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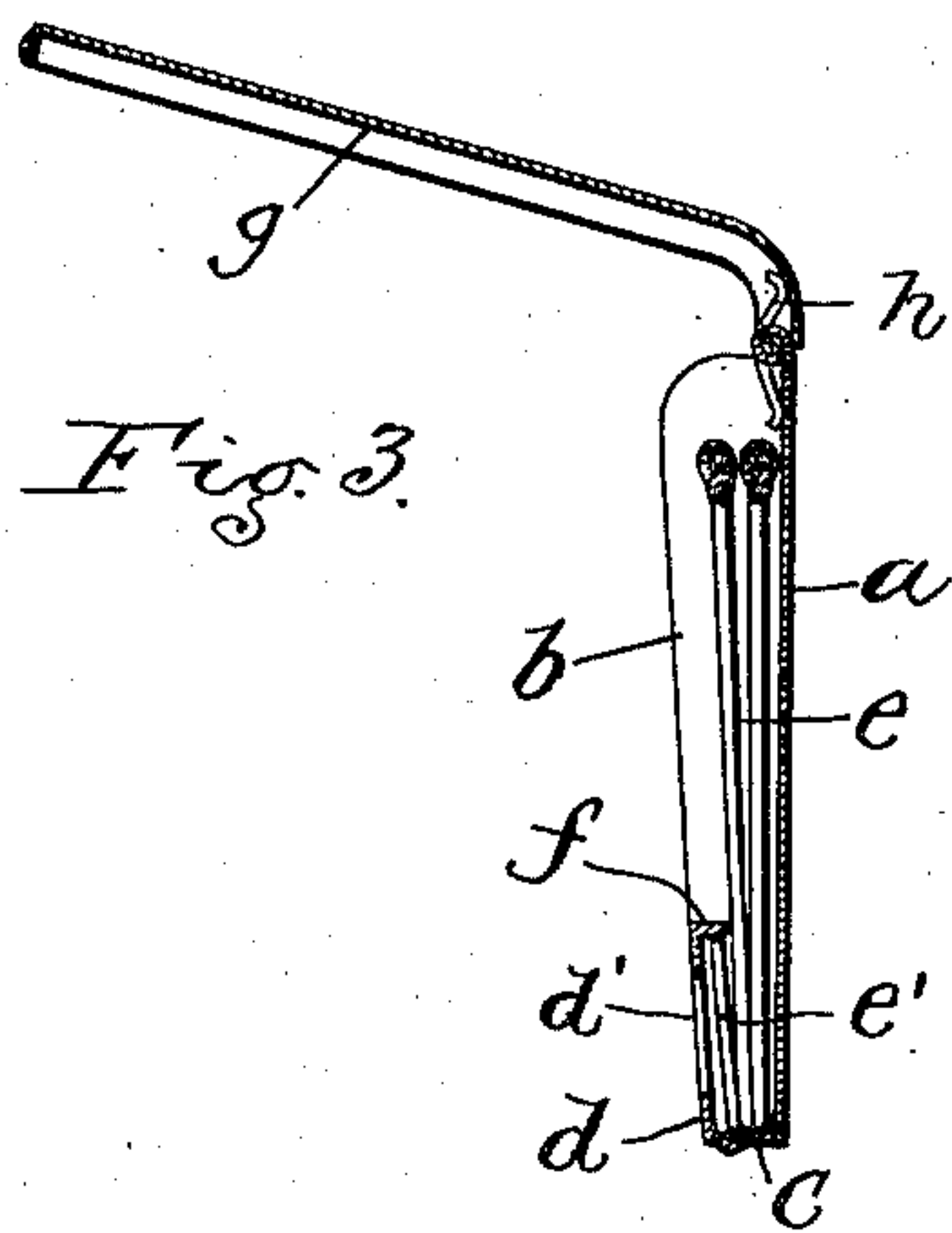
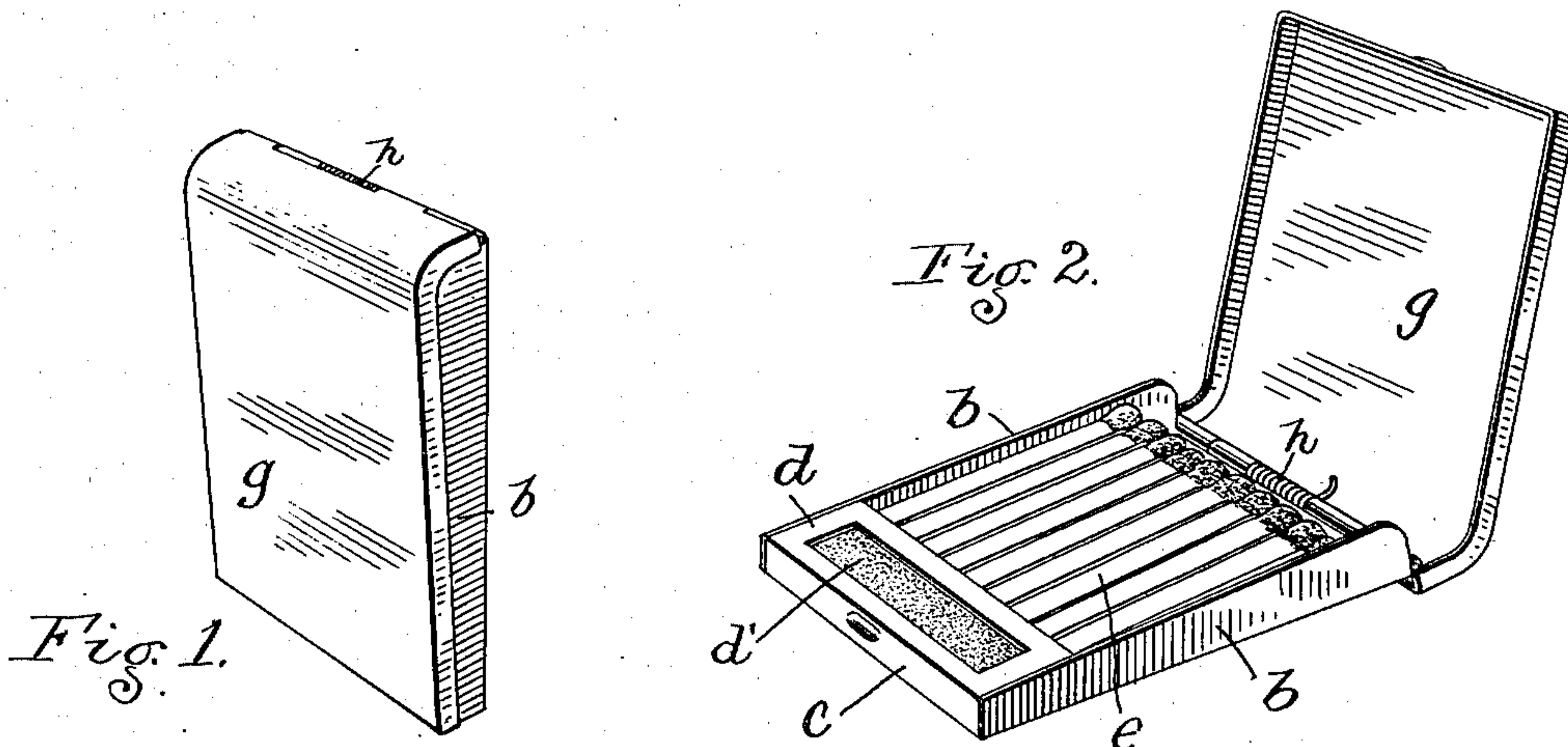
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HAROLD A. DODGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Elizabeth, in the county of Union and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Match-Boxes, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention has for its object to provide a match-box more especially adapted for the reception of small packages of safety-matches made of cardboard and such as have been in extensive use for advertising purposes, the advertisements being usually printed on the matches themselves.

My improved match-box is of such form that it is well adapted for advertising purposes in that the advertisements may be placed or embossed in any suitable manner on the back and the lid thereof, and the match-box is of such convenient and attractive form as to render it desirable to be retained permanently by the user and to be refilled by the packages of matches as often as the latter become exhausted.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved match-box in a closed condition. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same open and with a package of matches therein. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of the improved match-box with a package of matches therein.

The improved match-box is preferably made of flexible sheet metal of any suitable kind—as brass, tin, copper, or aluminium—the latter metal being preferred for lightness and attractiveness. The body of the box comprises a back portion *a*, turned-up side lips *b*, a turned-up end lip *c*, integral with which latter is a holding-piece *d*, turned over, so as to partly overlie the package of matches *e*, and which holding-piece *d* may be provided with an intumed lip *f*, arranged to engage a cardboard portion *e'*, forming part of the match-package and which package is in practice provided with friction material suitable for scratching matches thereon for the purpose of igniting them. To permit of convenient access to this friction material, the holding-piece *d* is provided with an opening *d'*.

The body of the box, comprising the back, turned-up lips or sides, the end piece, and the holding-piece, preferably consists of a single piece of metal cut to proper shape and bent into the form shown in the drawings. The side pieces or lips *b* are preferably tapered, so as to be somewhat wider at their ends adjacent to the part of the box to which the lid *g* is hinged than at their opposite ends, so as to make the box thicker or deeper at the end thereof where the heads of the matches will come, as the packages of matches of the kind intended for reception by the box are somewhat thicker at the headed ends of the matches than at their opposite ends. The hinge of the lid is preferably provided with a spring *h*, which will tend to open the lid when the same is released from a holding catch or lug *i*, stamped up from the sheet metal in a well-known manner.

The turned-over holding-piece *d* is not attached at the sides of the box and is sufficiently flexible so that the packages of matches may be readily inserted beneath the same, and in breaking off the paper matches the said holding-piece may be pressed by the thumb of the user against the matches and will thus serve as a breaker against which the matches may be pulled in removing them separately from the package.

From the foregoing it will be understood that the invention provides a cheap and convenient match-box suitable for advertising purposes and adapted for the reception of packages of paper matches such as are now extensively in use and also provides convenient means whereby the matches may be removed separately from the packages and readily and conveniently ignited on the usual friction-surfaces of the packages through the opening in the holding-piece *d*.

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

1. A match-box comprising a back having turned-up lips to afford side and end portions for the body of the box, and having, integral with the end portion, a turned-over holding-piece adapted to partly overlie a package of matches, said holding-piece having its central portion open to provide an aperture through

which the matches may be ignited on the friction material of the package, and said box being provided with a suitable hinged lid.

2. A match-box provided with a hinged lid
5 at one end and being formed deeper at the end where the lid is hinged than at its opposite end, so as to be adapted to hold a package of paper matches, and the said box having, at its end opposite the hinge of the lid, a hold-
10 ing-piece, as *d*, adapted to partly overlie a package of matches contained by the box,

said holding-piece having its central portion cut away to provide an opening through which the matches may be ignited on the friction material of the package.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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