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Fig. 1

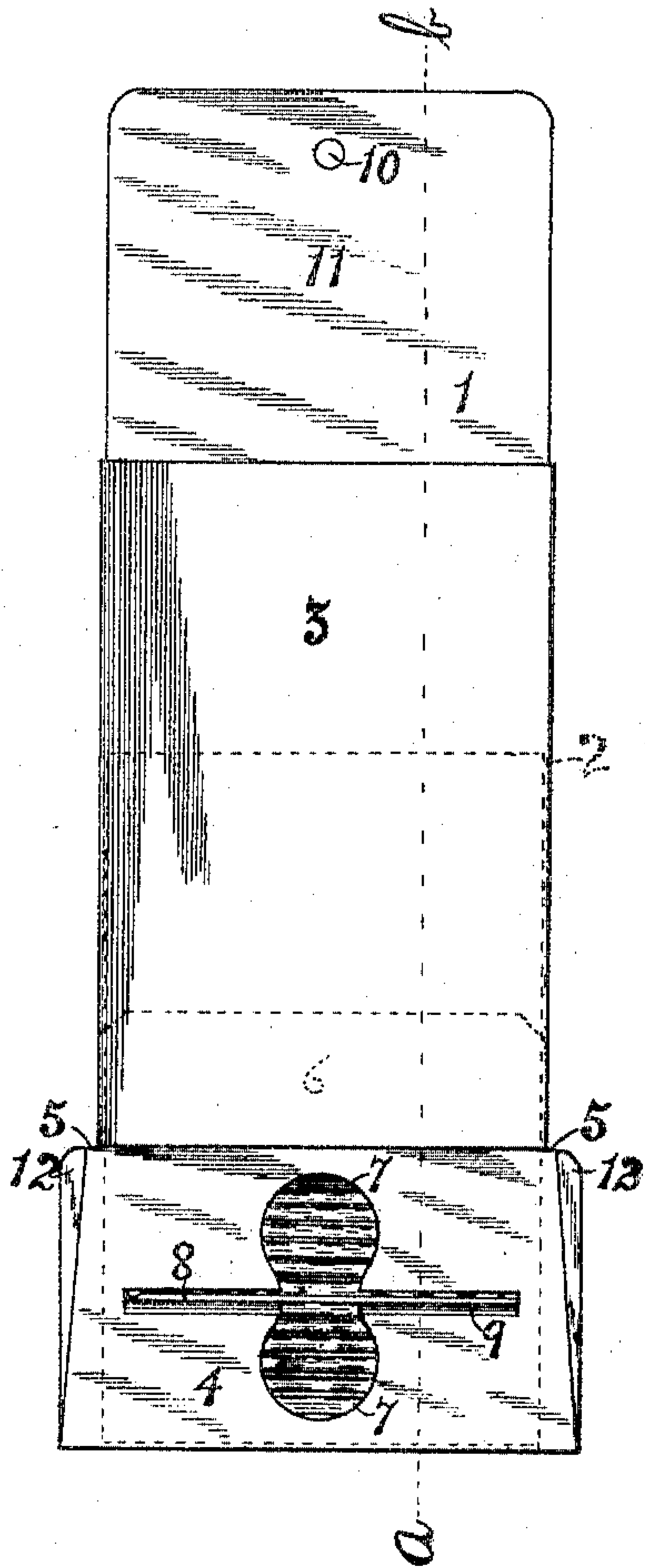
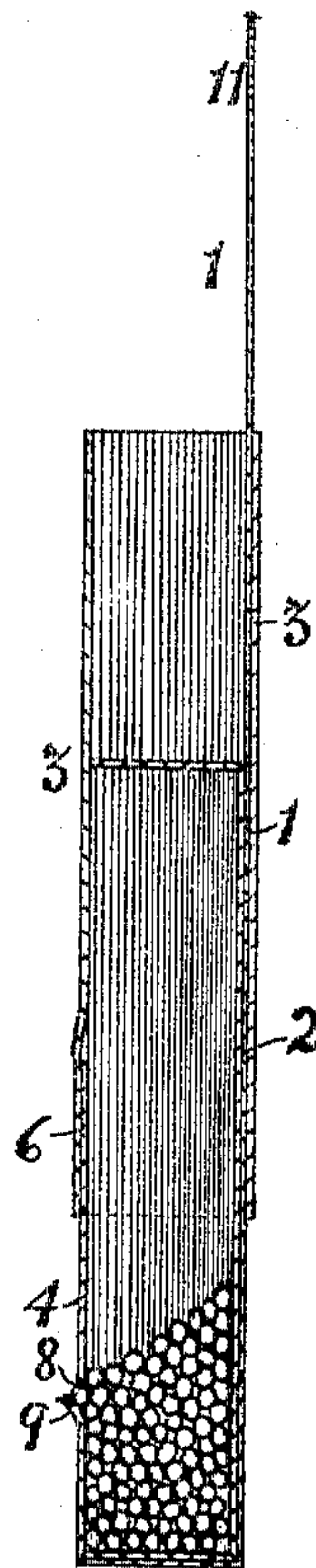


Fig. 2



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MATCH-BOX DELIVERY-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JONAS W. SELANDER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Athens, in the county of Harrison and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Match-Box Delivery-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in match-holders for automatically delivering the matches readily to the hand of the user; and an object of the invention is to provide such a holder which will be exceedingly cheap and simple of construction and free from the objectionable feature of allowing the matches to be easily spilled, as by fumbling in the dark.

A further object of the invention is to produce a generally-improved device of this class adapted to hang on the wall or other convenient place of support and to provide a device of this character in which an ordinary commercial box of matches may be inserted in bulk and then conveniently removed one at a time for use.

With these ends in view my invention consists in the novel construction hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved match-holder supporting a match-box in a manner to permit automatic feeding. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same, taken on line *a b* of Fig. 1.

The improved holder is designed for use more especially with the ordinary paper match-box, which has a sliding open-end box-cover, and comprises a suspending-shank 1, adapted to slip through between the bottom of the match-box 2 and its cover 3, and an upwardly-extending delivery portion 4, provided at its sides with shoulders 5, which engage the cover portion 3, to hold it a certain distance from the bottom of the holder while the box itself is shoved down to the bottom of the holder, thus opening the box a sufficient distance to permit feeding.

6 designates the top of the delivery portion 4 and designed to be received by and take

into the lower portion of the cover 3 of the match-box.

The delivery portion 4 of the holder is provided with an aperture 7 and a transverse opening or slot 8, opening into the match-chamber. The aperture 7 provides for the insertion of the thumb and finger in grasping a match, which is taken out through the transverse opening or slot 8. In order to prevent the possibility of any matches falling out of the transverse slot 8 when a full box of matches is inserted in the holder, an outwardly and upwardly extending lip or flange 9 is formed with the lower portion of the transverse slot 8, and which lip or flange 9 is also adapted to receive and form a seat for the match to be delivered to the hand of the user, as most clearly shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings.

10 designates an aperture formed near the top or upper portion 11 of the suspending-shank 1 of the holder, by means of which the same may be hung to the wall or other convenient place of support. However, should it not be desired to hang the holder, the upper portion 11 of the suspending-shank 1 may be bent back to form an easel, and the holder may then be set upon a mantle, table, or counter.

12 designates shoulders formed with the suspending-shank 1 and designed, like the shoulders 5, to engage the cover portion 3 of the box and support the same. The shoulders 12, however, may be dispensed with, if desired, or the shoulders 5 may be dispensed with, as it is thought that a single set of shoulders formed either at the front or rear side of the holder will be sufficient for the purposes intended.

It will be understood that with this holder two or even more matches might be extracted at the same time; but by my holder there is no possibility of the matches being dropped or scattered around, as would be the case when a person carelessly grabbed at a box of matches, and, on the other hand, the loss of matches in cigar-stores and like places is lessened, inasmuch as persons when wishing a match or "light" take only sufficient for their immediate wants and cannot without being noticed

"grab a handful," as is the usual practice in many cases.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be
5 resorted to without departing from the principles or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—
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1. A match-box holder, comprising a suspending-shank adapted to pass between the cover and the bottom of the match-box, a delivery portion provided with shoulders for engaging said cover as the box is shoved down
15 into the holder to permit feeding, a top formed with said delivery portion above said shoulders and designed to be received by and take into the lower portion of said cover, an aperture formed in said delivery portion and provided with a transverse slot, and an outwardly and upwardly extending lip formed with the lower portion of said transverse slot whereby the loose matches are prevented from accidentally falling out.
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2. In a match-box holder, the combination with a suspending-shank adapted to pass between the cover and the bottom of the match-box, and a delivery portion provided with a top and shoulders for engaging said cover
30 when the box is shoved down into the holder; of an aperture formed in said delivery portion and provided with a transverse slot, and an outwardly and upwardly extending lip formed with the lower portion of said transverse slot and adapted to receive and form a seat for the match to be delivered.
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3. As a new article of manufacture, a match-box holder stamped from a single blank to form an integral holder comprising a suspending-shank, and a delivery portion provided with a top and shoulders for taking into and engaging the cover of the match-box, and an aperture and a transverse slot having an outwardly and upwardly extending lip or flange
40 45 whereby the loose matches are prevented from accidentally falling out.

4. A match-box holder, comprising a suspending-shank, an upwardly-extending delivery portion provided with a top for taking into and shoulders for engaging the cover of the match-box, an aperture formed in said delivery portion and provided with a transverse slot, and an outwardly and upwardly extending lip or flange formed with said transverse slot whereby the matches are prevented from accidentally falling out.
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5. The combination with a match-box provided with a slidable cover, of a holder, comprising a suspending-shank passing between said cover and the bottom of the match-box, an upwardly-extending delivery portion affording a top for taking into and a shoulder for engaging said cover as the box is shoved down into the holder, and an opening provided with a transverse slot formed in said delivery portion of the holder.
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In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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