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MATCH-SAFE.

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Fig. 1

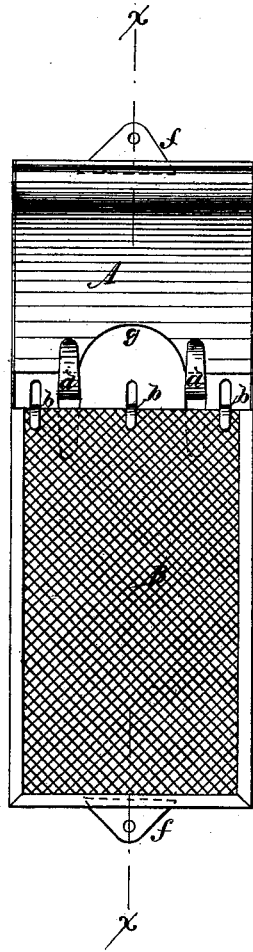
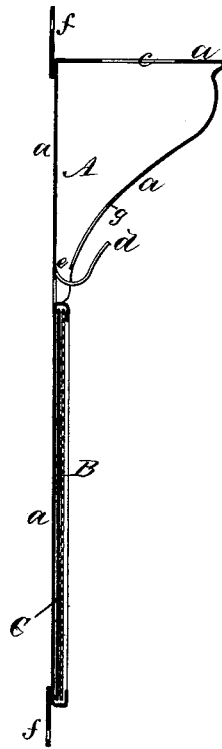


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN MATCH-SAFES.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, JOHN A. FIELD, of the city and county of Racine, Wisconsin, have invented a new and Improved Match Safe and Lighter, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved match-safe; and Fig. 2 is a vertical section on line *x x*, Fig. 1.

My invention consists of a match-safe the back, top, and front of which are made from a single piece of tin, and to which a lighter of wire-cloth is attached, which is placed over a picture, to give the match-safe an ornamental appearance.

The match-safe is so arranged that the matches are delivered singly to a pair of hooks, from which they may be readily taken by the fingers.

In the drawing, A is the match-safe, the back, top, and front of which are formed from a single piece, *a*, of tin or other sheet metal. The edges of the lower portion of the back are turned over a piece of wire-cloth, B, behind which a picture, C, is placed. The upper edges of the wire-cloth are secured by clips *b*, that are cut from the metal forming the back, and bent down over the cloth. The receptacle for matches is formed by bending the tin forward

at right angles, and downward in an ogee form toward the back. A space, *e*, is left between the lower edge of the tin thus bent and the back of the safe, which is of sufficient width to permit a single match to pass out at a time. A semicircular notch, *g*, is cut in the lower edge of the tin, that forms the front of the match-receptacle, for convenience in removing the match. An aperture, *c*, is made in the top of the safe for filling it with matches, and two hooks, *d*, are cut from the tin at the back of the safe, and bent upward in front of the match-receptacle, in position to receive the matches that drop through the space *e*. Ears *f* are attached to the top and bottom of the safe for fastening it to the wall.

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

A match-safe the back, top, and front of which are formed from a single piece of sheet metal, and having the opening *e*, hooks *d*, and wire-cloth lighter B, substantially as shown and described.

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