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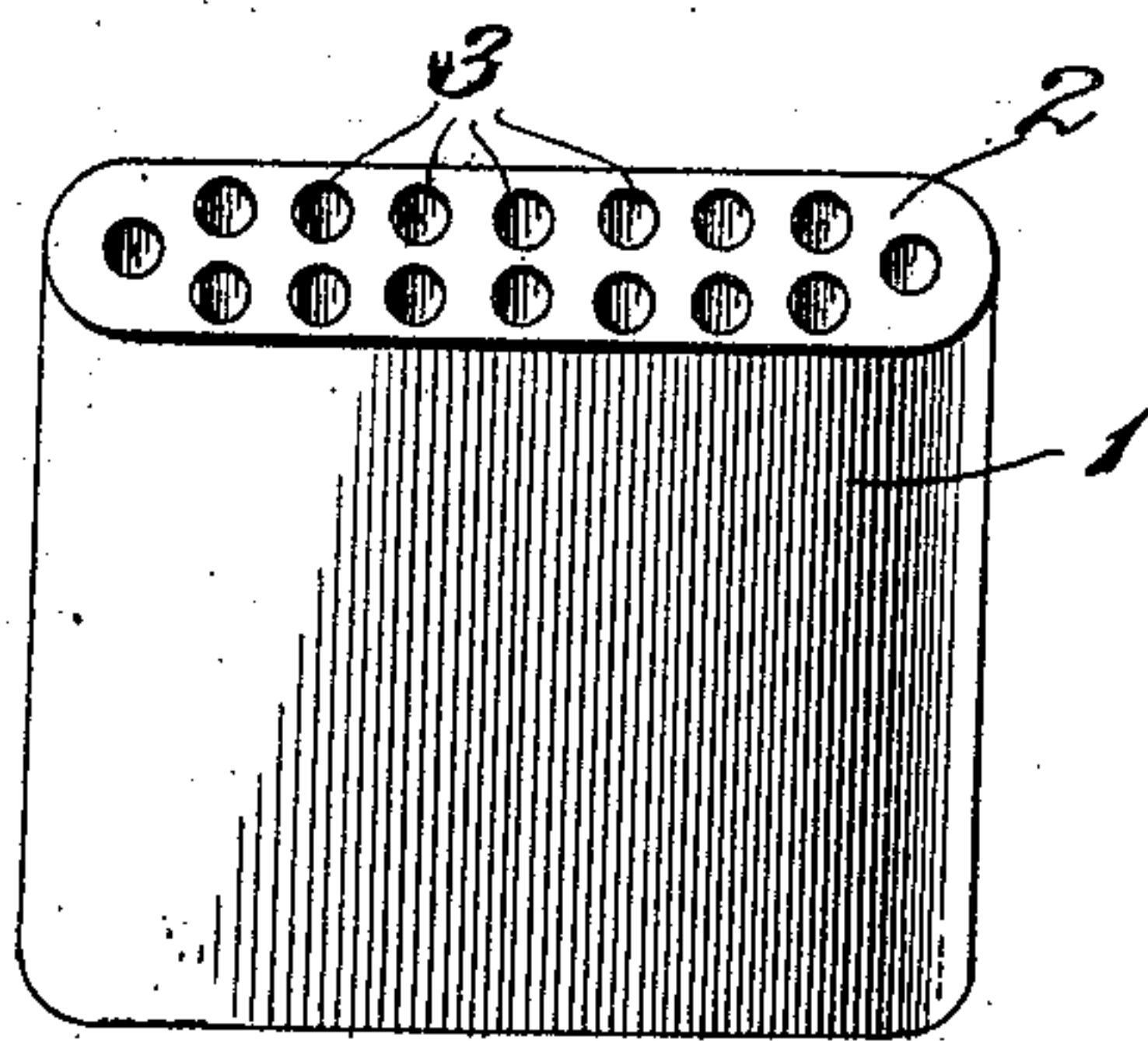


Fig. 1.

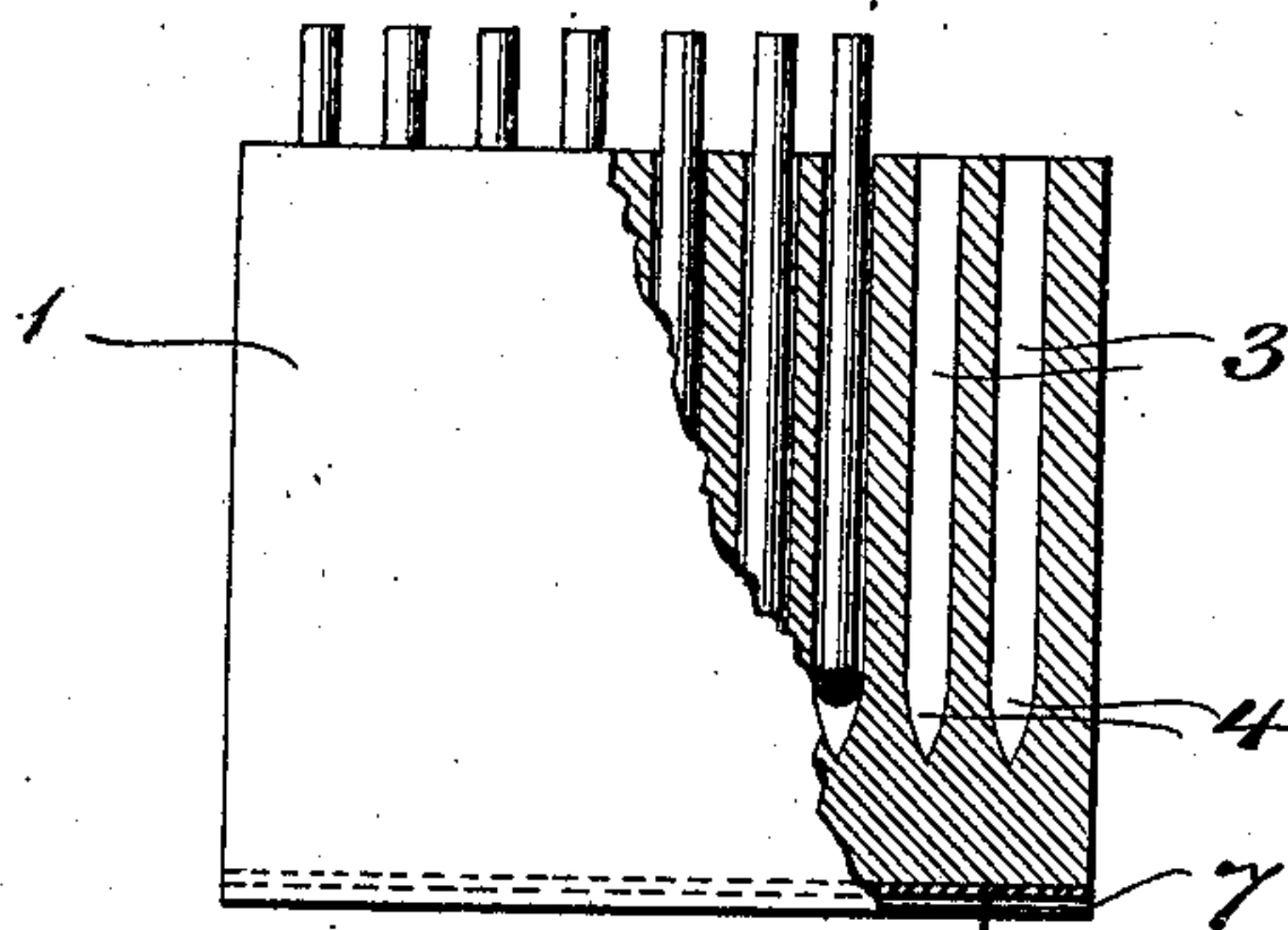


Fig. 2.

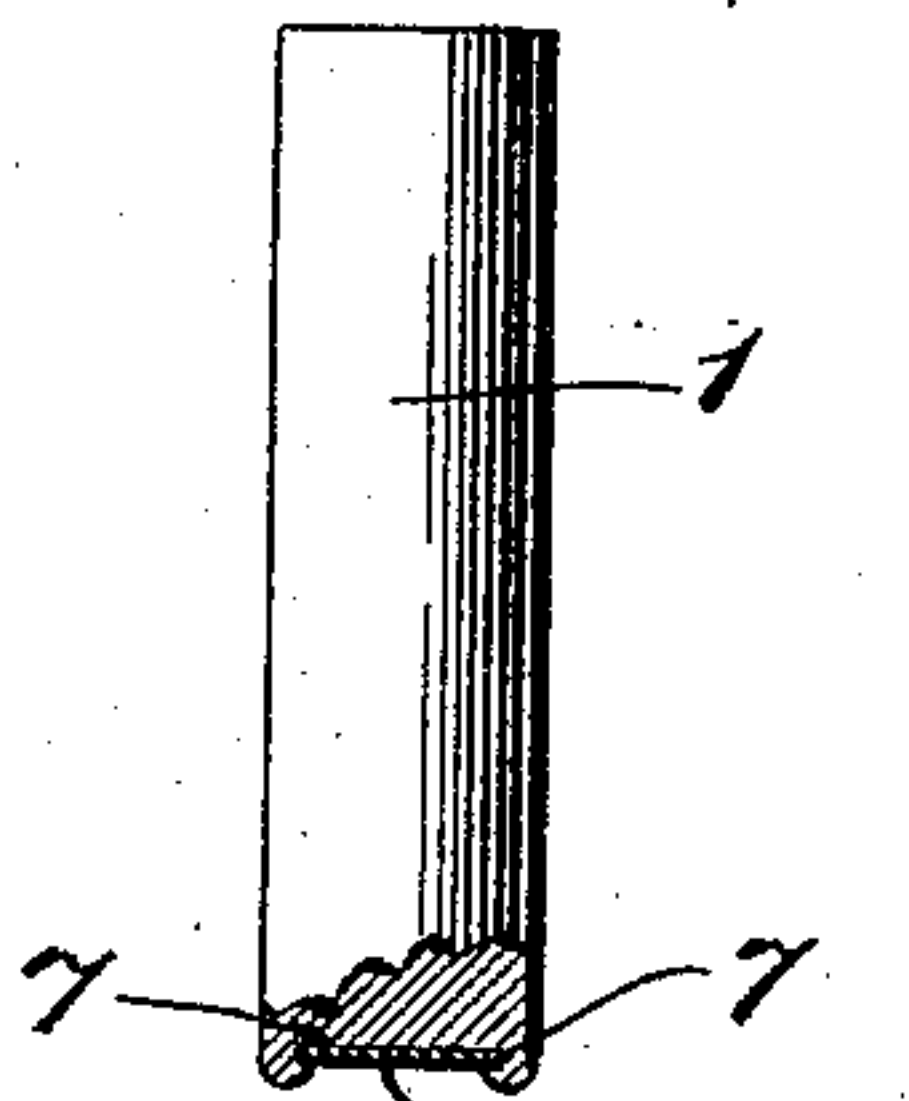


Fig. 3.

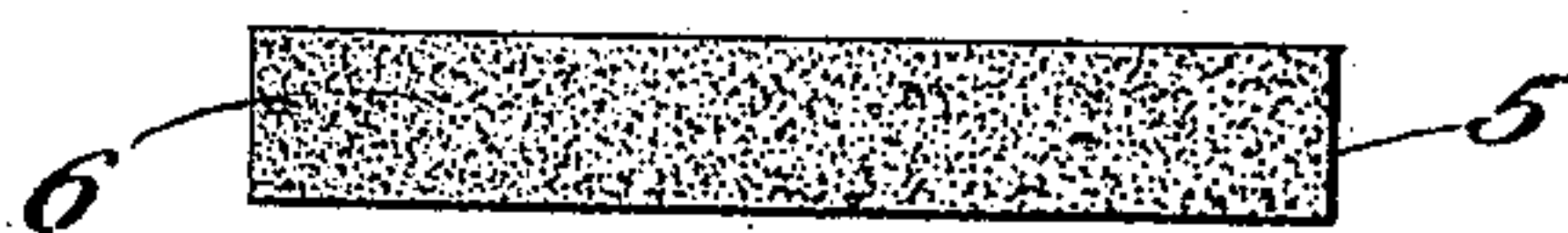


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS KARPEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket Safety-Match Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The objects of this invention are the production of a cheap, simple, and convenient
10 match-holder designed to be carried readily in the vest-pocket of the user and adapted to safely store a limited number of matches, preferably of the "safety" style, in a removable manner and also to afford a striking-
15 surface for the same.

Other though minor objects of the invention will hereinafter appear; and the invention primarily consists in a match-holder preferably formed of wood and of a shape and style
20 adapting it to be readily inserted into and removed from the vest-pocket of the user, which holder is bored at intervals, thus forming a series of independent match-receptacles, each of the latter being slightly tapered or reduced
25 at its lower end, whereby a match inserted in the bore will have its head lightly wedged therein, and while said match is readily removable yet will be held against accidental removal.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pocket match-holder embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof, partly broken away to show the same in section. Fig. 3 is an end elevation, partly in section. Fig. 4 is a detail of a
35 removable striking-panel which may be employed.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In carrying out my invention I construct the holder 1 of any desired external shape, and preferably with rounded corners, whereby it may be readily inserted into and removed from the pocket without danger of tearing the latter.
45 It is preferably oblong in shape and of such width or thickness as will obviate bulging the pocket.

For cheapness and convenience of production I prefer to construct the holder of wood,

though other material may be used. The
50 flat surfaces occurring at the opposite sides of the holder may be utilized for advertising purposes, and with this end in view labels bearing such advertisements may be pasted thereon, or suitable advertisements may be
55 printed, stamped, branded, or otherwise applied.

The upper end 2 of the holder is preferably flat and at intervals is bored, as at 3, such bored receptacles extending nearly to the bottom of the holder and terminating in reduced ends 4. Each receptacle 3 is designed to accommodate a match, and therefore is slightly greater in diameter for the major part of its length than is the head of the latter. The
65 lower end of the receptacle being tapered or reduced, it will be apparent that the head of the match will become lightly wedged in the receptacle and held against accidental displacement; also, that the match can be readily removed by the user. The length or depth of the receptacles is somewhat less than the length of the matches, and hence the ends of the matches will project beyond the holder in such manner as will permit of them being
75 grasped and withdrawn.

A suitable striking-surface may be located at any desired point of the holder, but preferably at the bottom. In the present instance I have shown employed a panel 5, Fig. 4, made
80 of wood or paper and having a striking-surface 6. This panel may be glued permanently to the bottom or inserted removably within opposite grooved guides 7, formed on the bottom of the holder. When worn, the panel
85 may be removed and another inserted in its place. Perhaps merely applying the striking composition to the holder, however, would be cheapest and serve the purpose. Where the ordinary parlor-match is employed, the striking-
90 surface would of course be formed of sand and glue, and in such instance where a removable panel, as 5, is employed the same could be conveniently cut from sandpaper.

The bored receptacles are preferably in line
95 with the grain, and hence the fiber of the wood will readily lend the yield necessary to grasp the match-heads.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The herein - described pocket match-holder, the same consisting of a block of wood
; flattened at opposite sides and provided with
a series of bored individual match-receptacles,
each receptacle for the major portion of its
length being slightly greater in diameter than
a match-head and extending parallel with the
10 fiber of the wood and from one end of the block
to a point near its opposite end, said recepta-
cle having its lower end tapered or reduced
and adapted to frictionally and lightly engage
with the match-head and thereby retain said
15 match against accidental displacement.

2. The herein-described match-holder, the
same being externally adapted for pocket use,

and provided with a series of individual match-
receptacles open at one end, such receptacles
for the major portions of their lengths being 20
slightly greater in diameter than the match-
head and toward their lower ends slightly ta-
pered or reduced to a diameter less than the
match-head and adapted thereby to friction-
ally and lightly engage with the match-heads 25
and by such frictional contact retain the
matches against accidental displacement.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name
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