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Fig. 1.

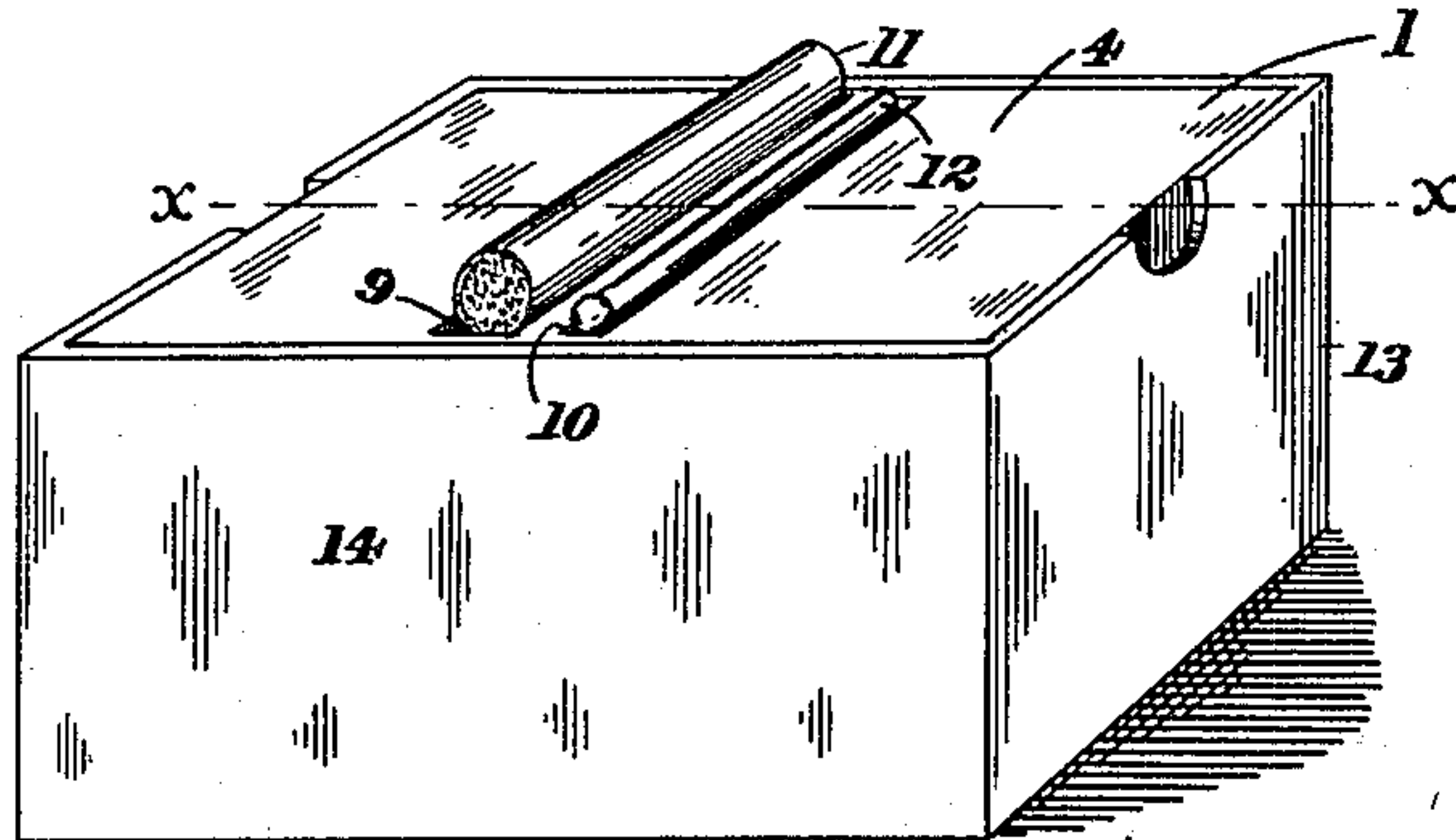


Fig. 2.

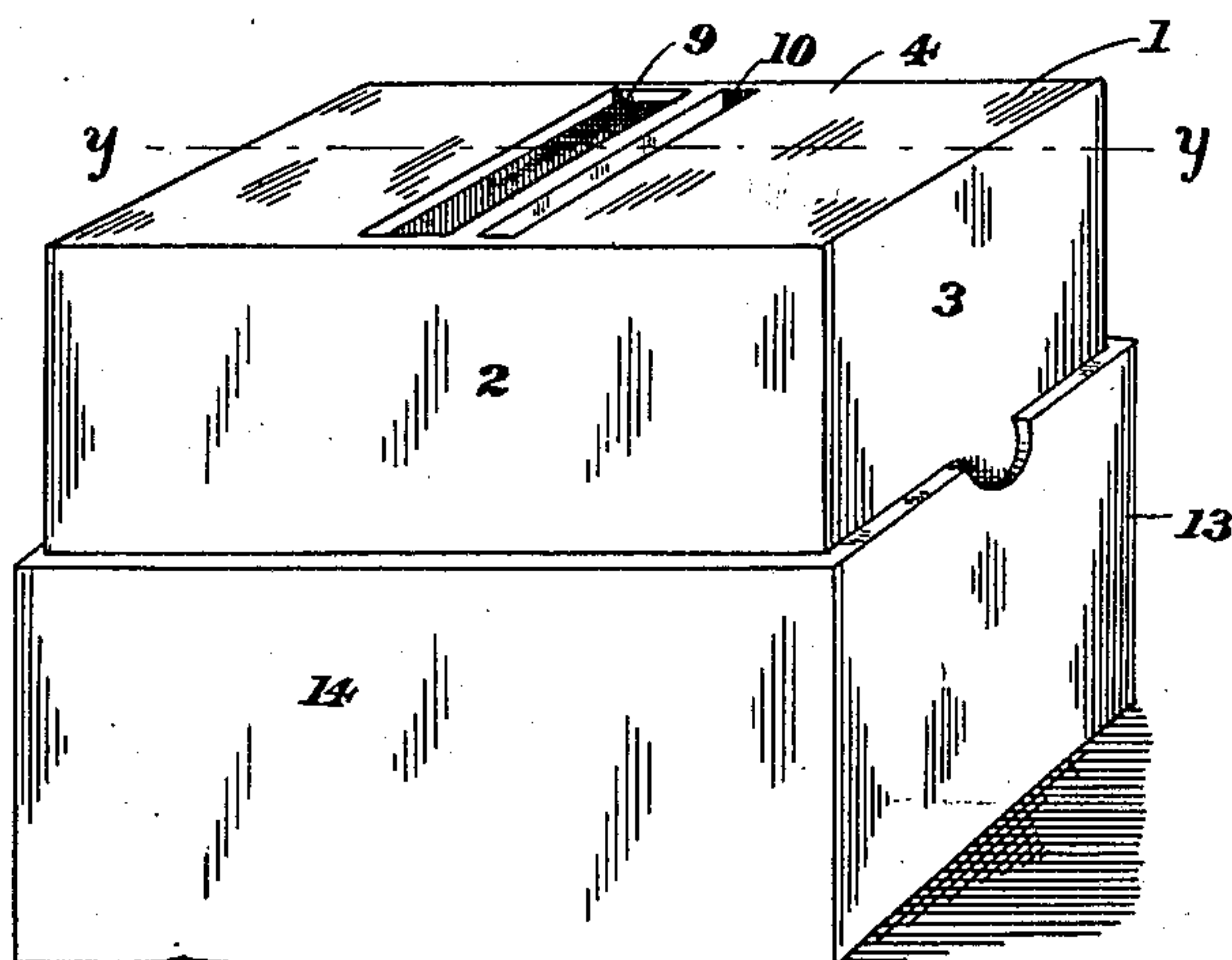


Fig. 3.

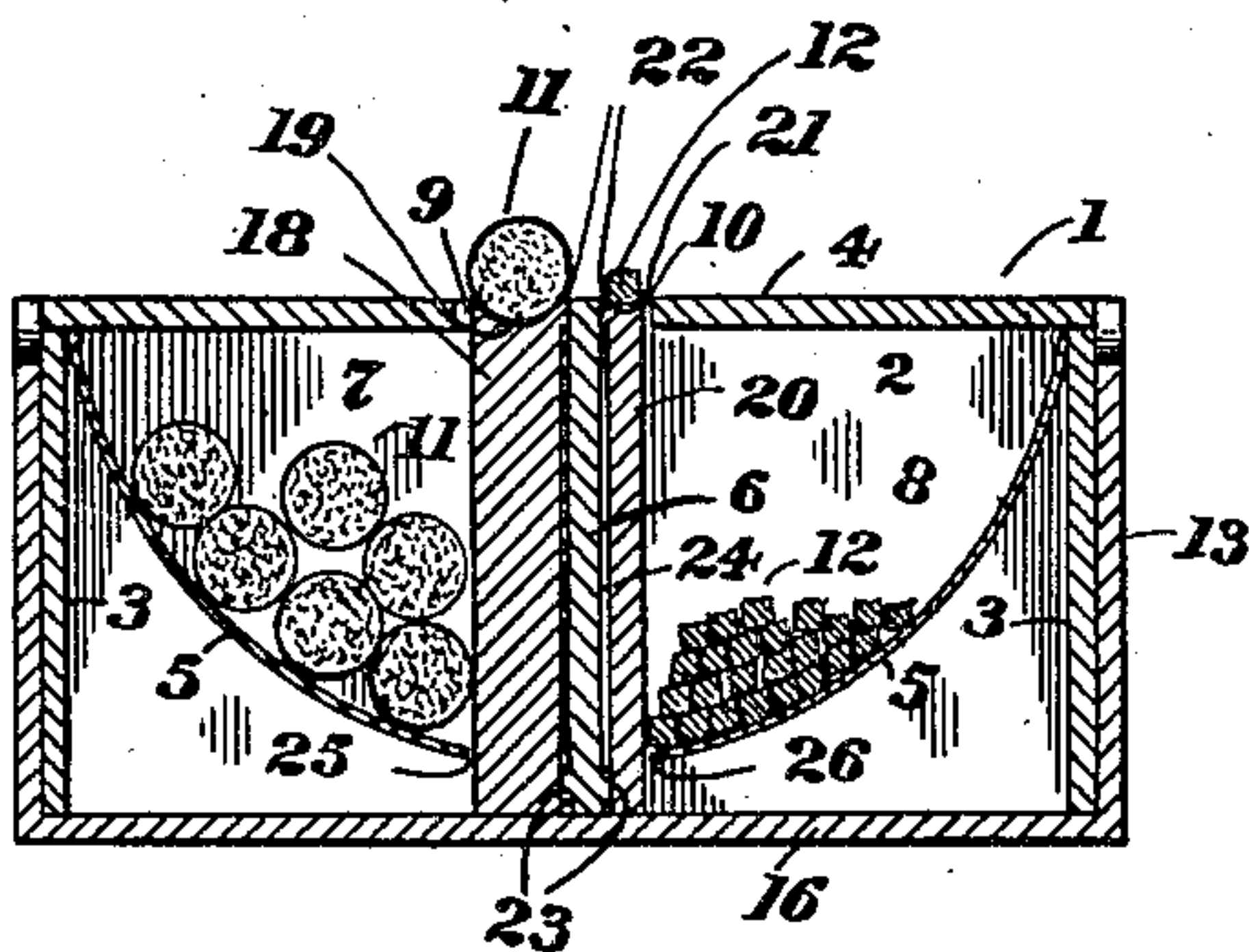
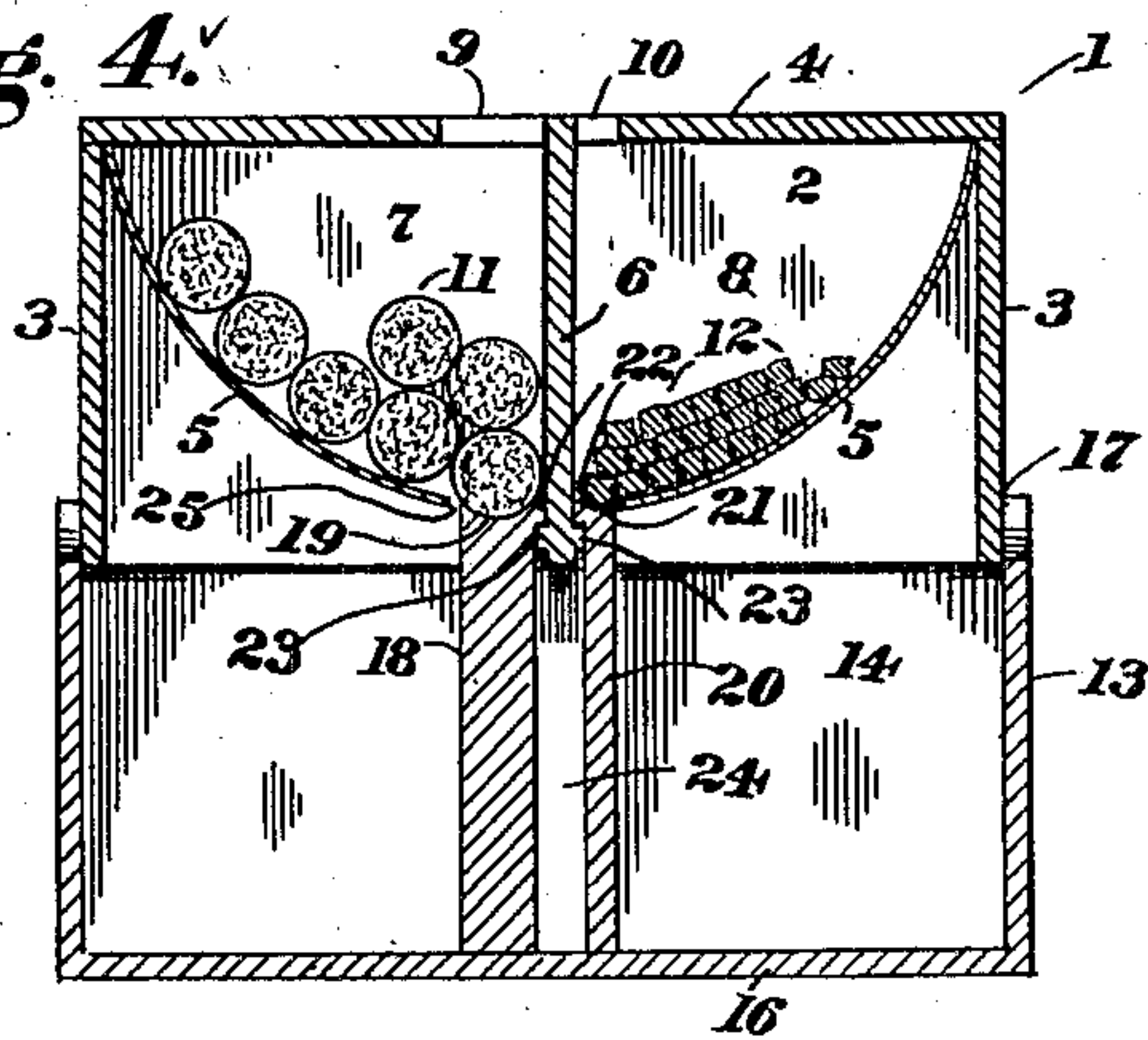


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GLENDINNING B. GROESBECK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Cigarette and Match Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a receptacle for holding and discharging both cigarettes and matches.

The object of my invention is to provide a combination cigarette and match case adapted to discharge and expose for use a cigarette and match simultaneously without exposing the other cigarettes and matches within the case and without taking hold of said cigarette or match until after it has been so separated from the others and exposed for use.

My invention consists in a telescopic case comprising a member having a cigarette-receptacle and a match-receptacle, with a partition separating said receptacles and separating a cigarette-slot and match-slot for the reception and discharge of a cigarette and match simultaneously, and a member having a cigarette-discharger and a match-discharger with a channel between them, said dischargers each having a longitudinal groove in its upper edge and adapted to receive a cigarette and match, respectively, and to discharge the same simultaneously through the cigarette and match slots, respectively, and means for holding said members in adjustable engagement with each other.

My invention also consists in the parts and in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as herein set forth and claimed.

In the drawings, which serve to illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the cigarette and match case in closed position with a cigarette and match discharged ready for use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the upper telescopic member raised preparatory to closing for the purpose of discharging a cigarette and match, respectively. Fig. 3 is a section on the line $x-x$ of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a section on the line $y-y$ of Fig. 2.

I prefer to construct my device substantially as follows: A member 1 of any suitable form, but preferably the form indicated in the drawings, having side walls 2, end walls 3, top 4, bottom 5, and a vertical partition 6, extending transversely therein to divide said

member into a cigarette-receptacle 7 and a match-receptacle 8, having a cigarette-slot 9 and a match-slot 10 in the top 4 adjacent and upon each side of partition 6 for the reception and discharge of cigarettes 11 and matches 12, is adapted to telescope with a member 13, having side walls 14, end walls 15, bottom 16, and open top 17 to receive member 1 and having a vertical cigarette-discharger 18, provided with a longitudinal cigarette-groove 19 in its upper edge, and a vertical match-discharger 20, provided with a longitudinal match-groove 21 in its upper edge, said dischargers having flanges 22, adapted to engage with lugs 23 upon the partition 6 to hold said members 1 and 13 in engagement with each other. The bottom 5 of the cigarette and match receptacles are formed to converge downwardly from end walls 3 to engage cigarette-discharger 18 and match-discharger 20, respectively. The lower edge of the bottoms 5 extend to a point which when the member 1 is raised, as shown in Fig. 4, will bring the inner surface of said bottoms 5 flush with the top surface of said dischargers in order that all of the cigarettes and matches will gravitate toward and upon the cigarette and match discharger, respectively, and thus permit of the discharge of all of the cigarettes and matches from said receptacles.

A channel 24 is provided between the dischargers to receive the partition 6 and permit the dischargers to pass upwardly through the openings 25 and 26 in the bottom of the cigarette and match receptacles, respectively, to carry a cigarette and match, respectively, up through said receptacles and out of slots 9 and 10, as shown in Fig. 3.

The end walls of the respective members are made to overlap each other when in the extended position (shown in Fig. 4) in order to assist in holding said members in slidable engagement with each other. Said members are preferably formed to fit closely to hold them in proper relative position to each other.

The manner of use and operation of my device are as follows: To fill the receptacles, adjust the telescopic members to the position shown in Figs. 2 and 4 and drop the cigarettes and matches into the cigarette and match receptacles 7 and 8, respectively. Then adjust said members together, shaking the case endwise while doing so to prevent any cigarettes or matches from being carried out of the case upon the dischargers. To

discharge a cigarette and match simultaneously, simply pull the upper telescopic member upwardly far enough to permit a cigarette and match to drop into the cigarette and match grooves 19 and 21, respectively, and then adjust said member 1 to the closed position. (Shown in Figs. 1 and 3.) It will be observed that when the receptacles are nearly full of cigarettes and matches a single movement of case 1 upwardly a short distance or merely enough to permit a cigarette and match to drop into the respective grooves and then downwardly again to the position shown in Figs. 1 and 3 will enable the user to obtain in this simple manner the coveted cigarette and match with which to light it. As the cigarettes and matches are used out the member 1 will have to be raised higher in order to permit a cigarette and match to drop into the said grooves, and when only one cigarette and one match remain in said receptacles it will be necessary to raise said member to the position shown in Fig. 4 in order to load the dischargers.

It will be seen that when the case is raised it is open ready for the reception of cigarettes and matches, and when it is lowered to the position shown in Fig. 1 it is closed by the dischargers entering the slots, thus rendering it a useful, convenient, and desirable case for the purpose desired.

My device is especially adapted and intended for use upon tables and desks, but may be constructed of a proper and convenient size to be carried in the pocket. It will be apparent that my device is capable of some modification without material departure from the scope and spirit thereof.

I claim—

1. In a combination cigarette and match case, a member having a cigarette-receptacle and a match-receptacle respectively and means for discharging a cigarette and match simultaneously therefrom.

2. In a combination cigarette and match case, a member having a cigarette-receptacle and a match-receptacle adapted to telescope with a member having a cigarette-discharger

and a match-discharger adapted to enter said cigarette-receptacle and match-receptacle respectively and discharge a cigarette and match simultaneously.

3. In a combination cigarette and match case, a member having a cigarette-receptacle and a cigarette-slot and a match-receptacle and match-slot and a partition between said receptacles and slots respectively, adapted to telescope with a member having a cigarette-discharger and a match-discharger adapted to enter said cigarette receptacle and slot and said match receptacle and slot respectively to simultaneously discharge a cigarette and match.

4. In a combination cigarette and match case, a member having a cigarette-receptacle and a cigarette-slot and a match-receptacle and a match-slot and a partition between said receptacles and slots respectively having lugs upon its lower part, said member being adapted to telescope with a member having a cigarette-discharger and a match-discharger with a channel between them adapted to receive said partition and flanges at the top of said dischargers extending inwardly toward each other to engage the lugs upon the partition to prevent disengagement of said members.

5. In a combination cigarette and match case, a member having a cigarette-receptacle and a match-receptacle adapted to telescope with a member having a cigarette-discharger and a match-discharger each provided with a longitudinal groove upon its upper edge for the purpose specified.

6. In a combination cigarette and match case, a member having a cigarette-receptacle and a match-receptacle adapted to telescope with a member having a cigarette-discharger and a match-discharger said receptacles each having a bottom adapted to converge downwardly toward said dischargers respectively.

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