

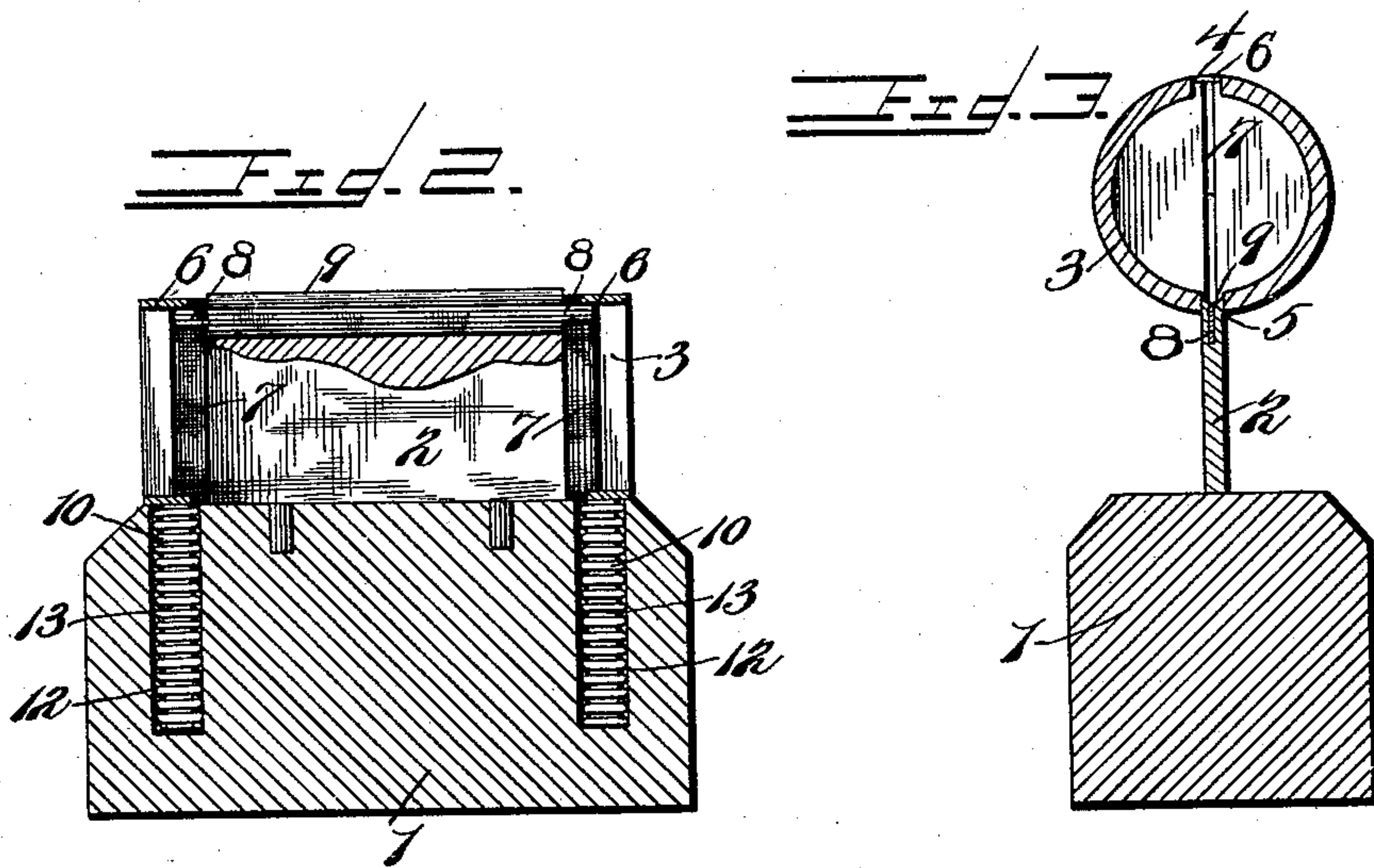
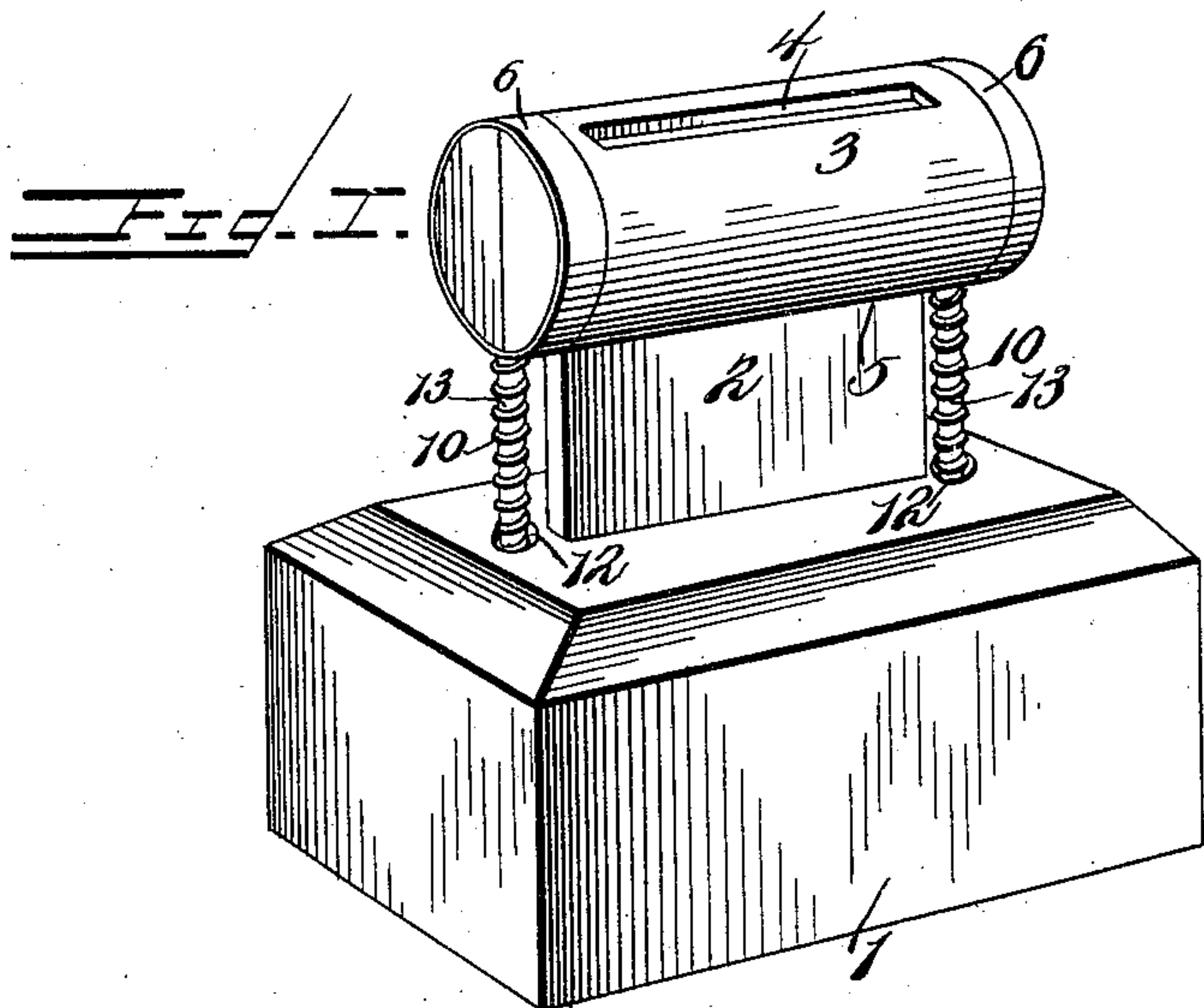
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MATCH BOX.

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MATCH-BOX.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN E. BURKHISER and GEORGE K. COLBORN, citizens of the United States, residing at Bayard, in the county of Grant and State of West Virginia, have invented a new and useful Match-Box, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in match-boxes.

The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of match-boxes and to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient device designed especially for use in stores and other public places and capable of preventing a person from removing more than one match at a time, and thereby effecting a great saving in matches.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a match-box constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

1 designates a base, preferably constructed of metal and designed to be of any desired configuration, and rising from the top of the base is a vertically-disposed supporting-plate 2, upon which is slidably mounted a vertically-movable match-receptacle 3. The match-receptacle 3, which is preferably in the form of a cylinder, as shown, is provided at its top and bottom with slots 4 and 5 and is composed of two separate sections connected at their ends by bands 6. The ends or heads of the cylinder are provided at their inner faces with vertical grooves 7, forming ways for the reception of vertical webs or flanges 8 of the supporting-plate 2, whereby the cylinder is guided on the latter in its vertical movement. The grooves terminate at the end bands or straps 6, which form stops and serve to retain the receptacle 3 on the supporting-plate.

The supporting-plate is provided at its upper edge with a longitudinally-disposed match-receiving groove 9, which is normally arranged at the bottom of the receptacle 3 in position to receive a match if there be one or more in the receptacle. By sliding the receptacle downward on the supporting-plate a match lying in the groove 9 will be exposed at the top of the receptacle in convenient position for removal. The groove 9 is of a size to receive only one match, so that but one can be removed from the receptacle each time the device is operated.

The receptacle is supported in an elevated position by spiral springs 10, connected with the bottom of the receptacle and having their lower portions arranged in vertical bores or openings 12 of the base, and the upper portions of the springs are supported by rods 13. The rods 13 are attached to the cylinder and depend therefrom and are received within the bores or openings 12 when the cylinder is depressed.

It will be seen that the match-box is exceedingly simple and inexpensive in construction, that it is easy to operate, and that it is capable of effectually preventing more than one match from being removed from the receptacle each time it is operated.

What we claim is—

1. A match-box comprising a base, a plate extending vertically therefrom and provided with a match-receiving groove and having flanges at its side edges, a vertically-removable receptacle slotted at its top and bottom to receive the plate and having vertical grooves at its ends for the reception of said flanges, rods depending from the receptacle and located beyond the side edges of the plate, and springs arranged adjacent to the side edges of the plate and housed in suitable sockets of the base, said springs being disposed on the rods, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. A match-box comprising a base, a vertical plate rising therefrom and provided with a match-receiving groove and having flanges at its side edges, a vertically-movable match-receptacle mounted on the plate, provided at its top and bottom with slots and having ver-

tical grooves at its ends to receive the said
flanges, said receptacle being composed of
two sections, and end bands connecting the
sections and forming stops to be engaged by
5 the said flanges for limiting the vertical
movement of the receptacle, substantially as
described.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as

our own we have hereto affixed our signatures
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