

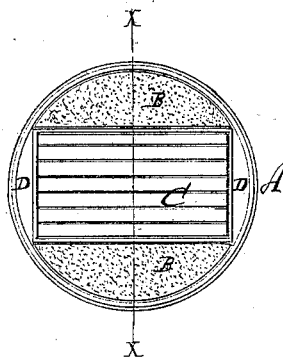
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Match Safe.

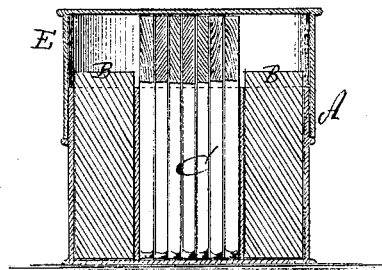
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN MATCH-SAFES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES GOLDTHWAIT, of South Weymouth, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Match-Safe; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in boxes or safes for holding matches, and consists in forming a box or safe with separate compartments, and provided with igniting-surfaces, and so as to be tightly closed when not in use, as will be hereinafter more fully described.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a top view, with the cover off.

Figure 2 is a vertical section of fig. 1, on the line  $x x$ .

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is the box, constructed with a large central compartment for containing the cards of matches, as seen in the drawing, placed with the ignitable ends projecting up above the igniting-surfaces B B, so that

the matches may be removed (either a card or a single match) without difficulty.

C represents the compartment for cards of matches. D D are compartments for holding single matches or small portions of a card of matches, so that they may be readily removed from the safe for use.

One of these compartments may be used for containing the stubs of matches, thus preventing accidents from fire by partially-extinguished matches thrown upon the floor or among combustible materials.

E is the cover, which is made to close tightly, and keep the matches perfectly safe.

This is a cheap and simple arrangement, perfectly safe, and very convenient for traveling, as well as for domestic purposes.

Having thus described my invention,

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The match-safe A, constructed with the cover E, compartments C and D D, and the friction-surface B B, and arranged to hold the matches in an upright position, substantially as shown and described.

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