

# The 'Smaller' Manufacturers: II

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*Note: A few of these companies may not have been confirmed as actual manufacturers. They might, instead, be basically printing or specialty companies. It's almost impossible to find factual information about such early, small companies*



14. **GENERAL MATCH CO.** (1890- dissolved 1965) Incorporated in Ohio in 1920 upon its reorganization; moved to Reading, OH in 1924; halted production long before 1965, probably late 1940's or early 1950's; I know of a patriotic cover dated 1942. **Production centers:** Cincinnati, OH; moved to Reading, OH in 1924. **Trademarks:** Red Bird (box, 1920-1940's), Red Bird Jr. (box, 1920's-1940's), American Saf-T-Match (box, ?), Candle King Quality (box, ?), Candle Kings Strike Anywhere (box, ?), Finest Junior (box, ?), Blue Moon (?), Real-Lite (?), Universal (box, ?)

15. **GOPHER MATCH CO.** (c. late 1920's) Unclear whether or not this was a subsidiary of Lion Match Co., a Lion patented name, or an independent company. It looks like the latter. **Production center:** St. Paul, MN

16. **HAMILTON MATCH CO.** (1939-1946) Perhaps a subsidiary of General Match Co.

17. **HELLMAN MATCH CO.** (1933-1934) Changed to Crown Match Co. in 1934? **Production center:** Los Angeles, CA



18. **HERCULES MATCH CO.** (1930s?)

Production center: New York City

Special Footers: Safety First (?), Hercules Match (?)

19. **HUB MATCH CO.** (?) Production center:

Joliet, IL

20. **INDIANA MATCH CO.** (?-1923) Merged with

other companies to form the Federal Match Co. in

1923. Production center: Crawfordsville, IN

Trademarks: Royal Blue (box, c. 1903); Mayflower (box, c. 1920s)

21. **KENTUCKY MATCH CO.** (?) Production

center: Henderson, KY

22. **LITE-RITE MATCH CO.** (?) Production

center: MN; Garwood, NJ

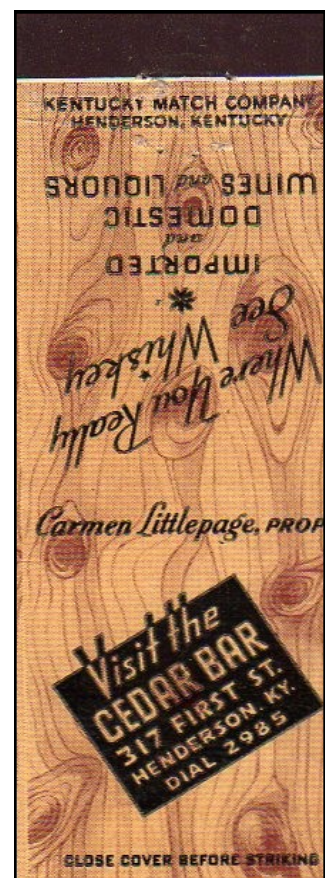
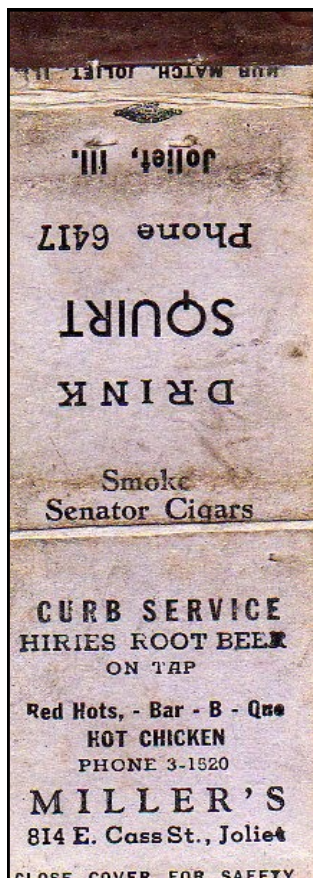
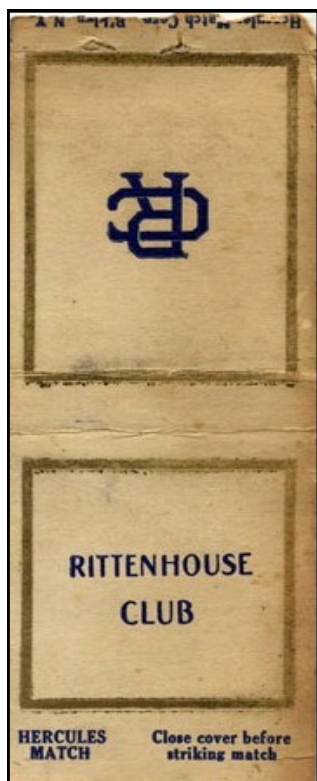
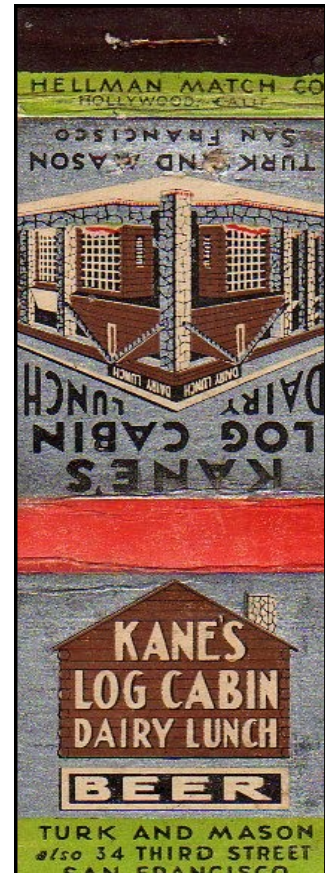
24. **LONE STAR MATCH CO.** (1955-1956) Not

listed in 1957 San Antonio directory. Only known

dated cover is from 1956. Production center: San Antonio, TX

25. **LOS ANGELES MATCH CO.** (?) Production

center: Los Angeles, CA

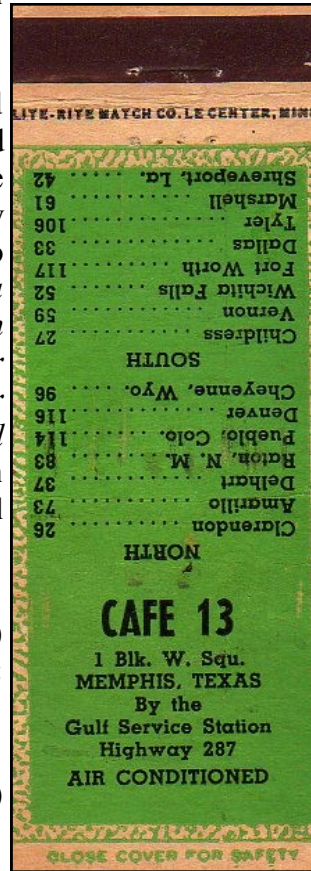


26. **LUCKY MATCH CO.** (c. 1920's-?) **Production center:** Chicago, IL

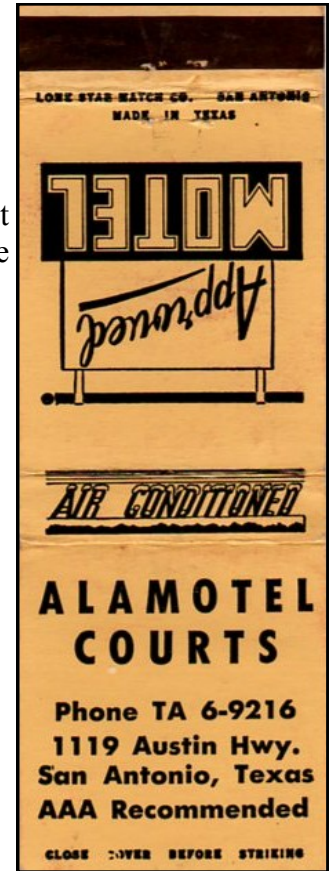
27. **MANHATTAN MATCH CO.** (1936-dissolved 1948) Founded by Nat Fruitman, Jesse Markel and Louis Lipset (yet another company set up by the Fruitmans); incorporated in 1938. Probably already of business by early 1942 since there doesn't seem to any Manhattan WW II Patriots. [Note: there is a "Handipak" (like an Adverap) made by Manhattan Match with patent dates of 1924 & 1927. It's unclear what this means as far as a starting date for Manhattan Match; I think the patent already existed when Manhattan match Co. started up] **Production center:** New York, NY; Elizabeth, NJ. **Special Footers:** Safety First (1936-c. 1942)

28. **MERIT MATCH CO.** (c. 1941-c.1945) **Production center:** Elizabeth, NJ. **Special Footers:** Safety First (c. 1941-c. 1945)

29. **MICHIGAN MATCH CO.** (pre-war, 1930s?) **Production center:** Grand Rapids, MI



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