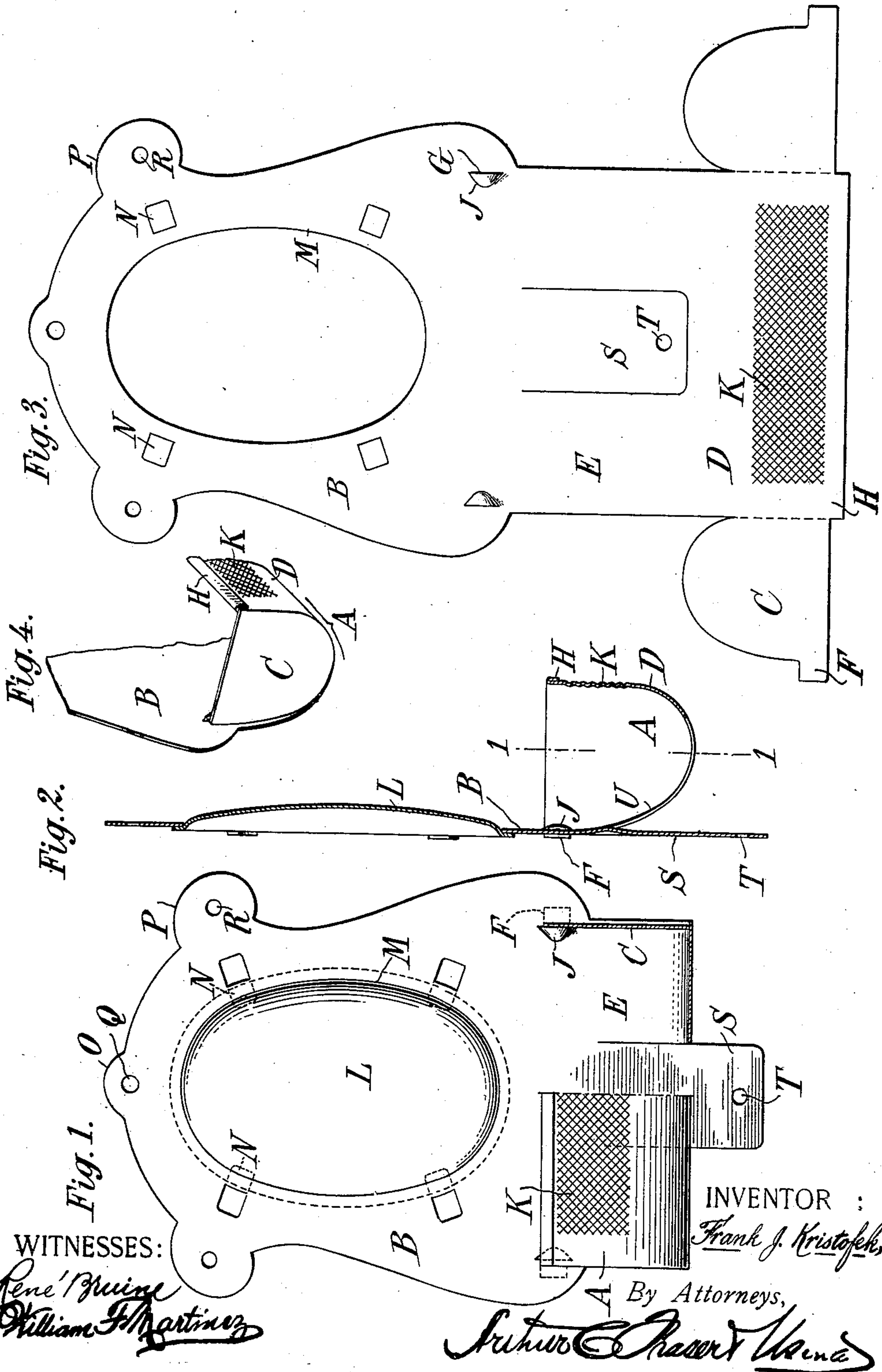


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK J. KRISTOFEK, a citizen of the United States, residing in Coshocton, in the county of Coshocton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Match-Boxes or the Like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention aims to provide an improved holder for matches or similar articles, made in one piece, cut from a sheet of thin metal or other suitable material, designed to be hung upon the face of a wall.

The construction is especially adapted for carrying advertising matter and can be made very cheaply so that it can be given away by advertisers.

The accompanying drawings illustrate an embodiment of the invention.

Figure 1 is an elevation, a part of the pocket being shown in section on the line 1—1 of Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section. Fig. 3 is a plan of the blank before it is bent into shape. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a corner of the pocket.

The article comprises a box or receptacle A and a back B which is flat and provided with holes for attachment to the wall. The box is made by bending the lower edge of the blank upward and outward to form the front wall, and by bending inward to form the end walls certain lateral ears C provided at the sides of the portion D which forms the front wall of the pocket. The rear wall of the pocket is, in the blank, a straight portion E extending from the portion D to the back B. To form the pocket the portion C is bent in along the dotted lines shown to a position at right angles to the portion D, and then with the portion D is turned upward until locking projections F on the ends of the ears C pass through slits G suitably located on the lower part of the back B. In bending the ears C inward they move in so far that the curved edges of these ears serve as guides to determine the curvature of the lower part of the pocket, as shown in Fig. 4. The outer edge of the part D of the blank is provided with a projecting lip H which is folded over as shown in Fig. 4 to make a smooth front edge upon the pocket. The bend along the line of junction of the part D and the ears C insures that the forward corners of the box shall also be rounded so as to produce a more attractive ap-

pearance and at the same time to reduce the liability of cutting one's fingers in using the box.

The box is fastened in position by forcing the locking projections F through the slits G and bending them over the rear face of the back of the box. To prevent their accidental withdrawal by the bending inward of the ends of the pocket (which might occur by reason of the thinness of the material), shoulders J are provided at one side of each slit G. When the locking projection F is passed through its slit it is bent in the direction opposite to the shoulder J so that it is held firmly against movement in any direction. The assembling of the device is therefore accomplished with the greatest ease, only two bends being required to form the pocket. On the front of the pocket there is a roughened surface K stamped in the metal for striking the matches on.

The back is designed and proportioned to contain an advertisement which may be directly printed on the metal or other sheet used for the making of the article, or which may be a separate piece applied to or inserted in place. For example, an embossed celluloid disk L may be inserted in an oval opening M cut through the metal and may be held by means of small ears N punched out of the marginal portion of the metal and bent around the edges of the inserted disk. The back B of the article is made of ornamental configuration and is made of substantial breadth at the top for the purpose of securing stability in fastening. A central projection O and side projections P are provided in which are located holes Q R for fastening the back in place. Preferably also there is a small tongue S cut out of the material of the back and bottom of the pocket A and not bent with the material forming the pocket, but remaining flat in the plane of the back B. This tongue is provided with a hole T which can be used to secure the article against lateral motion more effectively by driving a nail therethrough in addition to the nail through the top opening Q. The removal of this tongue S serves another useful purpose. It leaves an opening U in the back and bottom of the pocket in which there is room for the finger of the user to pass beyond and underneath the matches in the pocket with perfect ease, which is not always the case with a solid-

backed pocket. Ease of removal of the matches is also assisted by the bending of the lip H outward so as to leave the inner face of the pocket without obstruction.

5 What I claim is:—

An article of the class described having a back and a pocket formed from a single blank, the lower part of the blank B being bent outward and upward to form the bottom and front wall of the pocket, the end walls of the pocket being formed of ears C connected to said part D and bent over at a right angle thereto, and the longitudinal front edge of said pocket being formed of a lip H bent over to make a rounded edge,

whereby the front longitudinal edge and the front corners are made slightly rounded, said ears C having locking projections F passed through slits in the back and bent over, locking shoulders J being provided on the front face of the back for preventing withdrawal of said bent over projections F.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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