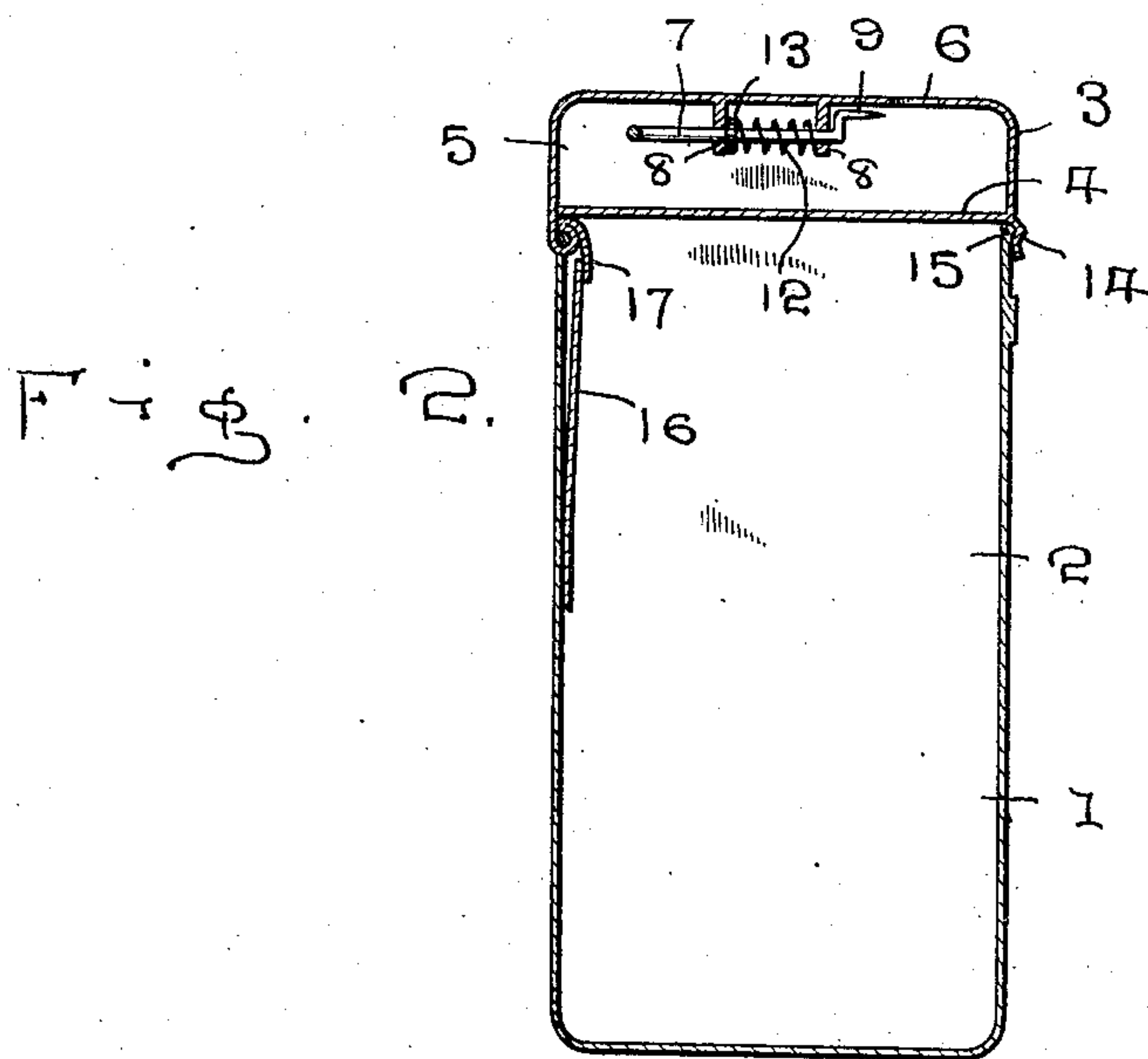
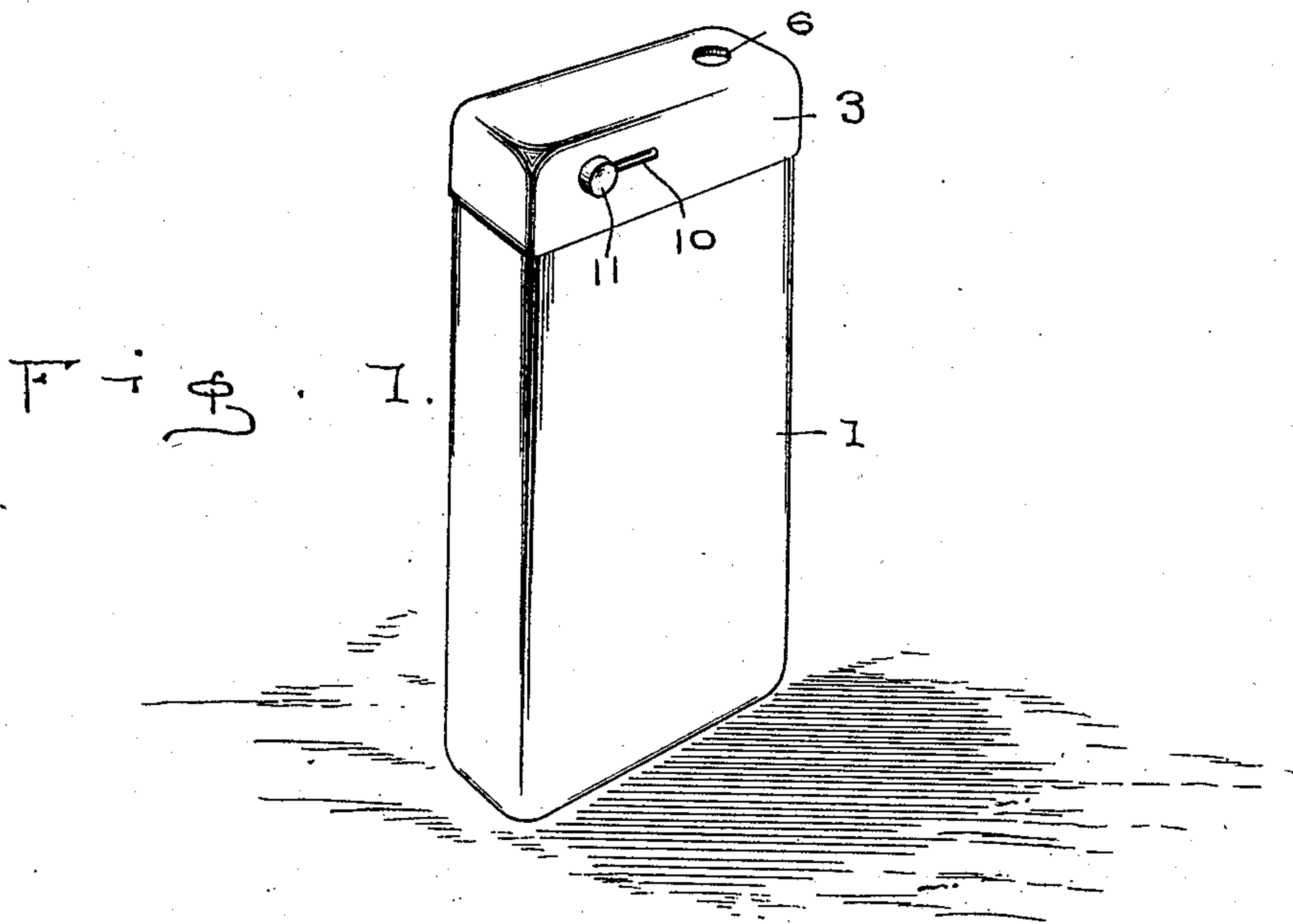


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR L. ERSKINE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Charleston, in the county of Kanawha and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Match-Safes and Cigar-Perforators; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in a combined match safe and cigar perforator and my object is to provide a cover for the safe containing a compartment in which is formed a chamber.

A further object is to provide an opening into said chamber and mount a perforating device in said chamber and in coöperation with said opening, and a still further object is to provide means for operating the perforating device.

Other objects and advantages will be hereinafter referred to and more particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this application, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a match safe complete, and, Fig. 2 is a vertical central sectional view through the match safe and parts attached thereto.

Referring to the drawings in which similar reference numerals designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, 1 indicates the match safe, in which is formed a compartment 2 to receive the matches, a cover 3 being hingedly secured to the open end of the compartment in the usual or any preferred manner, said cover being provided with a partition 4 to form a chamber 5 in the cover.

An opening 6 is formed through the upper wall of the cover 3 and adjacent one end thereof and through which is to be introduced the end of a cigar and in order to perforate the end of the cigar, a rod 7 is slidably mounted in hangers 8, the forward end of the rod having a point 9 which moves below the face of the upper wall of the cover and perforates the end of the cigar when the rod 7 is moved forwardly.

The rear end of the rod 7 is extended laterally and through an elongated slot 10 in one wall of the cover 3, the end of the angular extension protruding through the slot 10,

having a head 11 thereon, by means of which the rod 7 may be moved forwardly.

In order to return the rod 7 to its initial position after the cigar has been perforated, a spring 12 is placed around the rod, one end of the spring engaging the forward hanger 8, while the opposite end thereof engages a collar 13 on the rod 7, whereby when the rod is moved forwardly, the spring 12 will be depressed and the tension thereof employed for returning the rod to its initial position, when pressure is released from the head 11.

The cover 3 is held in its closed position by means of a catch 14, which engages a lip 15 on the wall of the safe 1, but when inward pressure is directed against the wall containing the lip, the catch 14 will be released and the cover thrown open by means of a spring 16, one end of which is fixed to the wall of the compartment 2, while the opposite end thereof rests against the tongue 17 on the cover 3.

In practice the pointed end of the cigar is introduced through the opening 6, when the head 11 is grasped and moved toward the forward end of the cover, this operation forcing the pointed end 9 through the cigar and perforating that portion thereof extending through the opening, when pressure is released from the head and the rod 7 and parts carried thereby are returned to their initial positions, through the medium of the spring 12. The latch 14 is then released from the lip and a match extracted from the compartment 2, which match may be employed for lighting a cigar.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a convenient means for perforating the ends of cigars without materially adding to the cost of the match safe, over the form of match safe now produced and it will further be seen that the perforating device can be readily operated to perforate the end of the cigar.

What I claim is:

A device of the character described, comprising a body portion, a hinged closure therefor, and a perforating device, said perforating device consisting of a slidable rod supported in hangers depending from the under side of said closure, said rod having one end bent at an angle with its terminal arranged contiguous to the under side of said closure and pointed, said closure having an aperture arranged contiguous to the pointed end of said rod, the opposite end of

said rod being also bent at right angles in a horizontal plane, and having said right angled portion extending laterally through said closure, said closure having a slot receiving the latter right angled bent portion of said rod, and a resilient member applied to said rod of said perforating device and delivering its pressure upon said rod.

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

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