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Fig. 1.

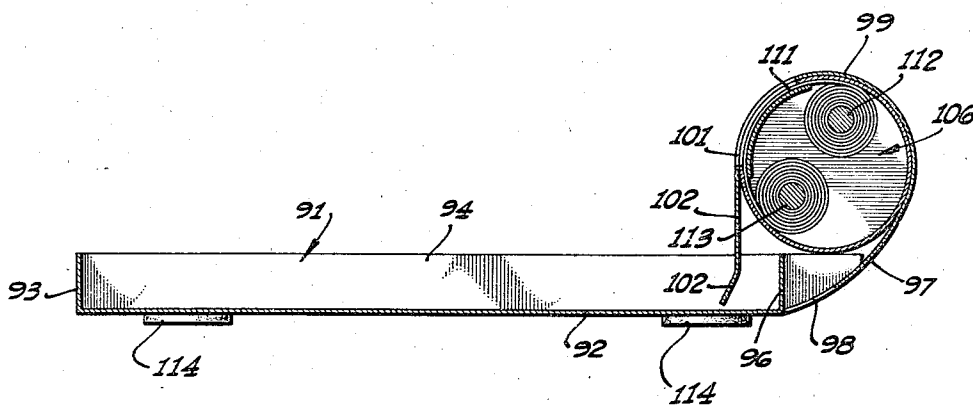
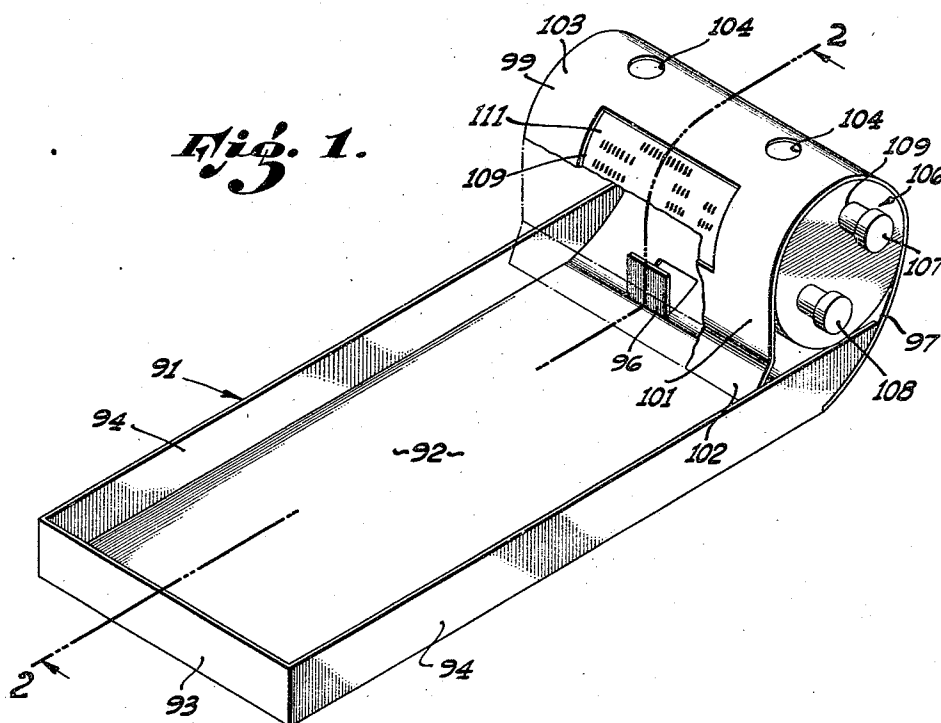


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to articles of stationery and more particularly to an improved form of holder for a supply of sheets of memorandum paper.

An object of my invention is to provide a holder which, while being capable of receiving sheets of paper made up into a pad, is also adapted to operate with equal facility to receive a supply of loose sheets and to hold them substantially motionless with respect to the surface upon which the holder rests, thus enabling the user to write memoranda with one hand and leave the other hand free for such purposes as operating a telephone or turning pages of a book from which notes are being made.

A further object in this connection is to design the retaining means in such a manner that it is fully releasable quickly and easily so that after one or more pages have been filled with memoranda it or they can be removed to expose a fresh sheet with a minimum of inconvenience.

Another object is to provide a holder for sheets of "scratch" paper as described wherein the means for releasably retaining the sheets securely in position is designed in such a manner that it provides a recess or opening for the reception of a calendar, thus adding materially to the convenience afforded by the holder as a piece of office equipment.

A still further object is to provide a memorandum pad holder as described of simple and pleasing design, thus adapting it for use in either a business office or the home, and yet which is of inexpensive and durable construction adapted for quantity production at low cost.

A further object is to provide a scratch pad holder as described wherein the paper-retaining means, either with or without a calendar, presents a surface of ample expanse to receive advertising matter, which fact, coupled with its relatively low cost adapts it for use as a piece of advertising matter to be given away without charge, as well as an article to be offered for sale.

The invention possesses other objects and valuable features, some of which, with those enumerated, will be set forth in the following description of the preferred embodiment of my invention illustrated in the drawing accompanying and forming a part of the specification. It is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the showing made by said drawing and description but that I may adopt variations of the preferred form within the scope of my invention as defined by the claim.

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Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a holder for sheets of memorandum paper incorporating the principles of the present invention.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal, medial, vertical sectional view with the plane of section indicated by the line 2—2 of Figure 1 and the direction of view by the arrows.

Referring to the form of my invention which is illustrated in Figures 1 and 2, it will be observed that all portions of this form of the device are of relatively thin construction. Because of the thin nature of its constituent parts, this form is ideally suited for manufacture from sheet material, either sheet metal or thin sheets of plastic. However, most of the parts of the device are not necessarily thin, but can be formed of wood, or of cast material.

The tray 91 is conveniently formed by deflecting upwards the front and lateral side edges of the otherwise flat bottom 92, thus forming the front wall 92 and two opposite side walls 94, respectively which aid in retaining the sheets of memorandum paper (not shown) in orderly, stacked relation upon the writing platform, or bottom 92. The rear wall 96, however, is preferably formed by deflecting upwards a tongue which is severed along three of its four edges, from a portion 97 of the blank sheet material of which the entire device is constructed. This portion 97 is a continuation of the bottom 92 which is curled upwards, as at 98, and forwards, as at 99, and then downwards, as indicated at 101, so that the extreme end 102 extends substantially vertically downwards into the tray 91 just forward of the rear wall or tongue 96. The parts are so proportioned and arranged that this vertical portion 102 operates as a presser foot for the retentive engagement of the uppermost sheet of a supply of paper stacked within the tray 91, the inherent resiliency, as well as the gravitational weight, of the material of which the upwardly and forwardly curled portion of the device is formed, serving to press the paper-engaging foot 102 downwards. The arcs described by the curved portions 98, 99, and 101 are about relatively long radii, so that the entire portion of the strip extending upwards from the bottom of the tray, forwards, and then downwards again, into the tray, operates to define a head which provides ample space 103 for the reception of advertising matter or a calendar pad on its outer surface. Furthermore, since the head is hollow, it is most convenient to form it of such shape and size that it is adapted to receive within itself a cal-

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endar which is available upon the market in the form of a substantially cylindrical cartridge 106 having two small knobs 107 and 108 accessible at one end and which may be turned to expose through an opening 109 in a side wall of the cartridge 106, any selected portion of a continuous strip 111 rolled upon two rollers 112 and 113 to which the knobs 107 and 108, respectively, are connected.

Preferably, "non-skid" feet 114 are permanently attached to the under surface of the tray 91.

I claim:

In a desk appliance of the character described, means providing a writing platform adapted to receive a supply of sheets of paper, guide means carried thereby engageable with edges of said sheets to hold them in stacked relation, and means for releasably retaining said sheets upon said platform comprising a continuation of said platform extending rearwardly therefrom, thence upwardly, forwardly, and downwardly toward said platform in position to engage the uppermost of said sheets and thereby retain all of said sheets in writing position upon said platform, the rear-

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wardly, upwardly, forwardly, and downwardly extending portions of said continuation defining a hollow head adapted to receive a calendar cartridge and having an aperture therein through which said calendar is visible.

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