

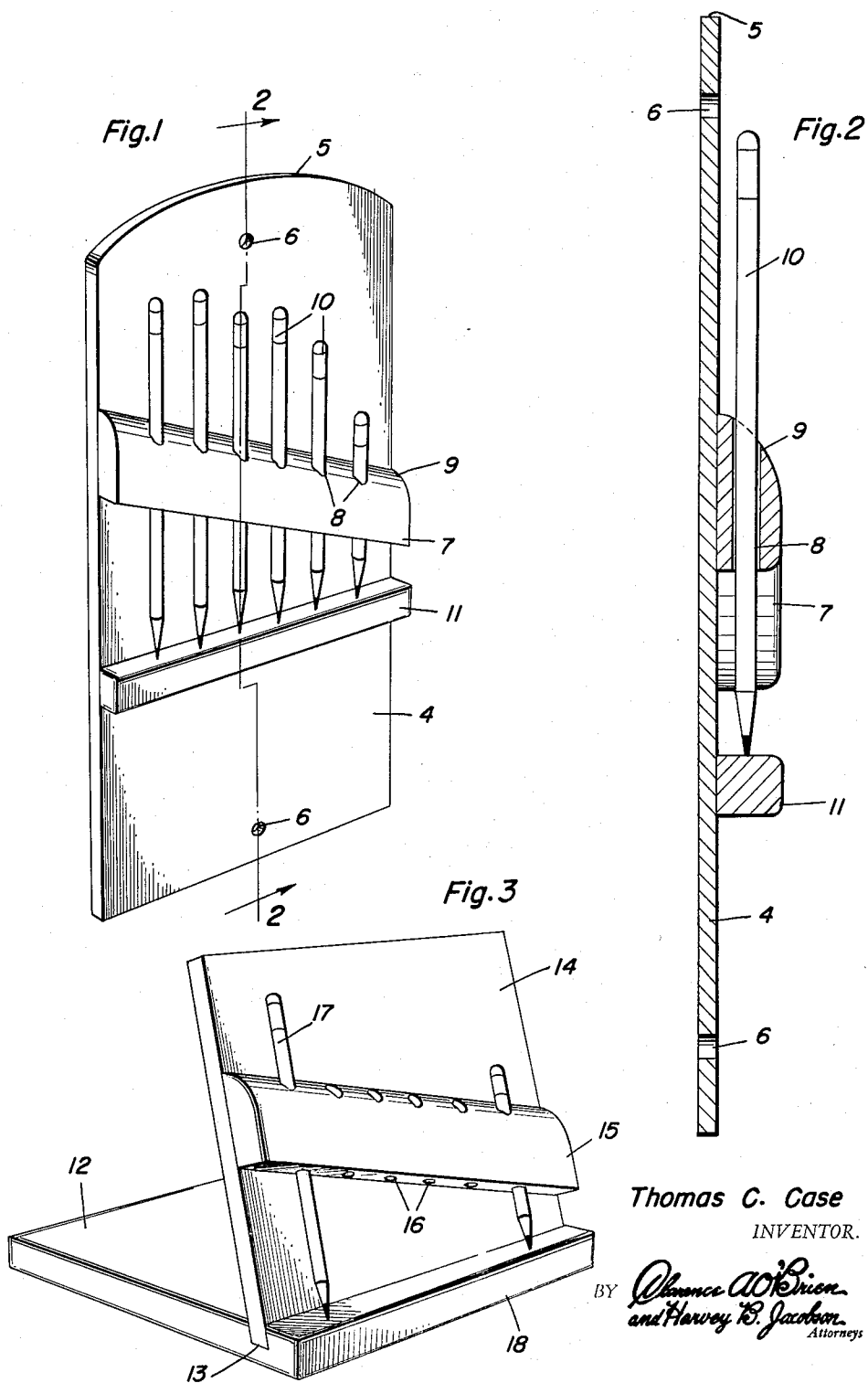
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1 Claim. (Cl. 211-69)

The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in pencil racks and has for one of its important objects to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a device of this character which is adapted to hold for easy selection, removal and replacement a plurality of pencils of various lengths.

Another important object of the invention is to provide a rack of the aforementioned character which is adapted to hold the pencils in a manner to expose the points thereof to the observer, thus facilitating the selection of a pencil which is ready for use.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a pencil rack of the character described which will be comparatively simple in construction, strong, durable, compact, of light weight, attractive in appearance and which may be manufactured at low cost.

These together with other objects and advantages which will become subsequently apparent reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing a rack constructed in accordance with the present invention with a plurality of pencils mounted thereon;

Figure 2 is an enlarged view in vertical section, taken substantially on the line 2-2 of Figure 1; and

Figure 3 is a perspective view of a modification.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that the embodiment of the invention which has been illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 of said drawing comprises an upright, vertically elongated wall plate or panel 4 of wood, plastic or other suitable material. The plate 4, which may also be of any desired dimensions, comprises a rounded upper end 5. The upper and lower end portions of the plate 4 have formed therein openings 6 for the passage of screws or other suitable elements for securing said plate in position on a wall or other support.

Mounted on the front of the plate 4 at an intermediate point is an inclined bar 7. The bar 7 may also be of any desired material and said bar is secured in any suitable manner on the plate 4. Extending vertically through the bar 7 is a plurality of spaced holes, openings or bores 8. The bar 7 further includes a substantially beveled or rounded upper portion 9 for exposing the upper ends of the bores 8 to the view of a person observing the rack from the front thereof.

The bores 8 in the inclined bar 7 are for the reception of a plurality of pencils 10 of various lengths. Fixed transversely on the plate 4 in spaced relation below the bar 7 is a cleat or ledge 11 on which the pencils 10 rest by gravity. The pencils 10 are inserted in the bores 8 with the points thereof lowermost for engagement on the ledge 11.

It is thought that the use of the device will be readily apparent from a consideration of the foregoing. Briefly,

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the pencils 10 are inserted downwardly through the bores 8 in the inclined bar 7 and said pencils are supported by the ledge 11 in an obvious manner. Of course, the shorter pencils are inserted in the bores 8 in the lower portion of the inclined bar 7. The inclination of the bar 7 permits the mounting of different lengths of pencils on the rack. The pointed ends of the pencils 10, resting on the ledge 11, are clearly visible, permitting a pencil which is ready to be used to be easily selected. The upper ends of the bores 8, being exposed by the substantially beveled or rounded upper portion 9 of the bar 7, facilitates inserting the pencils downwardly in said bores. The ledge 11, which may also be of any suitable material, is spaced from the lower end of the plate 4 to provide space for a memorandum book or pad, if desired.

The modification of Figure 3 of the drawing is for use on a desk, table or other horizontal support. Toward this end, there is provided a flat, horizontal base 12 of suitable dimensions and material, said base being substantially square or rectangular and having formed transversely therein, adjacent to but spaced from its front edge, a groove or channel 13 comprising upwardly and rearwardly inclined side walls. Fixed in the groove or channel 13 is a substantially upright plate 14 having fixed thereon at an intermediate point an inclined bar 15 which is substantially similar to the bar 7, said bar 15 having spaced, vertical bores 16 therein for the reception of the pencils 17. The portion of the base 12 which projects forwardly beyond the plate 14 provides a ledge 18 on which the pencils 17 rest.

The foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly all suitable modifications and equivalent may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

As a new article of manufacture, a rack for holding and displaying for selective removal and replacement a plurality of sharpened pencils of various lengths, said rack including a flat, horizontal base comprising a front edge, an upwardly and rearwardly inclined plate fixed transversely on said base adjacent to but in rearwardly spaced, parallel relation to said front edge, and a bar mounted transversely on the front of said plate, said bar having extending therethrough from the top to the bottom thereof a series of spaced, parallel bores for the reception of pencils of various lengths, said bar being spaced from the base for exposing the pencils therebetween and including a rounded top portion exposing the upper end portions of the bores to an observer from the front of the rack to facilitate inserting the pencils, said bar being transversely inclined for exposing the upper ends of the pencils whereby the length thereof is revealed, the front portion of the base underlying the bar for receiving thereon and displaying the sharpened end portions of the pencils and supporting said pencils in the bores.

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