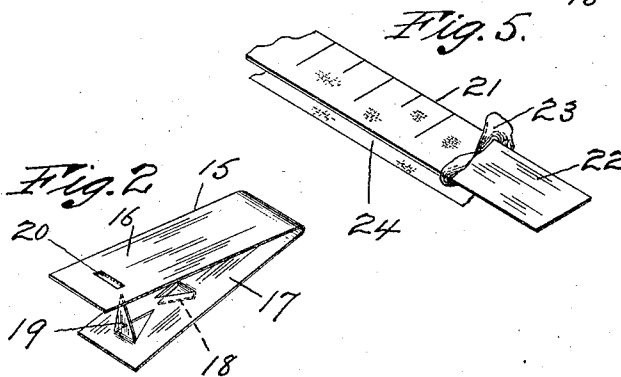
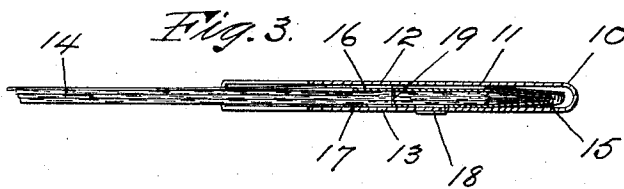
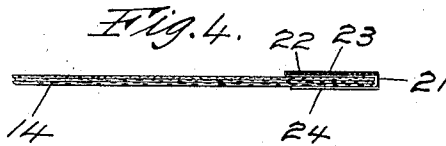
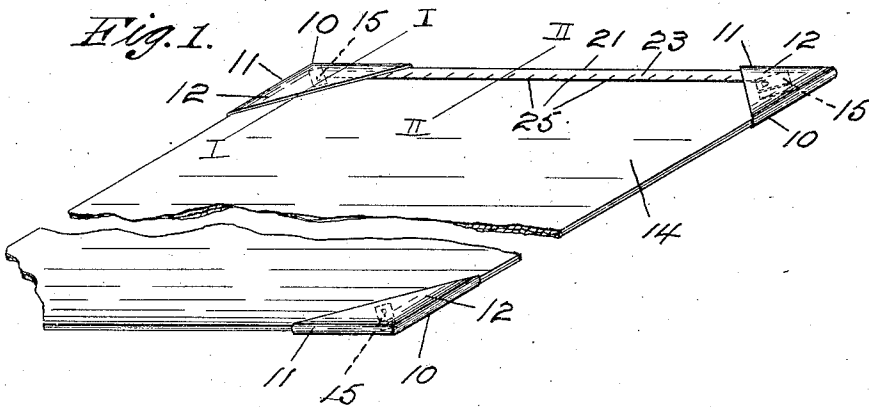


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS SAINBERG, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, county and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

This invention relates to a class of devices adapted especially for use in conjunction with blotters.

My invention has for its object primarily to provide a holder designed to be employed on one or more corners of a blotter used for absorbing writing ink, or the like, and which is constructed to permit each holder to be applied to a single blotter in a manner whereby a number of blotters, if desired, may also be held in layers by the holders, thus dispensing with the requirement of providing a base-board having corner pockets secured thereto as is incident to the present forms of blotters used upon writing desks.

Another object of the invention is to provide a form of gripping element, or catch which permits the holder to be detachably held to the blotter so as to permit it to be replaced with a new blotter when preferred; and still another object of the invention is to provide a protector, or edging adapted to be used upon one or more of the margins of a desk blotter whereby the blotter may be prevented from being damaged.

A further object of the invention is to provide a holder of simple, inexpensive and efficient form, and which is susceptible of being made of various materials and in different sizes.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views, the said invention being more fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a view, partly broken away and partly fragmentary, of a blotter with a plurality of forms of my holders applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the clip employed in conjunction with the holder. Fig. 3 is a section taken on the line I—I of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a section taken on the line II—II of

Fig. 1, and Fig. 5 is a fragmentary detail view of a form of protector adapted to be used in conjunction with the holder.

The device or holder 10 has a substantially triangular casing or pocket 11 formed by two side walls 12 and 13 which are spaced apart in parallel relation. The casing 11 may be made of leather, cloth covered or leather covered cardboard, or any other flexible material so that the straight edges of the walls 12 and 13 may be integrally formed, if preferred, in order that the pocket may be attractive in appearance and properly protect the edges in proximity to the corners of a blotter, as 14, when applied thereon, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawing.

Serving as a means to detachably fasten the casing 11 to the blotter between the walls 12 and 13 thereof is a gripping element, or catch 15. The catch 15 preferably consists of a flat strip of spring metal which is transversely bent centrally thereof so as to provide two arms 16 and 17 which are disposed in approximately the shape of a V, as shown in Fig. 2. The arm 17 is cut-out substantially centrally thereof, and the cut-out portion is struck outwardly from the plate whereby a V-shaped clip, or tongue 18 is provided. To connect the catch 15 and the casing 11 said catch is disposed, as indicated in Fig. 1, between the walls 12 and 13 so that the apex of the arms 16 and 17 thereof will be seated at the right angle corner of the casing, and the free ends of said arms will be substantially midway of the oblique edge of the casing. The clip 18 is then forced through the walls 13 of the casing, and is bent over upon its opposite surface so as to rigidly hold the catch within the casing 11. The arm 17 is also cut-out adjacent to its free end whereby a second clip, or tongue 19 is provided, and said tongue disposed toward the arm 16 of the catch. Through the arm 16 of the catch 15 is an opening 20 for reception of the tongue 19 so that the corresponding corner of one or more sheets of blotters may be inserted in the holder and disposed between the arms 16 and 17 of the catch 15. By using a slight pressure the tongue 19 will be forced through the blotters and directed through the opening 20 of the arm 16, and the free end of said tongue may then be bent over upon the surface of the arm 16. The arm 16 will thereby be free from engagement with the wall 12

of the casing 11 so as to provide a space between one surface of said arm and the opposed surface of the wall 12 of the casing.

In applying the holder upon a desk blotter I prefer to use four of said holders, one upon each corner of the blotter, and, if desired, a number of layers of additional blotters may be arranged upon the blotters held between the catches thereof by inserting the corners of the additional blotters in the space between the arm 16 of the catch 15 and the wall 12 of the casing 11.

In order to prevent the edges of a desk blotter, for instance, which is provided as above described from being damaged, upon one end or more of the edges of the blotter may be removably held a protector, or strip 21, as indicated in Fig. 1. The protector, or edging 21 is preferably composed of a strip 22 which may be of metal, or other suitable stiff material of approximately a similar length to one of the edges of the blotter. The strip 22 has a covering of cloth, as 23, or other material, and is of a width to provide a flap 24. Upon the top surface of the covering 23 of the strip 22 may be indicated by lines 25, or otherwise a number of inches, or approximations thereof so that the protector may serve for various useful purposes. In applying the protector upon a blotter the flap 24 is guided between the opposed edges of two of the blotters, and the strip 22 is placed upon the top surface of all of the blotters. By guiding the ends of the protector between the top blotter and the opposed surface of the wall 12 of the casing 11 of each of the protectors at one edge of the blotters it will be held against displacement.

In the foregoing description I have embodied the preferred form of my invention, but I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself thereto, as I am aware that modifications may be made therein without departing from the principle, or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention,

therefore I reserve to myself the right to make such changes as fairly fall within the scope thereof.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. A holder of the character described, comprising a substantially triangular casing having two flexible walls which are spaced apart in parallel relation, said casing having an opening in its obliquely formed edge for reception of a corner of a blotter, and a catch within the casing, said catch being composed of two integrally formed arms, one of the arms having a clip serving to fasten the catch within the casing and having a second clip adapted to be penetrated through the blotter when inserted between the arms and engage the second arm of the catch.

2. A holder of the character described, comprising a substantially triangular casing having two walls which are spaced apart in parallel relation, said casing having an opening in its obliquely formed edge for reception of a corner of a blotter, a gripping element within the casing, said gripping element consisting of two integral flexible members which are bent in substantially the shape of a V, said members being disposed within the casing so that the free ends thereof extend toward the opening of the casing, one of said members being free from engagement with the casing and the second member being secured to the inner surface of one of the walls of the casing and formed so that its free end is adapted to be penetrated through a blotter and engage the first member.

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