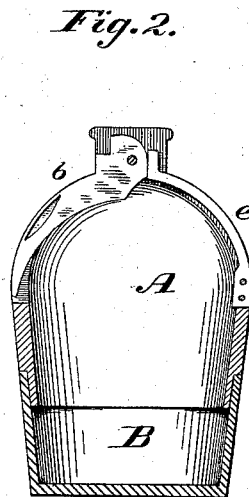
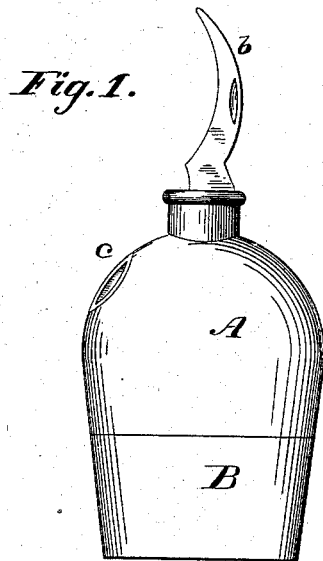


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## COMBINED MATCH-BOX AND KNIFE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LE ROY W. FAIRCHILD, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain  
5 Improvements in Combined Match-Box and Knife, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a combined match-box and knife, constructed as hereinafter more  
10 fully set forth.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the box with the blade opened, and Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same with the blade closed.

The object of this invention is to provide a  
15 box for carrying matches and a small knife-blade so arranged in connection with the box that it can be opened like an ordinary knife-blade for cutting or puncturing the end of a cigar, and be closed and carried with safety in  
20 the pocket.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents the body of the box, which I preferably make in the form of a pocket-flask. The lower portion, B, which corresponds to the detachable  
25 cup ordinarily used with such flasks, in this case answers as a cover for the box, the bottom of the flask being left open, and the cover B being made detachable, as represented in Fig. 2. In one edge of the box I secure a spring, *e*,  
30 as shown in Fig. 2, and at the top I pivot a blade, *b*, which is curved to fit a recess made in the opposite edge of the box when closed, as shown. A small recess, *c*, is formed on one side in the body A of the box, as shown in Fig. 1,  
35 to enable the blade to be opened by the thumb-nail.

A box thus constructed with a small blade

attached is a great convenience to smokers, as it serves not only the purpose of an ordinary match-box, but also as a knife for cutting or  
40 puncturing the tip of the cigar, thus avoiding the usual practice of biting off the tip of the cigar, which not unfrequently loosens the wrapper, and is objectionable for other reasons also.

It is obvious that instead of making the cover B detachable, as shown, it may be attached by a hinge and made to open in any  
45 suitable manner.

A box made as shown is an attractive article when neatly and properly made of suitable  
50 material, and the blade may be used for other purposes as well as that for which it is specially designed.

I am aware that various styles of match-boxes with cutters for cutting off the tips of  
55 cigars have been devised, and also that one has been made in the form of an ordinary pocket-knife with a box alongside of the handle, and therefore I do not claim such; but,  
60 Having specifically described my device, what I claim is—

The combined match-box and knife, consisting of the flask-shaped case A, with the cover B, in combination with the spring *e* and blade  
65 *b*, curved as shown, whereby they are adapted to fit in recesses in the opposite edges of the case and be brought into contact at the upper end of the same, as set forth.

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