

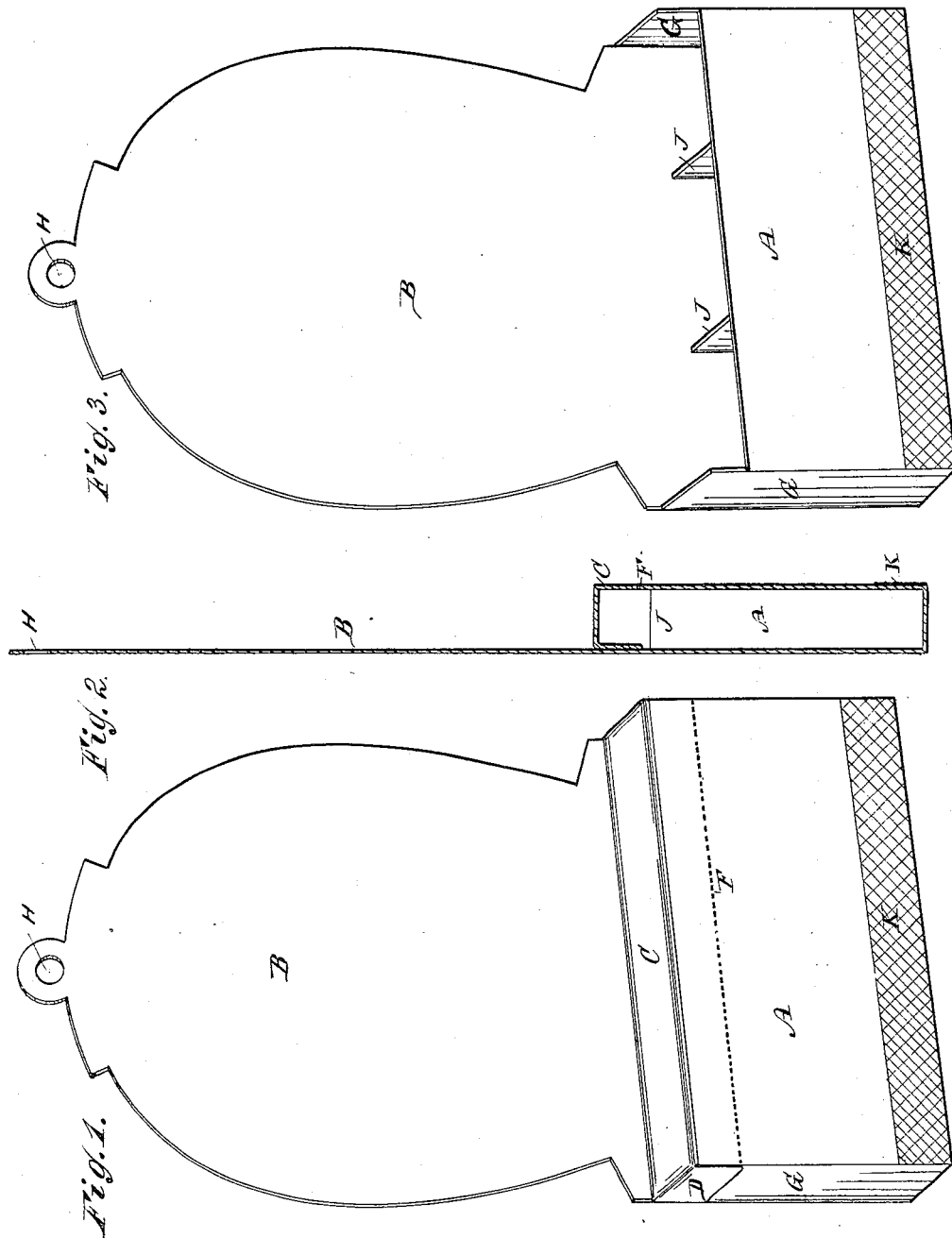
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## MATCH BOX AND SAFE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES WORTHINGTON CHAMBERLIN, of Lanark, in the county of Carroll and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Match Box and Safe, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved box for putting up matches for the trade, which box can be easily converted into a match-safe.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved match box and safe, showing the manner in which it is closed and put up for the trade as a match-box. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the same, showing the cover-flap torn off, so as to adapt it to be used as a match-safe.

A blank is cut out of medium or stiff paper to form a box, A, for receiving matches, the back B being extended above the box in any desired plain or ornamental shape. A flap, C, provided with end wings, D, is creased so as to fit over the top of the box and to form the cover, the front of the box being provided with a perforated longitudinal or horizontal line, F, or a line parallel with the cover near the top. The cover is folded over the top of the box A, and the end wings, D, are folded over or inside the ends G of the box, and when in this position the cover is pasted or attached to the back B by means of a gummed strip or by means of the revenue-stamps, or in any other suitable manner. The box contains the matches

in an upright position. In this manner the matches are put up for the trade.

To remove the matches from the box the cover or folded flap C is torn off along the perforated line F, whereby the revenue-stamps will be destroyed. The back is provided with an aperture, H, a loop or other suitable device for hanging it on the wall, &c., so that the box can be used as a match-safe.

To keep the matches in upright position, and to prevent them from falling, so that even the last match can be grasped conveniently, the box A is subdivided into compartments by means of a series of transverse partitions, J.

The front of the box A is provided with a strip, K, of sand-paper, or is roughened in any other suitable manner for igniting the matches. The space above the box A on the back B can be used for advertisements or can be ornamented in any suitable or desired manner.

The back may be enlarged, as shown, or can be made the size of the box only, with a slight projection at the upper edge, which upper part of the back is to be turned down on the box, and the cover C is to be folded over it.

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

An upright match-box having a line of perforations, F, an extended top-apertured back, B, a flap, C, pasted to said back, and having wings D folded over box-ends G, whereby the matches may be always suspended in a vertical position and reached from the top, as described.

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