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Fig. 1.

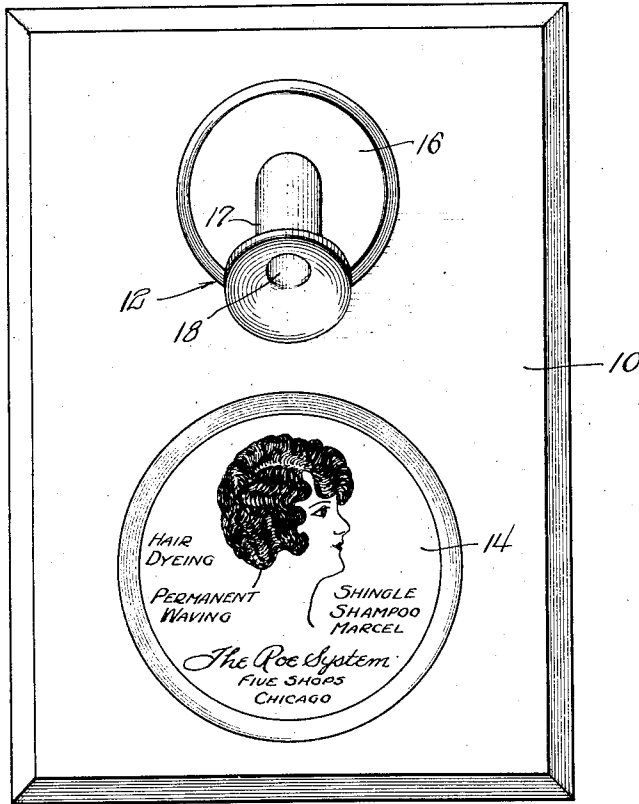
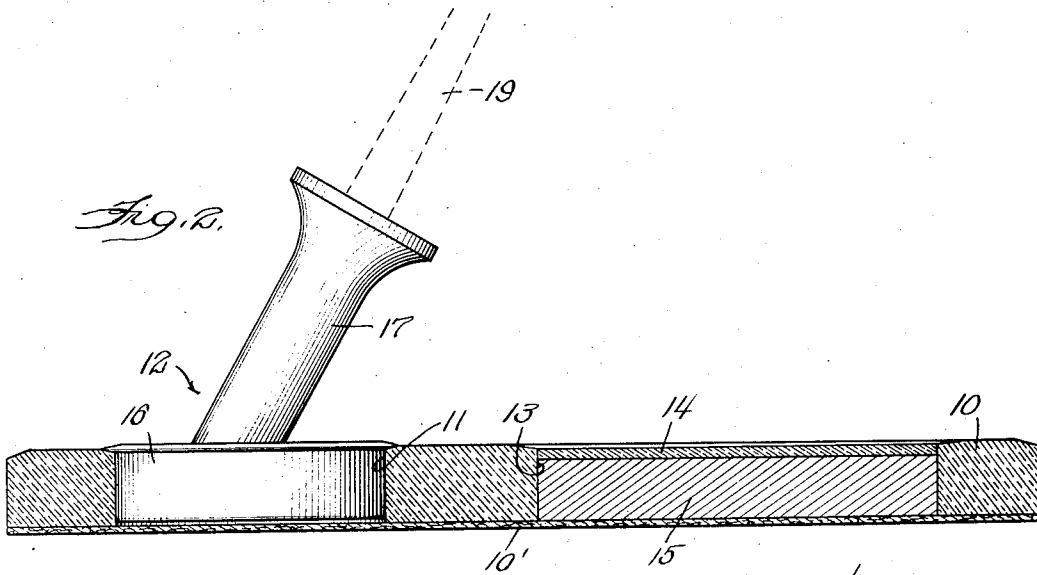


Fig. 2.



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FOUNTAIN-PEN DESK SET.

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This invention relates to fountain pen desk sets, and relates particularly to a fountain pen desk set which comprises a base adapted to display advertising matter, and the like, and a receptacle mounted in said base for holding a fountain pen.

The primary use of this invention is to serve as an advertising medium for large organizations such, for instance, as advertising agencies whose business relations are quite generally confined to the executives of large commercial organizations and the like, and, therefore, in keeping with the high standard of their clientele, their means of advertising must be of a high standard. And, further, the device as an advertising medium is advantageous in writing, lounging and guest rooms of a hotel and waiting rooms generally. Tailors, cleaners, and laundrymen depend to a considerable extent for their trade upon some high grade means of advertising in the latter aforesaid places. Therefore, an unattractive or inexpensive looking article cannot be appropriately associated with a mahogany desk and such other furnishings as are found in the office of successful business executives, hotels and waiting rooms generally, but must be designed along the lines of this invention which has attractive qualities and yet serves useful purposes.

This invention provides a highly lustrous plate glass base having a receptacle mounted therein for holding a fountain pen, the receptacle being inclined to permit of a ready accessibility of the fountain pen, and an aperture in the lower end of said base for inserting means for advertising display. By this means of associating an office necessity with a means for advertising and by the natural artisticness and high grade appearance of this invention, the utility thereof is increased in direct proportion to the enhancing value which is afforded the advertising matter.

Although this invention has been heretofore described in connection with its use as an advertising medium, its structural features do not limit the invention solely to that use. The aperture in the lower base may be adapted to use for informative purposes generally. For example, in a large office a device of this nature may be put to practical use by inserting a copy of the ethics or code of standards of the organization into

the aperture provided in the base of the device, thereby reminding the employees of the policies to be followed. Or, daily or weekly routine may be brought to the attention of employees which results in greater efficiency than if the employees were called upon to locate a bulletin containing the desired information.

A further novel feature of this invention is the use of the base as a frame work for a photograph of a relative, friend or a favorite national figure. In such instances the invention need not be used solely as office equipment, but may be attractively used in the library of a home or general assembly hall.

For a better understanding of the nature, scope and characteristics of this invention, reference may be had to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the desk set, and

Figure 2 is an enlarged section on the line 2-2 of Figure 1.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, the desk set comprises a base 10, having an aperture 11, into which is disposed a receptacle 12. The lower end of the base 10 has an aperture 13 into which is inserted a display device 14, said display device being held in position by means of a wooden insert 15. A cushioning member 10', usually a piece of heavy felt cloth, is glued or otherwise secured to the underneath portion of the base 10 and extends across the entire surface thereof.

The base member 10 is preferably made of plate glass although any suitable material such as a statuary bronze, or the like, may be used. The base is illustrated as rectangular in shape and having bevelled edges, however, any shape and size consistent with proportion and taste may be effectively employed.

The receptacle 12 is formed of a base portion 16 and a barrel portion 17, and may be made of a pyroxylin plastic material or of such substances as are known to the trade as bakelite, or radite. The base portion 16 is of a size to snugly engage the recess 11, and the barrel portion 17 is suitably secured to the base portion 16 and has an opening in its upper end to form a chamber 18 to hold a fountain pen 19.

The display device 14 comprises prefer-

ably a transparent glass having a cut, photograph, or memorandum fixed to the underneath side thereof. The glass and the matter to be displayed vary in thickness, and in order to compensate for this variation, the thickness of the wooden insert may be readily varied. It is highly impractical to form a recess in the base to conform to the thickness of the display device and, therefore, the aperture 13, into which the display device is positioned, is cut through the base. If a recess were formed in the base of a depth to contain the display device, despite its impracticability, the nature of the substance of the base would not permit of the device being secured thereto.

The wooden insert provides a porous surface to which the display device may be glued, tacked, or otherwise fastened. The nature of wood is such that it may be forced into aperture 13, and thereby be securely positioned because of its snug relation with said aperture. The surface of the display device is preferably flush with the bevel adjacent the periphery of the aperture 13, as illustrated in Fig. 2 of the drawing, and this position may be obtained by an adjustment of the wooden insert in the aperture.

It is obvious that this device creates an efficient, desirable and high grade method of advertising; that it may be adapted to a variety of uses, and that its structure is simplified to a minimum.

While it is preferable to embody this invention in the device herein shown and described, various other forms will be apparent to one skilled in the art, and, therefore, this invention is to be limited only by the scope of the appended claims and the prior art.

I claim:

1. A base for a fountain pen desk set adapted to lie on the top of a desk and having an aperture therein, a display device in-

serted in said aperture, an insert for snugly engaging the side walls of said aperture for holding said display device in a fixed relation with said base, and a cushioning member secured to the underneath surface of said base.

2. A base for a fountain pen desk set adapted to lie on the top of a desk, said base being of a substantially non-expansile material and having an aperture therein, an insert of a yielding material whereby said insert may be readily forced into said aperture, and a display device secured to said insert.

3. A base for a fountain pen desk set adapted to lie on the top of a desk, said base being of a substantially non-yielding material and having an aperture therein, a display device inserted in said aperture, and an insert of a yielding material whereby said insert may be forced into said aperture for holding said display device in a desired position.

4. A base for a fountain pen desk set adapted to lie on the top of a desk, said base being of a substantially non-yielding material and having an aperture therein, a display device inserted in said aperture, and a wooden insert forced into said aperture for holding said display device in a desired position.

5. A base for a fountain pen desk set adapted to lie on the top of a desk and having an aperture therethrough, a display device disposed in said aperture substantially flush with the top surface of said base, a wooden member forced in said aperture for securing said display device in position, and a cushioning member secured to the underneath surface of said base.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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