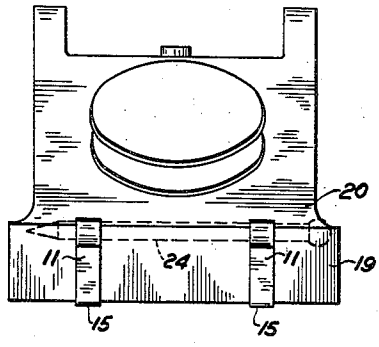
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Fig. 1



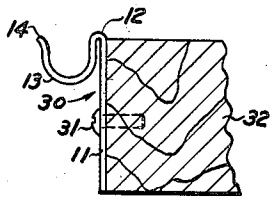


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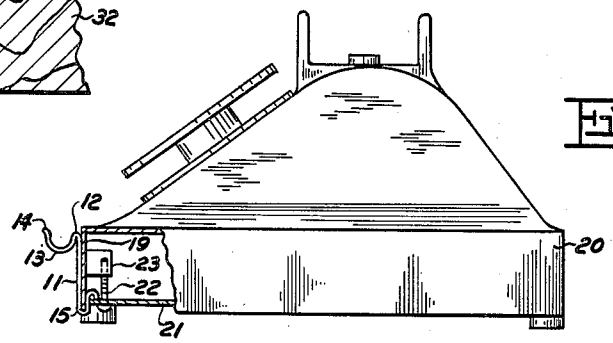
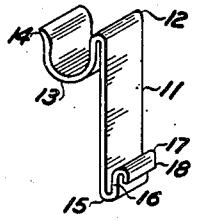


Fig. 3



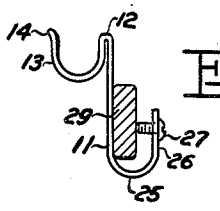


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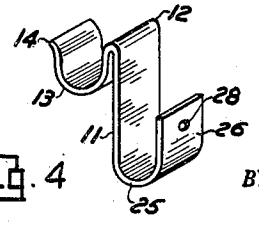


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to pencil holders, and more particularly to a pair of spaced pencil supporting clips, adapted for mounting for example, upon a telephone base, a desk or table, or upon a typewriter, adding machine or other business machine.

It is the object of this invention to construct a pencil holder employing a pair of clips formed to supportingly retain a pencil in horizontal position.

It is the object of this invention to provide a pair of clips which are formed to horizontally support a pencil, with the base portions of said clips being adapted for attachment to the object adjacent to which it is desired to conveniently support a pencil.

It is desirable to have a pencil always available for the user, and to attain this object the clips are formed to permit their ready attachment to the object used such as a telephone, typewriter, desk, business machine, or any one of many different objects.

It is the further object of this invention to provide said clips with a central substantially flat surface portion to bear against the outer wall of the object and with its lower end portion so formed as to permit convenient attachment to said object.

These and other objects will be seen from the following specification and claims in conjunction with the appended drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of a dial telephone fragmentarily shown, illustrating a pair of pencil supporting clips mounted on the base thereof.

Figure 2 is a partially broken away and sectioned side elevational view thereof.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of one of the pencil supporting clips.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a slightly different form of pencil supporting clip.

Figure 5 is a side elevational view thereof illustrating its method of mounting upon an object such as a typewriter frame; and

Figure 6 is a side elevational view of a slightly different form of clip adapted for securing to the flat edge of a desk top for instance.

It will be understood that the above drawing illustrates merely preferable embodiments of the invention, and that other embodiments are contemplated within the scope of the claims hereafter set out.

Referring to the drawing Figure 1, it is seen that preferably a pair of clips are employed to horizontally support a pencil upon the front of

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a dial telephone for illustration, however it is contemplated that such clip or a similarly formed clip might be employed singly for this purpose.

As illustrated in Figure 3 the clip is constructed preferably of a light gauge spring steel and consists of a flat central portion 11 with its upper end curved outwardly substantially 180 degrees at 12.

Portion 12 projects downwardly to join and support the concave formed pencil holding portion 13 whose outer end has an outwardly projecting lip 14.

The lower end 15 of member 11 is inwardly and upwardly curved approximately 180 degrees and terminates in the vertical clip retaining portion 16, inwardly curved portion 17 and the downwardly extending element 18 forming a part thereof.

A pair of said clips are mounted upon the front wall 19 of hollow telephone base 20 shown in Figure 2 by way of illustration. The conventional dial telephone in relatively general use has a removable bottom plate 21 which fits up into base 20, and is secured in position therein by screws 22, one of which is shown in Figure 2.

Screws 22 project up through openings in plate 21 at its opposite ends and are threaded respectively into corresponding threaded openings in bosses 23 which form a part of the telephone base.

To mount the pencil holders Figure 3 in the manner shown in Figure 2 it is necessary to partially loosen one of the screws 22 permitting bottom plate 21 to drop down just sufficiently at that end to allow the insertion within said base of portions 16, 17 and 18 of clip 11 between front wall 19 and said plate.

Clip 11 is projected upwardly so that the interior of its bottom curved portion 15 cooperatively bears against the lower horizontal edge of front wall 19. At the same time the top surface of plate 21 bears against the lower end of portion 18 of said clip, as said plate is returned to normal position on tightening screw 22, in the manner illustrated in Figure 2.

It will be understood that the downwardly projecting portion 18 of said clip might be eliminated, and said clip would still be retained in position with plate 21 bearing against the inwardly projecting portion 17 thereof.

As shown in Figure 1 a pair of clips are preferably employed arranged in spaced relation to bear against front wall 19 of the telephone base 20. With plate 21 adjusted and secured in the position shown in Figure 2 it is seen that the pencil

holding clips are immovably secured in position. The lower edges of wall 19 prevent their upward movement, while the top surface of plate 21 prevents their relative downward movement.

There is just sufficient clearance between the forward end of plate 21 and the inner surface of wall 19 to readily receive the upright portion 16 of the clip.

As shown in Figure 1 the pencil may be mounted horizontally within the concave portions 13 of said clip, which may be so formed that its outer end is adapted to lightly and resiliently bear against the shank of the pencil 24 preventing its accidental dislodgement. The outer lip 14 is outwardly curved to facilitate the entrance of the pencil shank within said clips.

A slightly different form of pencil supporting clip is shown in Figures 4 and 5 wherein the flat portion 11 thereof at its lower end is curved inwardly at 25, terminating in the upwardly extending element 26 which is substantially parallel to portion 11 of said clip. As shown in Figure 5 a suitable screw 27 is projected through the threaded opening 28 in element 26 Figure 4 with its inner end adapted to cooperatively and frictionally bear against a portion of the framework 29 Figure 5 of a typewriter for instance or any other business machine whose framework is similarly formed.

Referring to Figure 6 a still different form of the invention is shown wherein said clip consists merely of the flat portion 11 and with its upper end outwardly and downwardly curved at 12 in the same manner as the clip shown in Figures 2 and 3.

In this instance the clip generally designated as by numeral 30, is adapted for mounting for example upon the outer vertical wall or edge 32 of a desk top, and is secured thereon by a suitable screw 31 which projects through an opening in portion 11 thereof.

The pencil supporting clips hereinabove described are adapted for use upon home, office or factory telephones to thereby provide a convenient means of making a pencil always available when needed.

As above described said clips may be employed any place where a pencil would be needed as for instance upon a telephone, a typewriter, a comptometer, bookkeeping machines or a filing system. It is also contemplated that such pencil holders may be mounted within vehicles such as automobiles, trucks, or in fact any vehicle. Such a pencil holder would also be convenient for use by salesmen where it is desired to always have a pencil available. Such pencil holder could be suitably mounted within the salesman's folders, brief cases or order pads.

Having described my invention, reference should now be had to the claims which follow for determining the scope thereof.

I claim:

1. In combination, a hollow open bottom telephone base, having an upright front wall, a clip having a central flat upright portion which bears against said front wall, an outwardly projecting concave pencil supporting element at its upper end, a formed oppositely projecting attaching element at its lower end extending under said front wall and upwardly into said base, and a bottom plate removably secured within said base cooperatively bearing against said attaching element for firmly retaining said clip in position upon said base.

2. In combination, a hollow open bottom telephone base having an upright front wall, a clip having a central flat upright portion which bears against said front wall, an outwardly projecting concave pencil supporting element at its upper end, a formed oppositely projecting attaching element at its lower end extending under said front wall, upwardly into said base and inwardly of said wall, and a bottom plate removably secured within said base cooperatively bearing against said upwardly and inwardly extending portions of said clip for firmly retaining the same in position upon said base.

3. In combination, a hollow open bottom telephone base having an upright front wall, a pair of spaced clips, each having a central flat upright portion which bears against said front wall, an outwardly projecting concave pencil supporting element at its upper end, a formed oppositely projecting attaching element at its lower end extending under said front wall, upwardly into said base and inwardly of said wall, and a bottom plate removably secured within said base cooperatively bearing against said upwardly and inwardly extending portions of said clips for firmly retaining the same in position upon said base.

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