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Fig. 1.

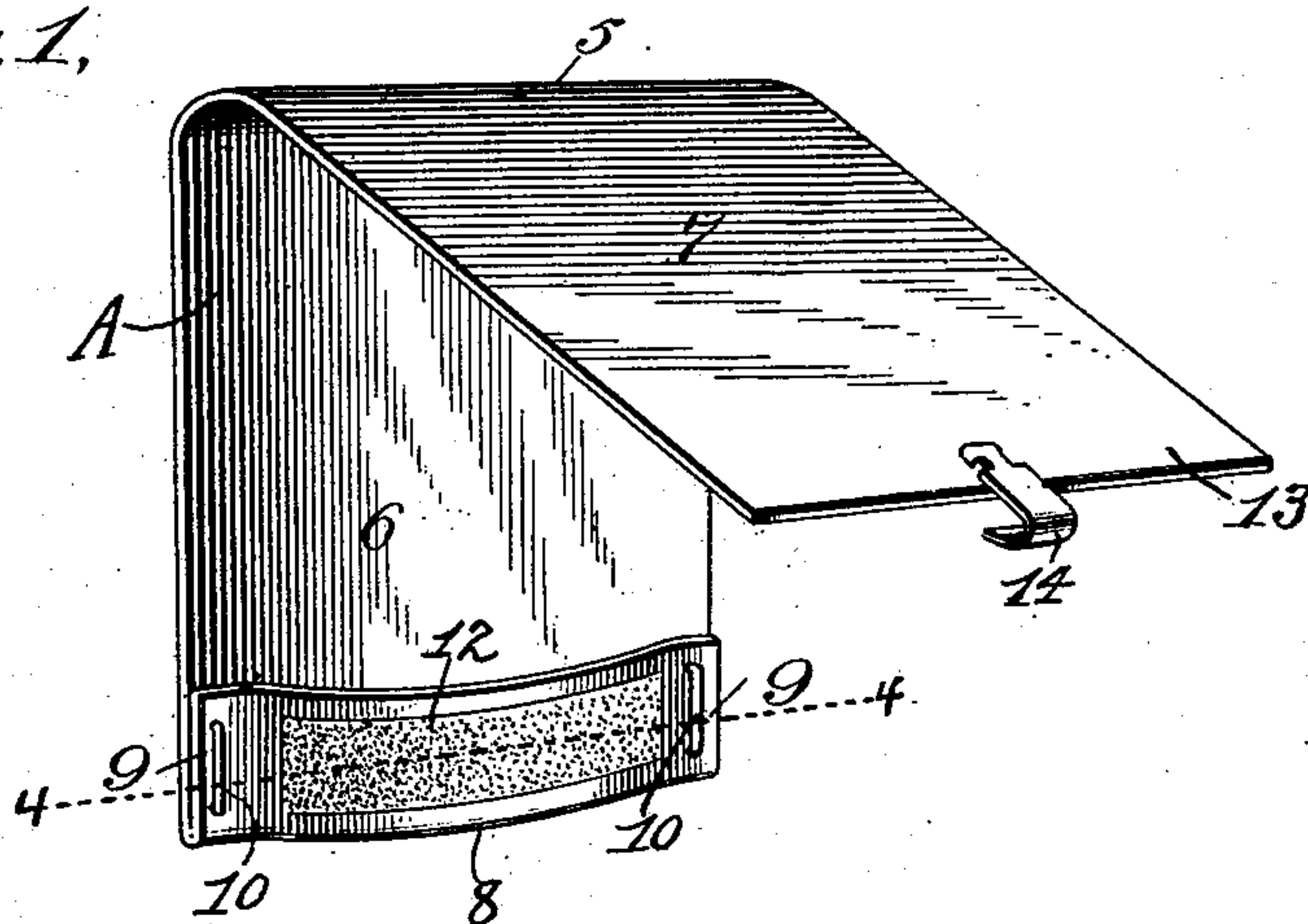


Fig. 2.

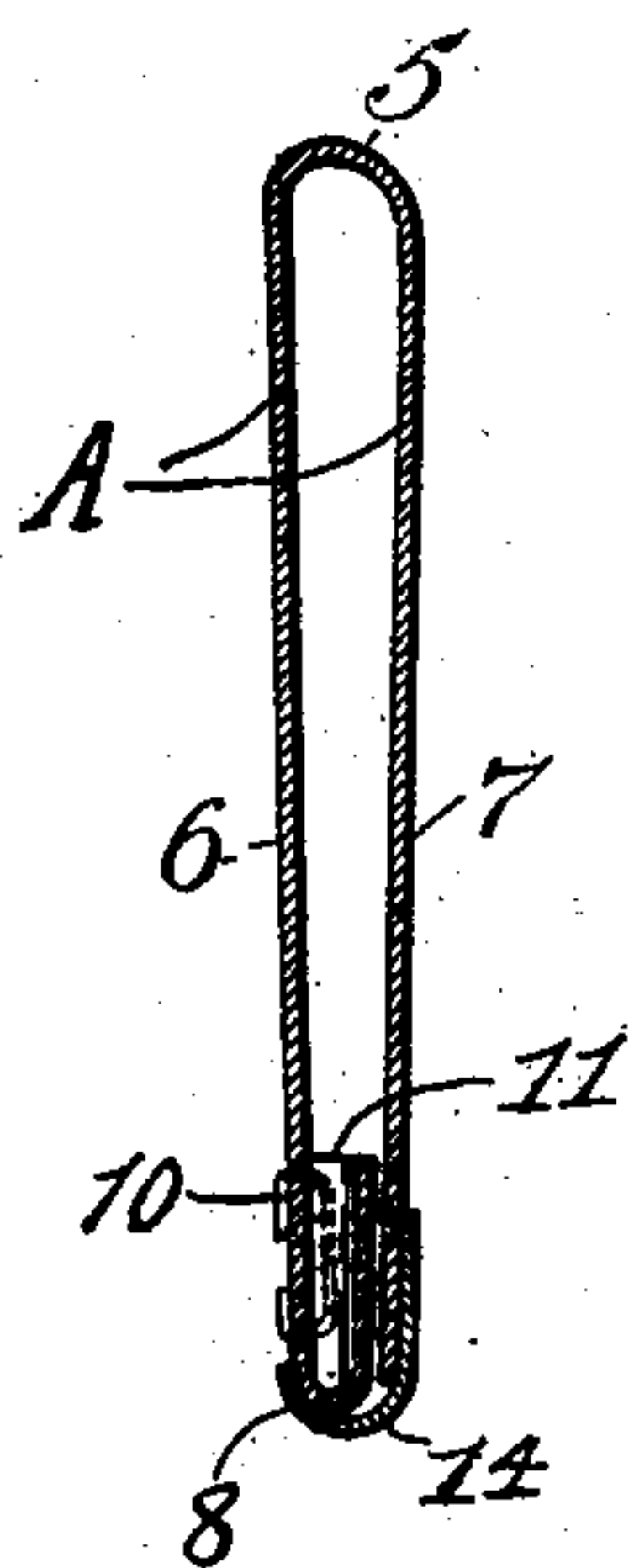
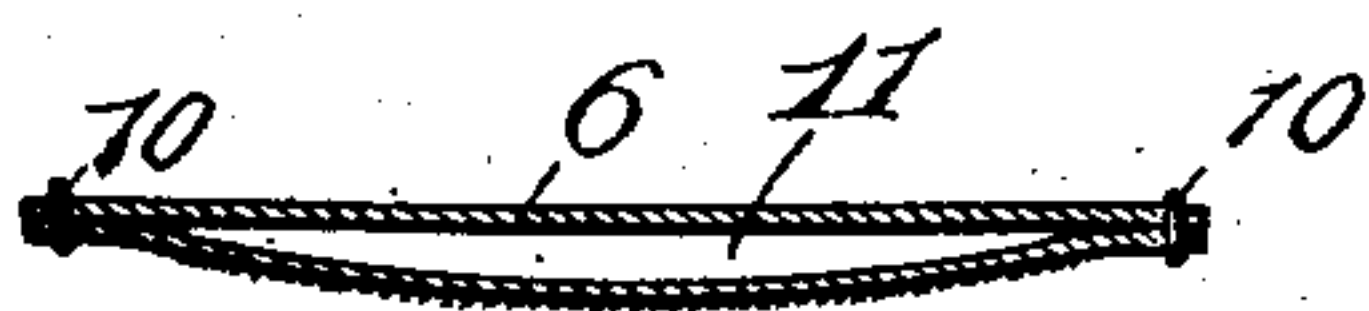
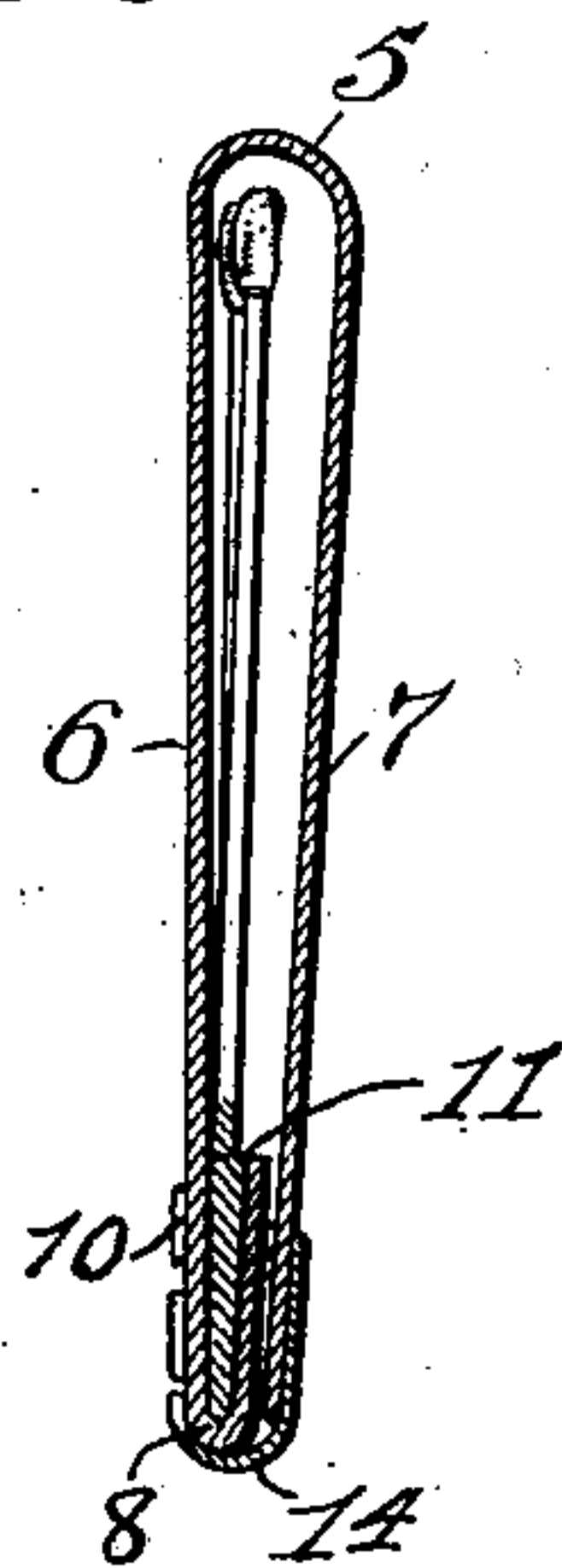


Fig. 3.



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Fig. 4.

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## MATCH-CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL ROBERT, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Match-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in match-cases, and particularly appertains to an article of the class described designed to act as a temporary receptacle for matches, especially those made into card or comb form.

In carrying out the present invention I have in view the provision of a case or cover which will easily and readily receive and contain a comb or card of matches in such manner that the matches will be thoroughly protected from such deteriorating influences as dampness, breakage, and the like. I have also in contemplation the provision of an abrasive or striking surface so placed on a folded or doubled end portion of the case that the flap-cover of the article when in its normally closed position will cover and protect such abrasive striking-surface. This flap carries a small clasp designed to engage with the folded end carrying the abrasive material, so that the matches are thoroughly covered or incased. It is also my intention to form my improved case of an integral strip or piece of material, the construction being such that the article will embody the essential and desired features of simplicity, durability, convenience, and inexpensiveness.

With the above-recited objects and others of a similar nature in view my invention consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as is described in this specification, delineated in the accompanying drawings, and set forth in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings like reference characters indicate similar parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an article embodying my improvements. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view taken through the case when in a closed position. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 and illustrating the manner

of retaining the matches in the pocket of the case. Fig. 4 is a horizontal sectional view taken through the match-retaining pocket of the case on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1.

Referring now to the accompanying drawings in detail, the letter A indicates the body portion of the casing as a whole, this being formed of a single strip or piece of material of any suitable character—such as paper, cardboard, metal, or the like. This integral piece is bent or folded centrally, as at 5, thereby dividing the body into a back portion 6 and a front cover or flap 7. The fold 5 acts as a hinge, so the cover may be easily moved toward or from the back part. The lower edge portion 8 of the back is folded inward and back upon the inner face of the part 6 along the line 8, and the ends of such folded portion, as at 9, are fastened or secured to the back 6 through the medium of the U-shaped staples or pins 10, a pocket, as at 11, being thus formed for the temporary retention of a package or card of matches. Upon the outer face of the pocket is placed a coating or strip of abrasive or striking material, (indicated at 12,) upon which material the matches may be struck for the purpose of ignition. The free end 13 of the flap-cover is provided with a small hook-clasp 14, designed when the case is in its closed position to engage with the rounded lower edge of the pocket, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, thus securely holding the cover-flap and back in a locked position, and the contents of the casing, such as a card of matches, will be thoroughly covered and protected. The lower edge of the flap 7 is of sufficient length to extend over and cover the abrasive striking-surface.

The hinge-fold 5 of the article is so formed that there is sufficient room to accommodate the heads of the matches when the latter are placed in the pocket.

It will be noted that I have devised an exceedingly simple and economical case and one which when provided with the desired lettering, inscription, or the like will form a neat and effective advertising medium.

Having thus described my invention, what



I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a match-case comprising an oblong-shaped piece of material containing two folds only, one fold being at the end of said piece and arranged to form a pocket for the matches, and means for securing the ends of said fold directly to the main piece of material, the other fold being at the opposite end of the piece and of such width as to cover the said pocket, and a match-striking surface arranged to be covered by said latter fold, substantially as described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a match-case comprising an oblong-shaped piece of material containing two folds only, one fold being at the end of said piece and arranged to form a pocket for the matches, and means for securing the ends of said fold directly to the main piece of material, the other fold being at the opposite end of the piece and of such width as to cover the said pocket, and a match-

striking surface on the outer side of the fold forming the pocket, substantially as described.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a match-case comprising a piece of material containing two folds only, one end bent upon itself to form a pocket, means for securing said bent portion to the main piece of material, the other fold being at the opposite end of the piece, and a match-striking surface on the case.

4. As a new article of manufacture, a match-case comprising a piece of material containing two folds only, one of said folds formed by bending the lower end upon itself to form a pocket, means for securing said fold to the main piece of material, the other fold forming a flap extending toward the pocket, and a striking-surface on the case.

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