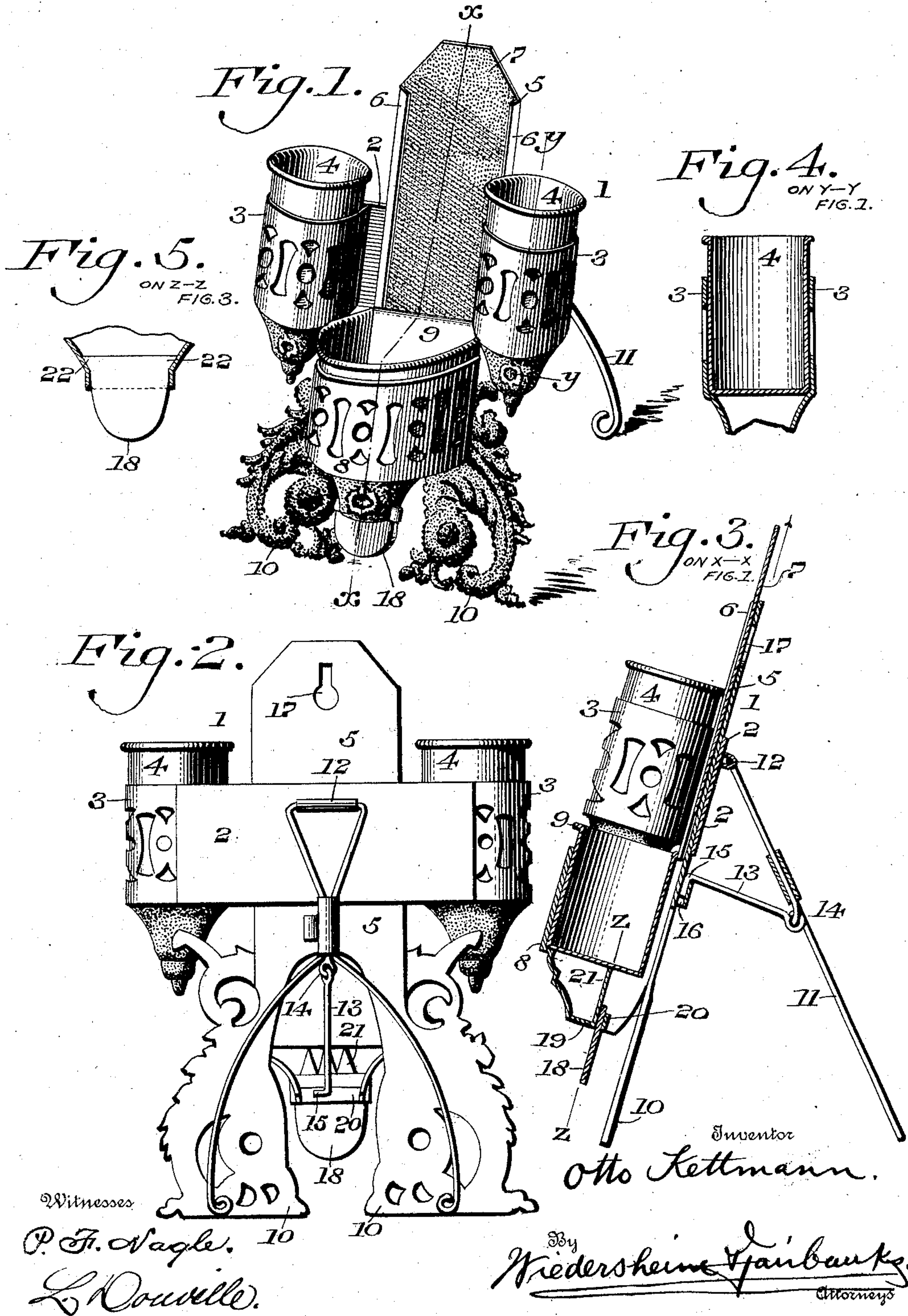


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, OTTO KETTMANN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Combined Match-Safe and Easel, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a novel construction of a combined match safe and easel wherein provision is made for conveniently holding in position either parlor or safety matches and provision is also made for supporting in accessible position, a scratcher or igniting plate or pad which can be readily removed and below which is located a receptacle for ashes, dirt or refuse caused by the ignition of the matches.

Provision is further made for supporting in a convenient position a removable can or advertising device thereby enabling the device to be readily used for advertising purposes, provision also being made for enabling the device to be suspended from a hook or nail or to be placed upon a desk or table after the manner of an easel, according to requirements.

My invention further consists of other novel details of construction, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a combined match safe and easel, embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a rear elevation of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 represents a side elevation of Fig. 1, showing the intermediate ash tray in section, the section being taken on line  $x-x$ , Fig. 1. Fig. 4 represents a section on line  $y-y$ , Fig. 1. Fig. 5 represents a section on line  $z-z$ , Fig. 3.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures:

Referring to the drawings:—1 designates a combined match safe and easel, the same consisting of the body portion or plate 2 from which is supported, the cups 4.

5 designates a central upwardly extending plate having the inwardly turned lips 6 which are adapted to retain in position the igniting device or pad 7 which may be sand paper, emery cloth or other suitable material such as is especially adapted to ignite the safety matches of the well-known construction. Below the igniting device 7 is the central pocket 8, preferably attached to or supported on the plate 5. Said pocket 8 contains the cup 9 which is adapted to receive the ashes, dust or refuse caused by the striking of matches upon the igniting device 7.

10 designates the base or feet of the device upon

which the same rests when in use as an easel in which case it is retained in position by the support 11 which may be of any suitable contour and is hinged at the point 12 and provided with a latch 13 hinged at the point 14, the nose 15 of said latch being adapted to engage the eye 16 as will be understood from Fig. 3, when the device is supported in the manner of an easel.

When it is desired to hang the match safe upon the wall it can be done by means of the eye 17, said eye being concealed by the igniting device 7 so that the device at all times presents a neat and tasty appearance. When it is desired to use the device for advertising purposes, I may insert the tab 18 in position, the latter being held between the bars 19 and 20, and the front bar 19 being projected upwardly, forms spurs 21 which can be deflected so as to hold the part 18 in the desired position, said part 18 being composed of paper or other material and having suitable printed or advertising matter thereon and having its ends 22 flared outwardly as indicated in Fig. 5 so as to hold the same in proper position. The cups 4 can be used for safety matches or parlor matches or one can be used for burnt matches as is evident and the central cup or ash tray is located in such a position that no dust or sparks can flash from the igniter upon the table or desk, supporting the device as is evident.

The device is capable of use either from the wall or a suitable support as is evident.

It will be apparent that changes may be made by those skilled in the art which will come within the scope of my invention, and I do not, therefore, desire to be limited in every instance, to the exact construction I have herein shown and described.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

A device of the character described, comprising a body portion with a base and a pocket near its lower end, a front bar with spurs, a bar to the rear of said front bar with a space between said bars with oppositely-inclined walls with parallel lower terminals, and a piece of material to be used for advertising purposes having outwardly flaring ends and detachably held between said bars and by said inclined walls, said body portion being provided with means for supporting it with said advertising piece above the lower end of the base.

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