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Fig. 1.

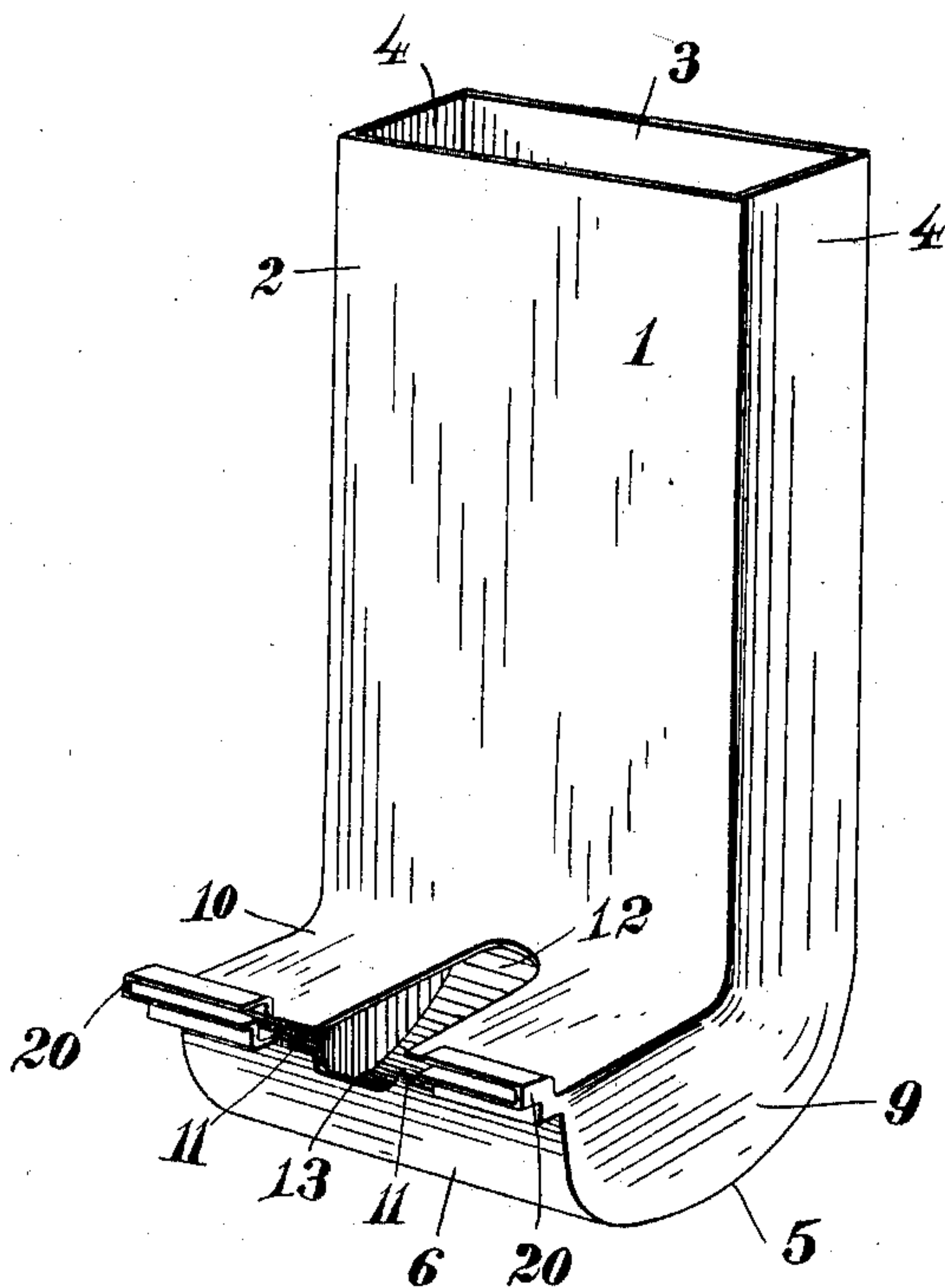
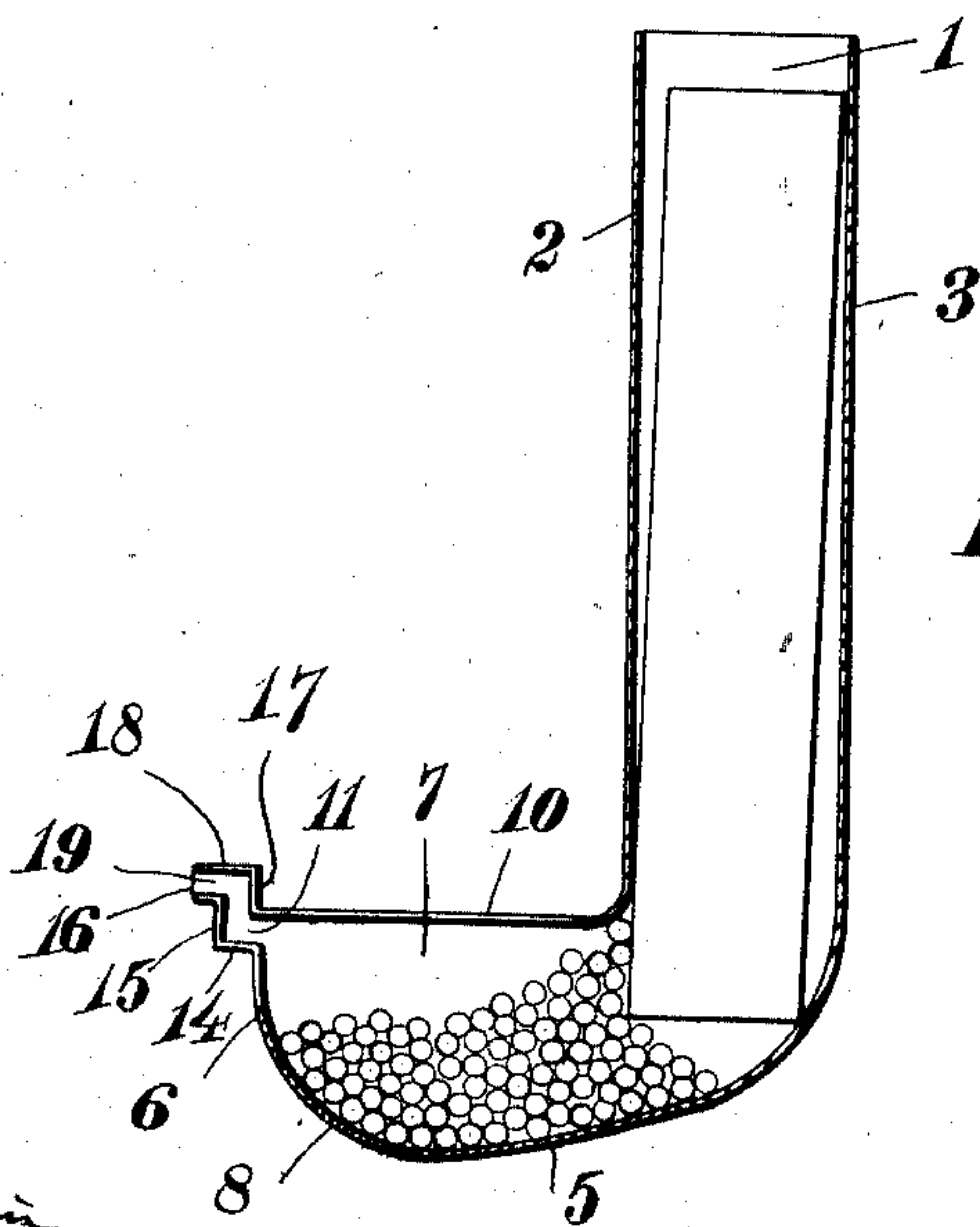


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EARL E. SANDERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Freeport, county of Stephenson, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Match-Safes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to match-safes, and the object of my invention is to provide a match safe which shall be of simple construction, of low cost to manufacture, and from which only one match at a time may be taken.

A further object of my invention is to provide a match safe as mentioned, adapted to hold a box of matches, the box serving as a magazine.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

With these objects in view, my invention consists generally in a match safe comprising a body portion adapted to hold a quantity of matches, a covered tray portion extending forwardly from the bottom of said body portion and having a finger slot centrally disposed in its cover and extending to the front edge of the tray, there being a horizontally disposed slot between the front wall of the tray and the front edge of its cover, and a device fixed over each end of said horizontal slot and forming a tortuous passage of a width to permit but one match at a time to pass therethrough.

My invention further consists in various details of construction and arrangements of parts all as will be hereinafter fully described and particularly pointed out in the claim.

My invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a match safe embodying my invention, and, Fig. 2 is a central vertical section thereof.

Referring to the drawings, 1 indicates the body portion of the match safe. This comprises a rectangular body formed of the front walls, 2, the back, 3 and the sides 4, and is preferably of sufficient size to hold a box of matches. The back member, 3 is bent forwardly forming the bottom, 5 and front walls, 6 of a tray, 7, into which the matches are fed forwardly from the body portion, 1. The bottom, 5 is preferably

curved as shown and slopes slightly forwardly terminating in the well rounded portion, 8, connecting the bottom with the front wall, 6. The sides 4 are extended forwardly as shown at 9 to form the sides of the tray and the front wall, 1 is extended forming a top or cover, 10 for the tray portion. The cover, 10 extends to a point above the front wall, 6 but the front wall, 6 stops a short distance below the front edge of said cover forming a horizontally disposed slot, 11 preferably of but sufficient width to permit the passage of one match at a time. The cover, 10 is provided with a finger slot, 12 extending from a point a short distance in front of the front wall, 2 of the body, to the front edge of the tray and the front wall, 6 is provided with a finger recess, 13.

To remove a match from the safe, the finger is inserted in the slot, 12 and a match is drawn up along the inner face of the wall, 6 until it can be grasped through the recess, 13 after which it may be readily removed through the slot, 11. Although but one match at a time can pass through the slot, 11 a number thereof may be passed successively through the slot by a single movement of the finger. To prevent this, I provide a device which is fixed over each end of said slot terminating a short distance from the finger slot 12 and which forms a tortuous passageway of but sufficient width to accommodate one match at a time. Each device is formed of a bottom wall comprising the forwardly extending horizontal portion, 14, the vertical portion, 15 and the horizontal portion, 16, and a top wall comprising the vertical portion, 17 and the horizontal portion, 18, forming the tortuous passage, 19 between them. The outer ends of the passage, 19 are closed by the walls, 20 which may be formed integrally with the side member, 9 of the tray or formed separately and secure thereto. It is obvious that but one match at a time may be removed from the safe, but that one match may be removed without difficulty.

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

A match safe comprising a body portion adapted to hold matches, a tray portion extending forwardly therefrom, a cover for

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said tray, said cover having a finger recess
at the front edge thereof, there being a hori-
zontally disposed slot between the forward
edge of said cover and the front wall of the
5 tray, and a device fixed over each end of
said horizontal slot and extending from the
outer ends thereof, each of said devices
comprising a pair of parallel walls bent to
form a tortuous passage way and the outer
10 ends of said devices being closed by walls

forming a continuation of the side walls of
the tray, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my
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