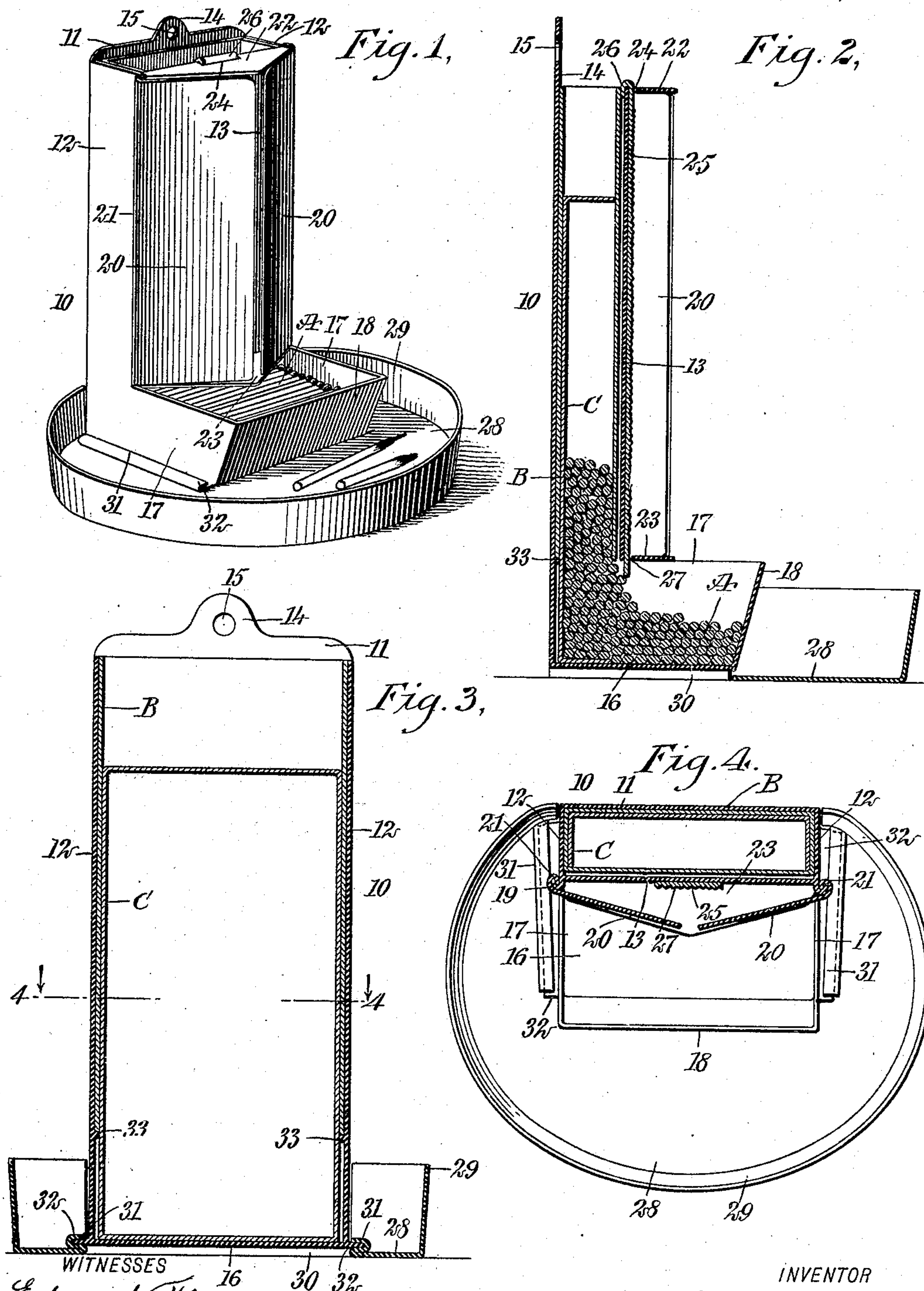


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. EVERS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Receptacle for Matches, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to receptacles for matches, and more particularly to devices of this kind, including casings formed to receive match boxes containing matches, open pockets to receive the matches from the boxes which are opened automatically when inserted into the casings, receivers for waste or burned matches, scratch plates for igniting the matches, and guards adjacent to the scratch plates and serving to prevent parts of the match heads from flying off and setting fire to or otherwise injuring adjacent inflammable material when the matches are struck.

An object of the invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive and durable receptacle for matches, which can be hung upon a wall or other support, or can be placed upon a table, a stand or the like, which is so formed that a telescopic box of matches can be inserted into the casing whereby it is opened to allow the matches to drop into an open pocket from which they can be taken one at a time as needed.

A further object of the invention is to provide a receptacle for matches, which has a scratch or igniting plate provided with guards so positioned that when a match is struck there is practically no danger that a burning part of the head of the match can fly off to set fire to nearby inflammable material.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a device of the class described in which the scratch plate is removable to permit it to be cleaned or replaced when necessary, in which the receiver for waste or burned matches surrounds the pocket, from which the unburned matches can be taken, and in which the casing, of which the pocket forms a part, can be removed from the receiver to allow the latter to be emptied when necessary.

The invention consists in the combination and construction of parts to be more fully

described hereinafter and particularly set forth in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an embodiment of my invention; Fig. 2 is an enlarged longitudinal section of the same showing it partly filled with matches; Fig. 3 is an enlarged transverse section; and Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Before proceeding to a more detailed explanation of my invention, it should be clearly understood that while the same is particularly useful as a receptacle for matches, it can also be advantageously employed under certain circumstances, for articles other than matches but similar in form to the same, for example as a holder for tooth picks or the like. The device is preferably fashioned from sheet metal but can also be made from any other material suited to the purpose.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 10 represents a casing having a back 11, sides 12, and a front 13, being open at the upper and lower ends. At the upper edge the back 11 is extended and forms an ear 14 provided with an opening 15 there- through by means of which the receptacle can be hung upon a nail or other suitable support. The back 11 is extended at its lower end beyond the front 13, and is laterally disposed to form the bottom 16 of a pocket for the matches. The sides 12 are laterally extended to form the sides 17 of the pocket and are joined by the front 18 of the pocket which may be integral therewith. The front 18 may also be integral with the bottom 16 or may be rigidly secured thereto. The pocket is open at the top to permit the matches A to be taken therefrom as necessary.

The sides 12 at the forward edges are outwardly extended and bent upon themselves to form flanges 19 which engage the rearwardly disposed edges 21 of guard plates 20 arranged at the front of the casing. The guard plates or flanges extend toward each other and outwardly from the front edges

of the casing and at their adjacent edges are spaced. At the upper and lower edges of the front of the casing are forwardly extending end guard flanges 22 and 23 respectively, which are substantially triangular in form. The end guard flange 22 has a slot 24 there-
 5 through which permits the insertion of a scratch or igniting plate 25 into the space between the guard flanges 20 and the front
 10 of the casing. The upper end of the scratch plate is bent upon itself to form a fold 26 by means of which it engages at the upper edge of the front of the casing so that it can be held securely in position. The end guard
 15 flange 23 has a slot 27 therethrough which receives the lower end of the scratch plate. A match can be ignited by inserting the match in the space between the adjacent edges of the guard flanges 20 and rubbing it
 20 upon the scratch plate. The guard flanges 20, 22 and 23 serve to prevent parts of the head of the match from flying off when the match is ignited.

A preferably circular receiver 28 for waste
 25 or burned matches, and having a rim 29, is provided with a cutaway part 30, the opposite edges of which are bent to form guide flanges 31 inclined toward each other. The bottom of the casing has the side edges 32
 30 outwardly extended and shaped to fit into the guide flanges 31 to permit the casing to be removably mounted at the cutaway part of the receiver, so that the latter encompasses the pocket. It will be understood
 35 that the flanges 32 are tapered similarly to the guide flanges 31 and this arrangement permits the casing to be jammed securely though removably in place.

At the inner sides, near the lower edges,
 40 the pocket and the sides of the casing have ribs 33 extending a slight distance into the casing. The receptacle is adapted particularly, for use with match boxes comprising outer containers B, and inner containers
 45 C adapted to telescope within the outer containers. A box of this type can be inserted into the casing from the open upper end, until the edges at one end of the outer container engage the rib 33. This limits the
 50 insertion of the outer container into the casing though not preventing the inner container C from being projected further. The continued movement of the inner container causes the box to open so that the matches
 55 fall from the box into the pocket, as is shown most clearly in Fig. 2.

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

60 1. A receptacle for matches, comprising a casing adapted removably to receive a telescopic box containing matches, said casing having at the inside, ribs projecting in-
 65 wardly to limit the insertion into the casing of the outer container of the box and located

at a plurality of sides of said casing, said ribs leaving the inner container of the box free to move with respect to the outer container, whereby the box is opened when introduced into the receptacle, said casing having at
 70 the lower end an open pocket to receive matches from the box when the latter is opened.

2. A receptacle for matches, comprising a casing, a waste receiver removably secured
 75 to said casing, said casing having an open pocket for matches within said receiver, a removable igniting plate, and guards at each side of said igniting plate and extending partly over the same.

3. A receptacle for matches, comprising an open-ended casing, an open pocket ar-
 80 ranged at one end of said casing, a receiver encompassing said pocket and removably secured to said casing, removable igniting means carried by said casing, and guard means for said igniting means.

4. A receptacle for matches, comprising a casing, an open pocket at one end of said
 85 casing and rigid therewith, a removable scratch plate at the front of said casing, outwardly inclined spaced guard flanges at the front of said casing, and projecting partly over said scratch plate at the side remote from said casing, end guard flanges near
 90 the upper and lower ends of said casing adjacent to said first guard flanges, and a removable waste receiver encompassing said pocket and carried by said casing.

5. A receptacle for matches, comprising
 100 a casing having a back, sides and a front, said casing having open ends, said back and said sides, at one end of said casing being extended to form a forwardly projecting open pocket, a removable scratch plate car-
 105 ried by said front, guard flanges carried by said front and having the inner edges spaced, end guard flanges carried by said front, and a waste receiver having a cutaway portion adapted removably to receive said pocket,
 110 whereby said casing is mounted upon said waste receiver.

6. A receptacle for matches, comprising a casing having a back, sides and a front,
 115 said back and said sides being extended at one end of said casing to form a forwardly projecting open pocket provided at the side edges with laterally extending tapered flanges, a waste receiver having a rim and a cut away portion, said cut away portion
 120 at opposite sides having mutually inclined guide flanges adapted to receive said flanges of said pocket, whereby said casing is removably mounted upon said receiver, out-
 125 wardly inclined guard flanges secured to said front at the opposite edges thereof, end guard flanges projecting outwardly from said front and arranged at the upper and lower edges thereof, said end guard flanges
 130 adjacent to said front having slots, a guard

plate adapted to be removably arranged in said slots of said end guard flanges, and having a fold at one end adapted to engage said front, and means for hanging the receptacle upon a support.

7. A receptacle for matches, comprising a casing having at the lower end a forwardly projecting open pocket, said casing at the inside adjacent to said pocket having ribs and being adapted to receive a telescopic box containing matches, said ribs being adapted to engage the outer container of the box whereby the insertion of the box into the casing is limited, said ribs leaving the inner container of the box free to move whereby the box is opened when inserted

into said casing, to permit the matches from the box to enter said pocket, a removable scratch plate mounted upon said casing, guard flanges and end guard flanges adjacent to said scratch plate and substantially covering the same, and a waste receiver having means for removably attaching at said pocket.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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