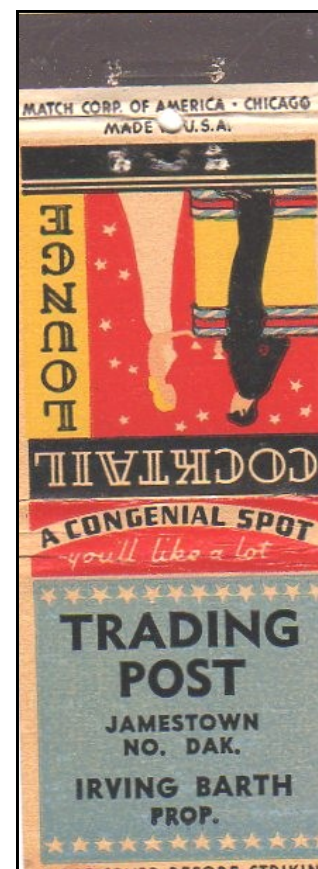
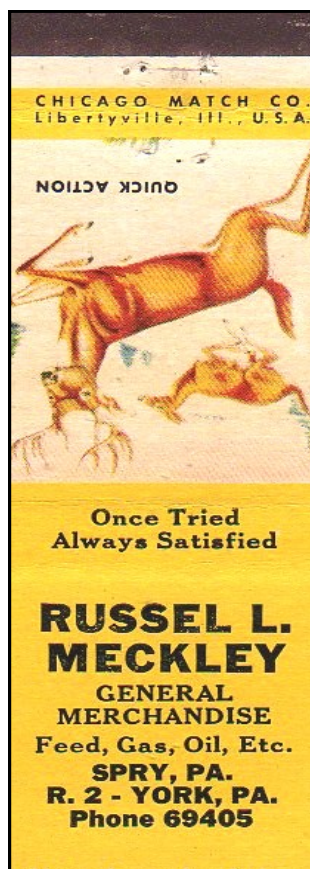


Chicago—Match City, USA

If one wishes to go back all the way to the 1800s, there are actually quite a few cities that can correctly lay claim to having, at least once, been home to a match manufacturing company. From the beaches of San Francisco to the shores of New York City; from palm trees in Miami to the perpetual rain clouds over Tacoma; and from San Diego, California, to Portland, Maine, the list of this country's match manufacturers and their host cities is rather staggering, in fact, especially since even we collectors haven't heard of most of them. And yet, only one city can rightly claim to be 'Match City, USA'...and that's the Windy City...Chicago.

Acme Match Co.
 Acorn Match Co.
 Advance Match Corp.
 Advance Match & Prtg. Corp.
 American Match Co.
 American Match & Prtg. Co.
 Arrow Match Co.
 Book Match Co.
 Chicago Match Co.
 Circle Match Co.
 Consumer Press
 Continental Match Co.
 David Lionel Press
 Empire Match Co.
 Federal Prtg. Co.
 Fleming Calendar Co.
 Gem Match Co.
 Illinois Match Co.
 Lucky Match Co.
 Match Corp. of America
 McGill Match Co.
 Meyerson Press
 Midwest Match Co.
 National Press
 Northwestern Prtg. Co.
 Regal Book Match Co.
 Regal Match & Prtg. Co.
 Salvation match Co.
 Standard Match Co.
 Superior Match Co.
 Willens & Co.



Looking at the above list, you'll see some unknowns right along with golden oldies and major manufacturers. A very impressive list, I must say!

Note: A few of these, such as National Press and Willens & Co., were not actually manufacturers, but their historical associations with the match industry and their resulting significant contributions made their inclusion here appropriate, I believe.