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Fig. 1.

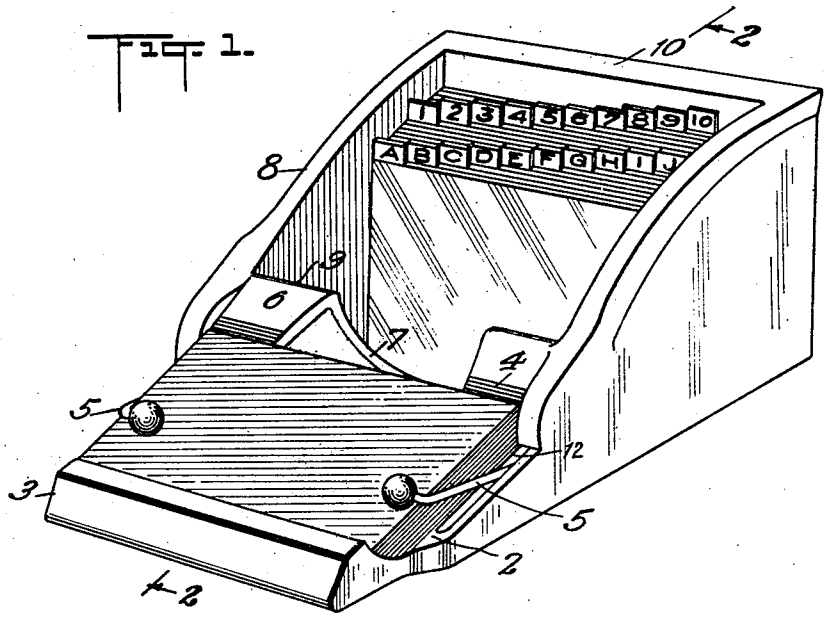



Fig. 3.

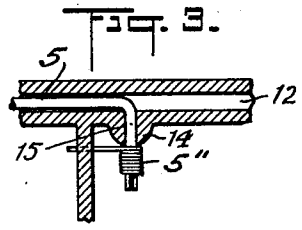






Fig. 2.

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The present invention relates to a combined file and holder for cards or sheets of paper upon which memoranda or records of various kinds may be noted. The device is adapted for use on a desk, and provides a receptacle for a stack of cards or sheets of paper held in a position in which the topmost card or paper may be conveniently written upon and then removed from the stack and inserted in a vertical position in a filing compartment which is an integral part of the device. The stack of cards or sheets of paper is so held that it will not be accidentally displaced, and yet the removal of the topmost card or sheet is easily accomplished. The whole device is simple in construction, attractive in appearance and efficiently serves the purposes for which it is intended.

Another feature of the invention is the arrangement of the various parts of the holder in such a manner that the device may be cast or molded substantially in a single piece and preferably of a phenol condensation product such as bakelite. Any suitable material may be used, however.

The invention will be understood from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings in which Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an embodiment of the invention; Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal sectional view thereof; and Fig. 3 is a fragmental sectional plan view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawings, the invention is shown embodied in a structure having two main parts, the filing compartment 1, and a paper holding platform 2.

The platform 2 serves to hold a stack of cards or loose sheets of paper of uniform size against an inclined bottom retaining wall 3 which causes the edge of each sheet to project slightly beyond the edge of the sheet below it, so that the topmost card or sheet may be grasped for removal. The upper retaining wall is provided with a roughened area 4 which serves to retain all of the sheets from sliding out except the top sheet which is being removed. Pivotally mounted retaining arms 5, having heads 5′ engaging the stack of cards or sheets and springs 5″ concealed within the structure, serve to retain the paper supply in place and prevent its improper movement, particularly while the top sheet is being written upon.

The portion of the structure intermediate the platform 2 and the forward edge 9 of the filing compartment 1, shown in the drawings at 6, is provided with a depression or recess 7 permitting the user to apply his fingers to the edge of the top sheet. The filing compartment 1 is open at its top; its sides 8, front wall 9, and its rear wall 10 may be of the form shown, thereby permitting the contents of the compartment 1 to be easily seen when the device is in its normal position on a desk. The device may be of a size adapted to contain, both in the paper holder and in the filing compartment, a standard size of small index cards. This not only permits the use in the device of standard guide cards for filing in alphabetical, chronological or numerical arrangement, but also enables the device to be used in conjunction with other filing devices.

Another feature of the invention is the formation of the slot 12 and the boss 14 with its slot 15 opening into the slot 12 in such manner that the retaining arm 5, its head 5′ and its spring 5″ may be first assembled and inserted from the top, placed in position and simply secured by some retaining means such as the screw 16.

I have found in moulding the device of such materials as bakelite that by first forming it with an opening in the platform 2 at 17, Fig. 2, its manufacture is facilitated. This opening I later close by gluing or otherwise fastening in place the block 19 which also serves as a foot. Felt or rubber pads 20 may be secured to the bottom.

I claim:

1. A sheet material holder comprising a filing compartment, and a platform adapted to hold blank sheets in position for writing, the wall of said filing compartment adjacent said platform being lower than its opposite wall and cut away in its central portion to form an opening behind the edge of the said platform.

2. A sheet material holder comprising in

combination a forwardly inclined platform having retaining means adapted to maintain thereon superposed loose sheets of uniform size, and a filing compartment in the rear thereof, separated therefrom by a partition, and forming therewith a unitary structure, the said partition between said filing compartment and said platform having a central depression or recess adjacent the rear edge of said platform, the bottom of said depression being below the plane of said platform.

3. In a sheet material holder, an inclined platform, a bottom retaining wall cooperating with said platform and inclined at an acute angle to the latter, and an upper retaining wall substantially parallel with the lower retaining wall and provided with a roughened area adapted to cooperate with the edges of sheet material supported by said platform.

4. In a sheet material holder, an inclined platform, a bottom retaining wall cooperating with said platform and inclined at an acute angle to the latter, and an upper retaining wall substantially parallel with the lower retaining wall, and pivotally mounted retaining means adapted to engage sheet material supported by said platform.

5. In a sheet material holder, an inclined platform, a bottom retaining wall cooperating with said platform and inclined at an acute angle to the latter, an upper retaining wall substantially parallel with the lower retaining wall and provided with a roughened area adapted to cooperate with the edges of sheet material supported by said platform, and pivotally mounted spring-actuated retaining means adapted to engage sheet material supported by said platform.

In testimony whereof, I have affixed my signature to this specification.

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