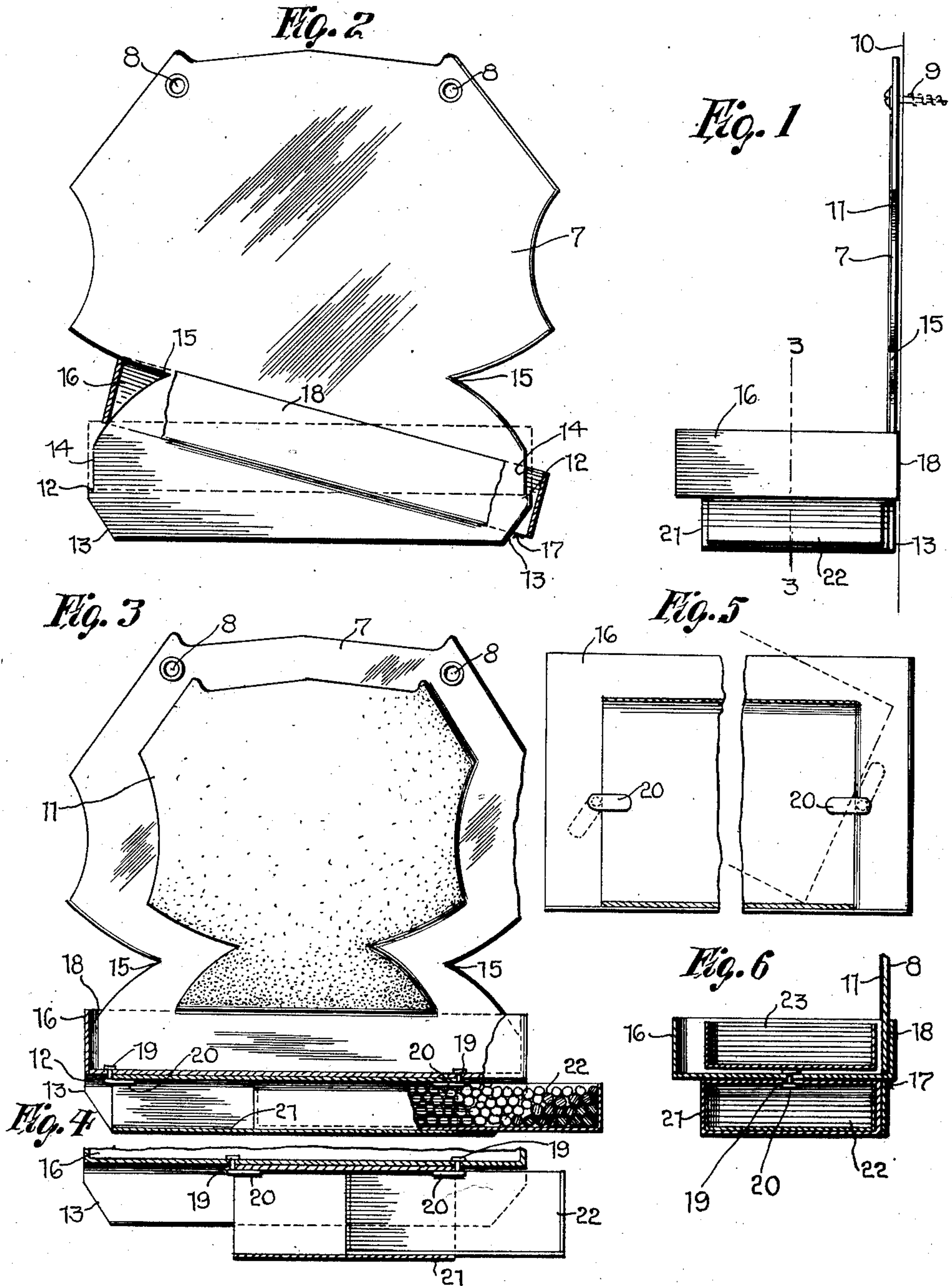


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE C. OPENSHAW, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Birmingham, in the county of Jefferson and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Novelty Match-Safes, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

10 This invention relates to match safes, and the principal object of the same is to provide a match safe that can be formed of cardboard or similar cheap sheet material, in which the parts thereof can be readily
15 separated so that the safe will require a small amount of storage space, or can be packed compactly to facilitate transportation, and in which novel means are provided for removably attaching a match box to said
20 safe.

A preferred and practical embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

25 Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of the improved match safe. Fig. 2 is a rear view thereof, shown partly broken away, and illustrating the manner in which the tray is removed from the body of the safe. Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken substantially on the
30 line 3—3, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary view similar to Fig. 3, showing a safety match box attached to the tray. Fig. 5 is a fragmentary bottom plan view, the match box being shown in section. Fig. 6 is a
35 fragmentary transverse vertical sectional view showing a receptacle in the tray.

Referring to the accompanying drawings by numerals, it will be seen that the improved match safe comprises a body 7 that
40 is formed of flat sheet material and provided with upper transverse eyelets 8 through which fasteners 9 pass for suspending the body from a wall or other support 10. The said body 7 may be suitably orna-
45 mented at its edges and the front is provided with a match scraping surface 11 that may be of sand-paper, and which is preferably shaped so that its edges correspond to the contour of the edges of body 7 so that it
50 imparts a pleasing appearance to the eye. The lower portions of the side edges of body 7 are provided with seats 12 and from said seats to the bottom of said body, said edges are beveled, as indicated at 13. Immediately
55 above said seats 12, the side edges are straight, as indicated at 14, and above said

straight portions, the side edges are provided with enlarged flaring notches 15 the bases of which merge into the upper ends of said straight portions.

60 A tray 16 is carried by the body 7, said tray having a longitudinal slot 17 formed in its bottom adjacent the rear guard flange 18 thereof. The tray 16 normally rests on
65 seats 12 of body 7 and is placed in such position by first passing one lower corner of body 7 through one end of slot 17 and then rocking said tray so that one end rests in
70 one of the side notches 15 of body 7, whereupon the other corner of body 7 can be freely passed through slot 17 and the tray
75 then dropped onto seats 12. When in this position, the tray 16 is supported at right angles to body 7 and the rear flange 18 being behind said body, relative rocking of the
tray and body is prevented.

The bottom of tray 16 is provided with a pair of centrally-located pivots 19 which are suitably spaced and project below the
80 said bottom. The projecting ends of the pivots 19 carry flat, resilient holding clips 20. The clips 20 are adapted to engage beneath the covers 21 of match boxes 22 to
85 suspend the match boxes beneath the tray 16 so that the match box can be readily drawn out from the cover, as indicated in Fig. 3, so that a match can be taken there-
from. The clips 20 being pivotally connected to the tray, it will be seen that they can
90 be readily rotated to release the match box when desired.

In Fig. 3, the clips 20 have been shown relatively positioned so that they can support a large match box. In Fig. 4, the
95 clips are closer together so that they can support small boxes.

In Fig. 6, a match box 23 is shown in the tray 16. Said box 23 is used to catch
burned matches.

In the foregoing, the manner of assembling the body 7 and the tray 16 has been
100 set forth in detail. It will, of course, be readily apparent that a reversal of the described operation will separate the tray and
105 body.

It will be understood from the foregoing that this invention provides simple means whereby the used and unused matches can be kept separated, yet within easy reach.
110 For instance, the tray 16 can be used as a receptacle for the used matches, or the box 23 shown in Fig. 6 used for the same pur-

pose. This is of value in connection with
kitchens and the like places where gas
ranges are used for it permits the matches
that have been used to light one burner of
5 the stove and be retained for use in lighting
other burners, thereby resulting in a saving
in matches. It will also be seen that an
entire match box can be readily attached to
the tray so that matches can be removed
10 therefrom when desired, thus obviating the
use of pockets that require frequent refill-
ing. The match safe is also useful in cigar
stores to dispense matches, and the fact that
the match box 22 does not need to slide out
15 very far to permit the matches to be ac-
cessible, would cause people to only take a
few matches from the box.

What I claim as my invention is:—

1. A match safe comprising a body, a
20 tray carried thereby, regularly-spaced, cen-
trally-located pivots projecting through
the bottom of said tray, and thin flat resili-
ent clips carried by the lower ends of said
pivots for suspending a match box beneath
25 said tray.

2. A match safe comprising a body pro-

vided with tray seats on its sides, said body
having clearance notches adjacent said
seats, and a tray provided with a slot
30 through which said body is extended and
with a flange that is rocked into said
notches while the tray is placed in said
seats.

3. A match safe comprising a body pro-
vided with tray seats on its sides, said sides 35
being provided with flaring notches adja-
cent said seats, and the tray provided with a
slot through which the lower portion of
the body is passed to seat said tray on the
tray seats, said flaring notches providing 40
clearing spaces into which one end of the
tray is rocked, said tray being provided
with a rear guard flange that extends
around the rear of the body when the tray
45 is seated on said seats.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my
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