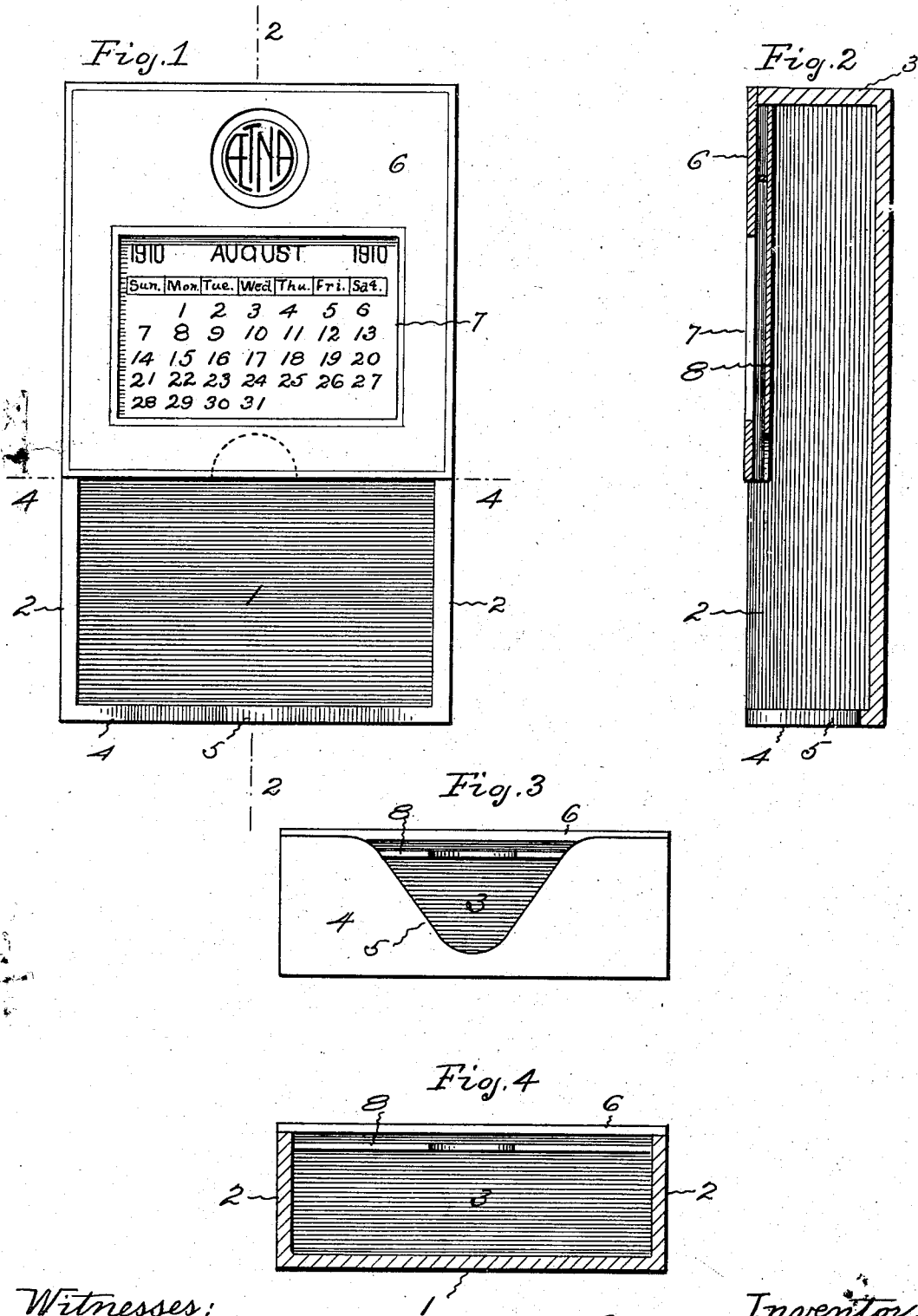


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN SCOFIELD ROWE, a citizen of the United States, residing at West Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Desk-Trays, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to those devices which are designed to be kept on a desk or table for holding cards or slips with memoranda, or sheets ready to receive memoranda. The object of the invention is to produce a very simple, cheap, and attractive device of this nature which will hold in a handy condition loose sheets of paper of convenient size for memoranda purposes, and which also has a pocket for receiving and exhibiting a convenient calendar or other matter which it is desired to prominently display.

The embodiment of the invention illustrated consists of a case formed with the bottom, sides, and one end closed. A portion at one end of the top is covered and the remainder of the top is left open, while the end wall of the open section is cut away so that one or more sheets can be quickly withdrawn from the case when desired. A pocket for receiving a few leaves is made beneath the cover that incloses a portion of the top, and an opening is formed through the cover so that whatever is placed in the pocket may be readily seen.

Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings shows a plan of the device, with a sheet of monthly calendar exhibited in the pocket beneath the cover. Fig. 2 shows a longitudinal section on the plane indicated by the dotted line 2-2 on Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a view of the device looking at the open end, and Fig. 4 shows a transverse section on the plane indicated by the dotted line 4-4 on Fig. 1.

The case may be formed of any suitable material, such as highly polished wood, or wood or paper board covered with paper or leather.

The bottom 1 of the case is a rectangular piece, desirably without any opening. The sides 2 and the end 3 are also formed of rectangular pieces, preferably of the same material as the bottom, and also are desir-

ably without any opening. The end 4 is cut away so as to form a convenient thumb opening 5. The top 6 is arranged to cover and inclose only a portion of the case adjacent to the closed end. An opening 7 is made through this top, and the upper surface of the top may be carved, burned or printed with any desired symbol, ornament, or advertising matter. Beneath and near the top inside of the case is a partition 8. This is arranged so as to form a pocket between the top and the partition, into which leaves containing the dates of a seasonable calendar may be inserted and removed, according to conditions. The interior of the case is designed to be filled with loose sheets of paper of any desired character and quality.

This device is very simple and yet is neat, attractive and exceedingly convenient on a business or library desk or table. It will hold a large number of loose sheets of paper in a handy condition for receiving memoranda, orders or for displaying other matter. It retains the sheets so that they will not become displaced, and yet may be quickly removed. The sheets can, after receiving memoranda, be replaced for safe keeping. This device eliminates the necessity of pasting, gluing, binding, or otherwise fastening the edges or ends of the sheets, as are the sheets of a pad or tablet, and thus obviates tearing and possibly damaging the sheet when it is removed, and furthermore this arrangement permits anyone, when the device is to be used for advertising purposes, to place as many or as few inserts with printed matter, directions, or instructions as desired among the sheets. The pocket provides a ready receptacle for receiving and conveniently displaying a calendar or sheets containing any other desired matter. It is preferred to place in the pocket sheets containing the dates of a monthly calendar, which sheets may be removed as the months pass by.

The invention claimed is:

A desk tray having a rectangular bottom, low rectangular sides of uniform height, low rectangular ends of the same height as the sides, one of said ends having its central portion cut away from the upper edge, a top covering a portion of the tray near

one end, whereby a portion only of the top of the contents of the tray will be visible from above, but the ends of all of the contents of the tray will be visible and may be
5 reached through the cut away end, and a partition in the interior beneath and adjacent to the cover, arranged to form a

pocket between the cover and the partition, said cover being cut away to expose what is placed in said pocket.

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