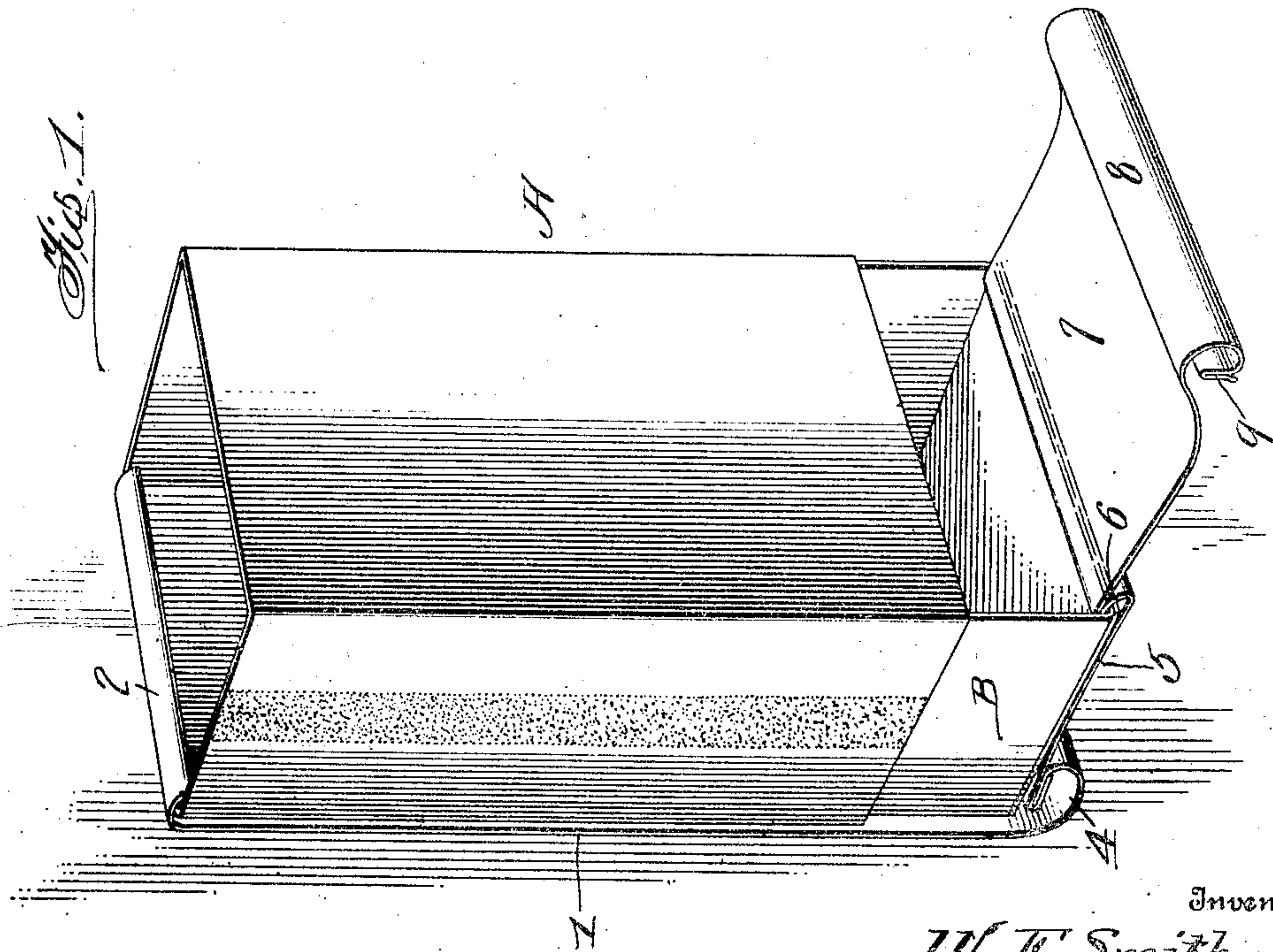
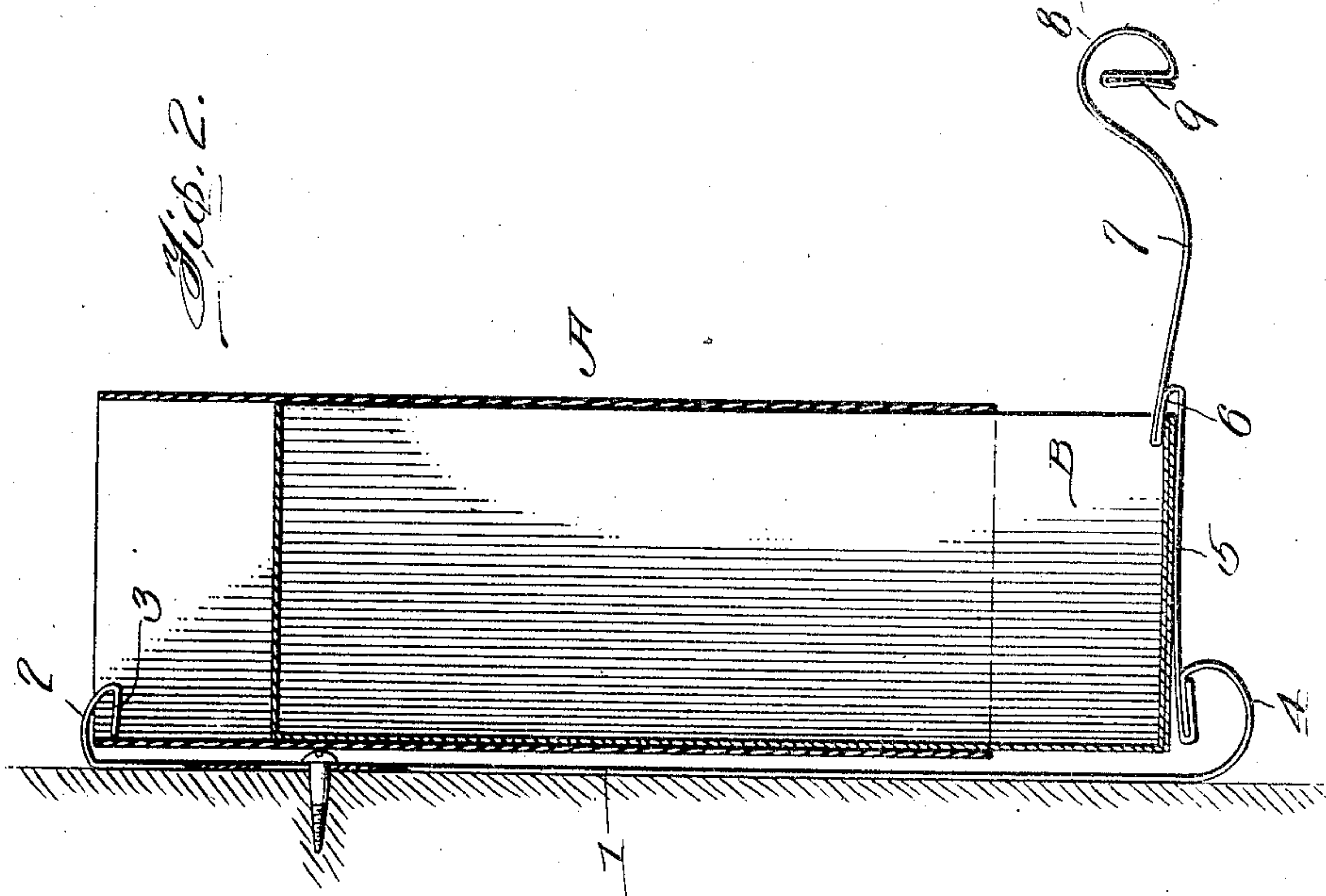


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, WILLIAM F. SMITH and MARTIN JOHNSON, citizens of the United States, residing at Coshocton, in the county of Coshocton and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Match-Boxes and Bill-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a combined match box and bill holder, and the invention relates especially to a device for holding a match box in partly open position so that matches will be delivered from the box to a suitable tray carried by the holder.

The invention consists of the novel features of construction hereinafter described, pointed out in the claims and shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing our device in use. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the holder and match box.

In constructing the device we employ metal sheets which form a back 1, adapted to be hung vertically upon a wall and curved over at the top as shown at 2, the extreme upper marginal portion being bent inwardly toward the back as shown at 3 but not to an extent sufficient to cause the said edge to come into contact with the back. At the bottom the back piece is curved back upon itself as shown at 4 and then interlocks with the bent rear edge of a supporting shelf 5. The front edge of this shelf is bent back upon itself forming a flange 6 and is then again bent outwardly and slightly curved to form a tray 7, the front of said tray being curved over as shown at 8 and then bent upwardly and downwardly as shown at 9, thus forming a bill holder clip of a length equal to the width of the tray.

In use a match box consisting of outer and inner sections A and B as the section B moved in a partly open position and said section B is then slipped upon the shelf 5, the front edge of the lower end of the box being slipped beneath the flange 6, the flange extending into the box. The section A is then lifted upwardly, its rear edge passing between the back 1 and the edge of the bent portion 3 and bearing upon the curved portion 2, as shown in Fig. 2. The box is thus held firmly in a partly open position, and matches moving from the box will fall upon

the tray 7 and can be readily drawn one at a time over the curved front edge 8.

What we claim is:—

1. A match box holder consisting of a back bent upon itself at the top, a box supporting shelf carried by the lower edge of the back, the shelf being bent transversely upon itself to form a flange, said flange engaging one end of the match box, and the bent upper end of the back engaging the opposite end of the box, holding the box in open position, and a tray supported from said shelf.

2. A device of the kind described, formed of metal and consisting of a back, shelf and tray, the back being bent forwardly and then inwardly at its upper edge to engage the rear upper end of the open box, the shelf and the tray being separated by an inwardly extending flange integral with both, said flange engaging the front edge of the lower end of the box, while the same is in open position.

3. A match box holder consisting of a shelf adapted to support a match box placed on end in a slightly open position, the front edge of the shelf being bent back, and the front edge of the box fitting under said flange, a curved tray extending in advance of the shelf and integral with said flange, the shelf being bent back upon itself at its rear edge, and a back bent at its lower edge to interlock with the bent rear edge of the shelf, and curved forwardly and then bent back upon itself at the upper end, the upper edge of said back being spaced from the vertical portion of the back.

4. A two piece match box holder consisting of a back, a shelf, and a tray, the shelf and tray being formed of a single piece, and separated from each other by a crimped flange, said flange extending rearwardly over a portion of the shelf, and the back being curved outwardly and then bent inwardly adjacent each end, the shelf being bent back upon itself along its rear edge and interlocking with an end of the back, as and for the purpose set forth.

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