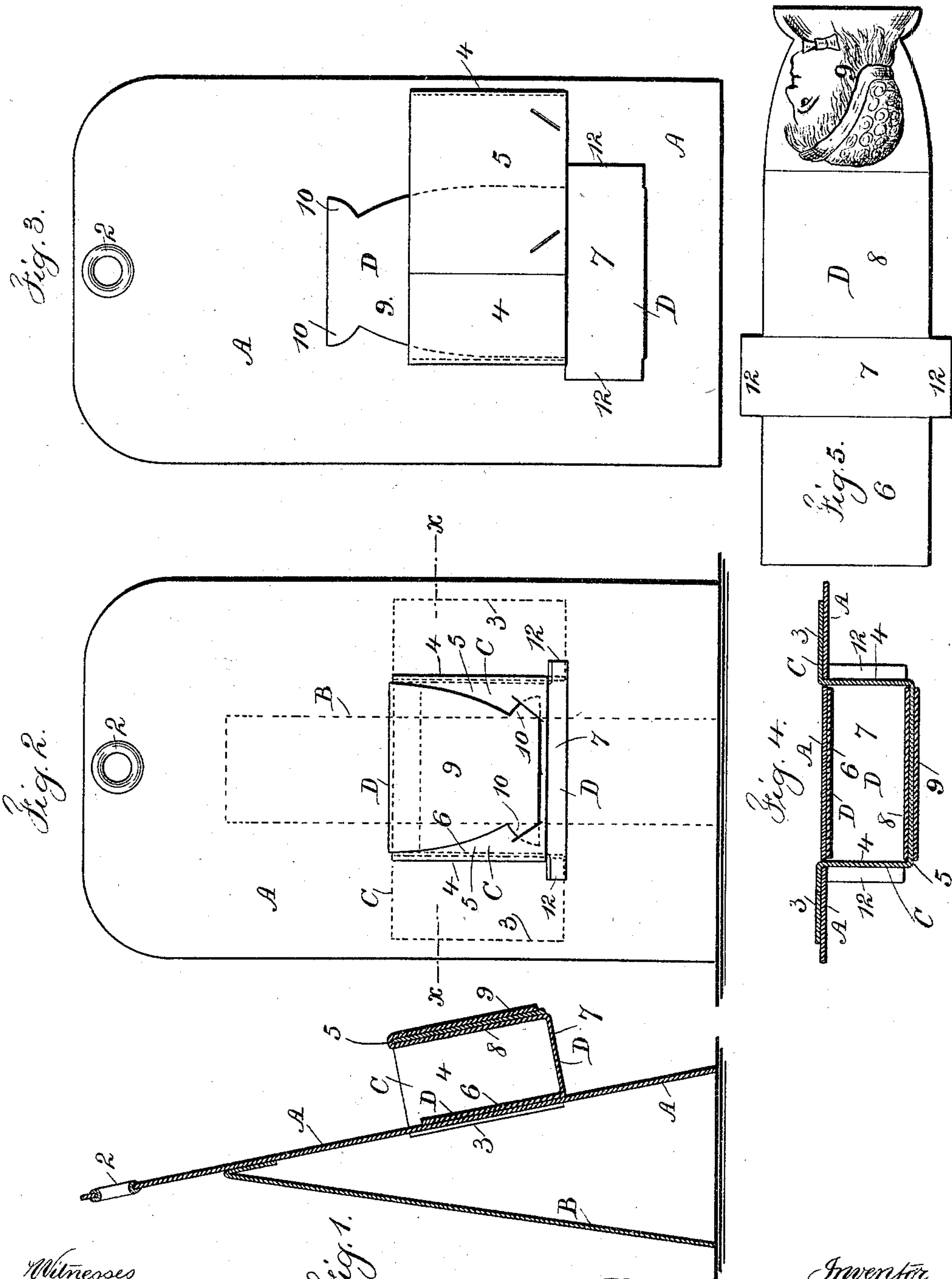


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED C. LOUNSBURY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Plainfield, in the county of Union and State of New Jersey, have invented an Improvement in Folding Mailable Match-Receivers, of which the following is a specification.

Boxes have been made of paper and other material hinged or jointed together in such a manner as to be collapsible and occupy less space in transportation than when filled with the articles intended to be received by them, and paper boxes have been employed for the reception of matches and similar articles for transportation or for holding such articles ready for use.

The object of the present invention is to provide a receiver that is adapted to matches or similar articles, but which receiver can be folded or collapsed and lie flat in a convenient form for mailing in an envelope or otherwise, and this receiver being usually made of paper, and having a back to which the receiver is connected, can be used as an advertising medium or as a souvenir, because the paper can be ornamented to a greater or less extent and any desired printing matter can be put upon the surface of the same, and the receiver is either adapted to stand upon a desk, table, or mantel, or it may be hung up against a wall or partition upon a nail.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a vertical section of the receiver, unfolded or spread for use. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the same. Fig. 3 represents the receiver as collapsed or laid out flat for transportation. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section at the line $x x$. Fig. 5 is a detached view of the bottom and its connecting-tongues as laid out flat.

I do not limit myself to the sheet material out of which this receiver is to be made, but usually it will be of thick paper or cardboard, so as to be well adapted to the reception of ornamental printing or embossing for rendering the article attractive in appearance and also for displaying any advertising matter, especially upon the surface of the back.

The back A is of suitable size and shape, and where it is to be hung up it may have a perforation or eyelet at 2, and where the re-

ceiver is to stand upon a desk or other level surface a brace or leg B may be attached at the upper part of the back, so as to hold the receiver in an inclined position, as indicated in Fig. 1. This back A forms the back of the box or receiver, and the ends and front of such box or receiver are made of a strip of sheet material C, preferably of paper, with tongues 3, that pass through slots in the backing and are turned over and secured by adhesive material, and the ends 4 and front 5 of this box are hinged together at the angles or corners, such hinges preferably being made by scoring the paper to lessen its stiffness and allow such paper to fold at the angles. Hence the part C can be collapsed or folded down closely against the back A, as indicated in Fig. 3, or the same can be swung out with the ends at right angles to the back, as illustrated in the plan, Fig. 4.

The bottom of the box or receptacle is made of a strip D, with a tongue 6, adapted to be fastened to the surface of the backing A and with the portion 7, forming the bottom itself of the box, the ends 12 of the bottom preferably projecting slightly beyond the side portions 4 of the receiver when the bottom is turned up at right angles to the back edge, and the portion 8 is adapted to pass up inside the receptacle and it may be connected thereto by adhesive material—such as mucilage—put upon the surface and allowed to dry and which is moistened when the box is unfolded in a position for use and caused to adhere to the interior of such box or receiver; but I usually prefer to make a second tongue or flap 9 to turn over at the front portion of the receptacle and to contain a suitable ornament, and this flap 9 may be also provided with adhesive material to be stuck upon the outside of the receptacle when unfolded into position for use, or the lower ends 10 of such tongue 9 may be tucked into or through incisions in the front portion 5 of the box, so as to hold the parts in position for use.

The receiver for matches or similar articles when collapsed or folded for transportation lies flat and can be put into an envelope, and when unfolded for use the parts are easily con-

nected and the receptacle becomes very strong and rigid and at the same time can be made highly ornamental and artistic.

I claim as my invention—

5 1. The combination with the backing, of a strip with ends passing through slots in the backing and secured thereto and adapted to form the front and ends of a receptacle and hinged so as to lie down flat against the back
10 or be unfolded for use, a bottom with projecting ends and a tongue fastened to the backing and adapted to lie flat against such backing or be unfolded for use, and a tongue connected with the bottom and passing up inside
15 the receptacle and secured to the front, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination with the backing, of a strip with ends secured to the backing and adapted to form the front and ends of a re-
20 ceptacle and hinged so as to lie down flat against the back or be unfolded for use, a bottom with a tongue fastened to the backing and adapted to lie flat against such backing or be unfolded for use, a tongue connected with
25 the bottom and passing up inside the recep-

tacle, and a flap connected with the tongue and passing down in front of the receptacle and adapted to be connected thereto, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination with the backing, of a 30 strip with ends passing through slots in the backing and secured thereto and adapted to form the front and ends of a receptacle and hinged so as to lie down flat against the back or be unfolded for use, a bottom with projecting 35 ends and a tongue fastened to the backing and adapted to lie flat against such backing or be unfolded for use, a tongue connected with the bottom and passing up inside the re-
40 ceptacle, a flap connected with the tongue and passing down in front of the receptacle and secured thereto, substantially as set forth.

Signed by me this 18th day of September, 1894.

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