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2 SHEETS—SHEET 1.

FIG. 1

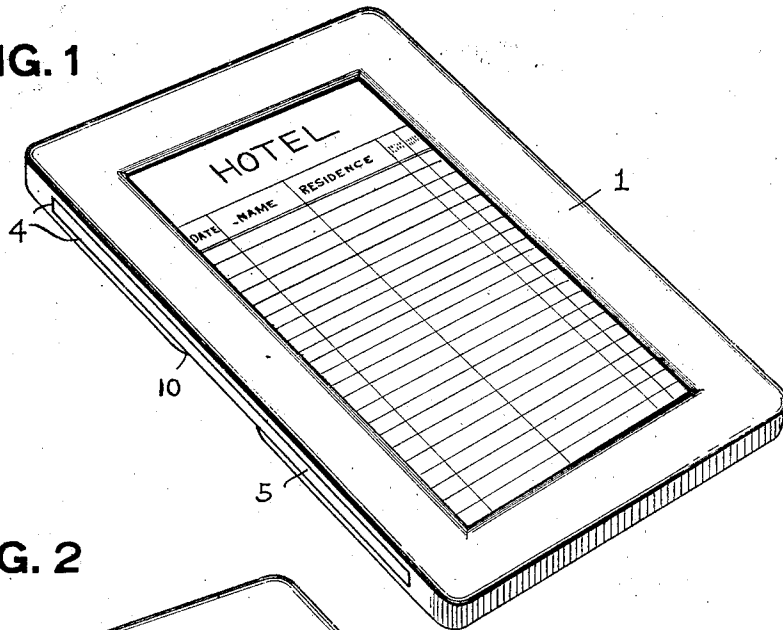
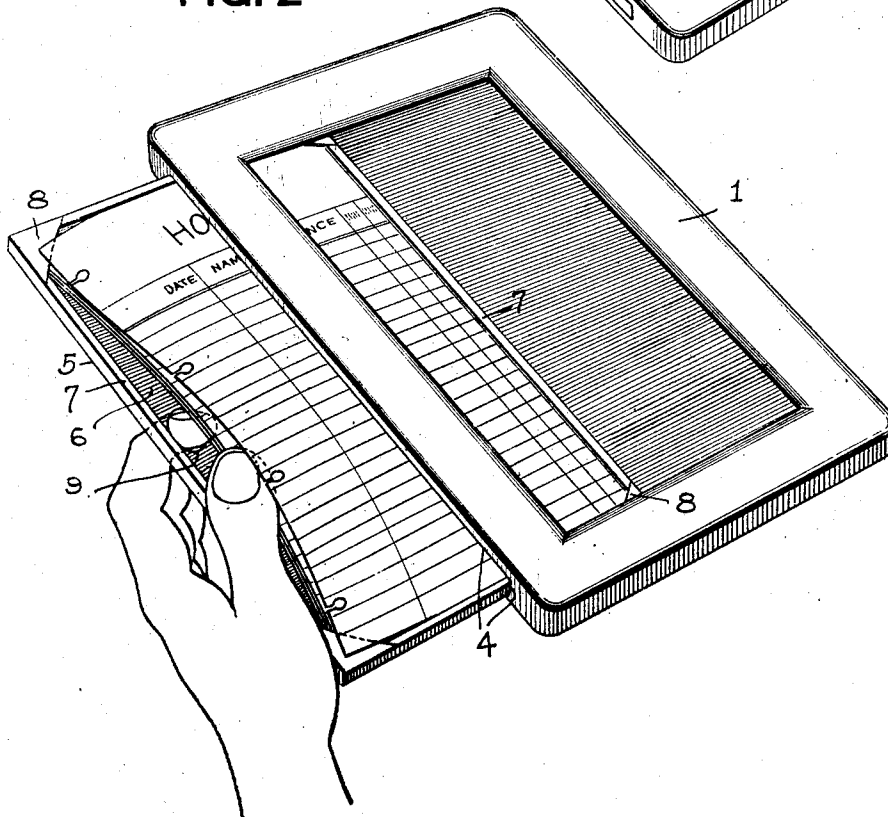


FIG. 2



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FIG. 3

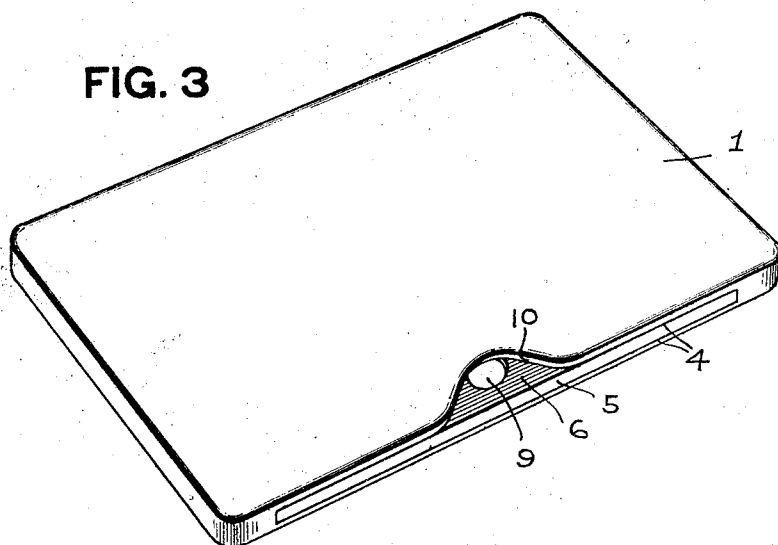


FIG. 4

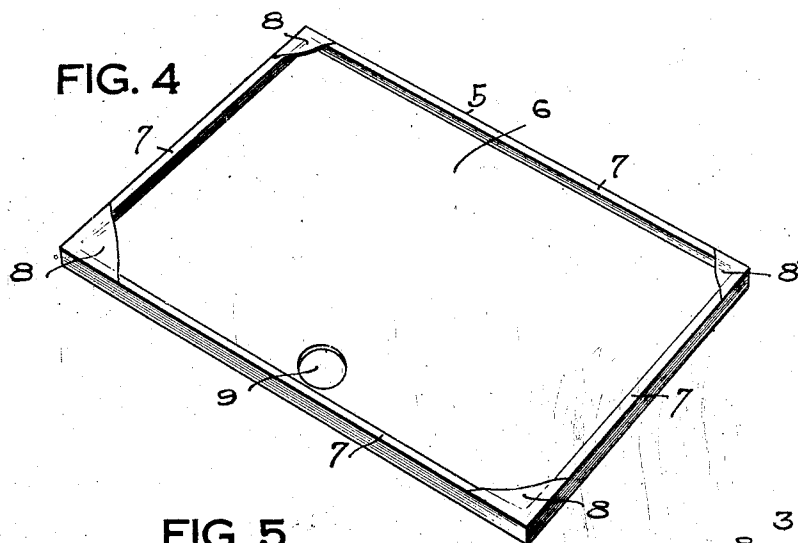


FIG. 5

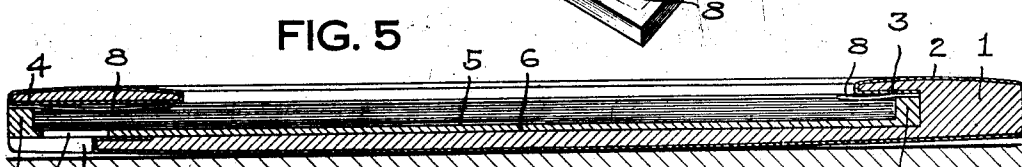
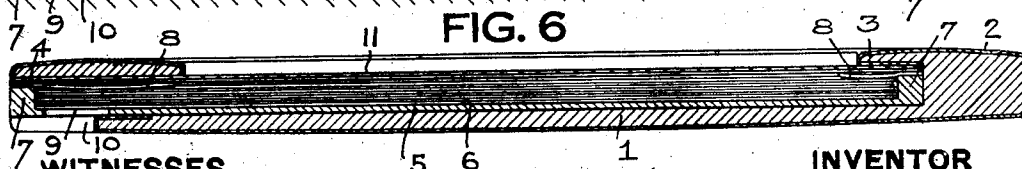


FIG. 6



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES O. MARQUETTE, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hotel-Registers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

10 My invention relates to a device for holding so-called loose-leaf records, such for example, as hotel register sheets, dramatic "parts", commercial recording sheets, legal briefs, sermons, addresses and numerous like documents or papers, of which the convenient and rapid handling, and preserving the proper order of the same is of prime importance.

While the invention may be adapted to any or all of the uses mentioned, it is of special value when used as a loose-leaf register for hotels, and for that reason will be particularly and specifically described in connection with such use, though it is to be understood that the use of the device is in no way so limited; and, in fact, modified forms of the device are shown and described in the accompanying drawing and specification, which are particularly useful for other than hotel purposes. The defects, inconvenience and disadvantages of the use of the ordinary bound or book hotel register is well known to all familiar with the hotel business. When a guest "registers", it is highly important and necessary that all data including the name, address, time of registration, etc., of the guest be made known instantly to a number of different officials and employees of the hotel, such for example, as the cashier, telephone operator, mail clerk, head porter, floor manager, head chamber maid, etc. When a large number of guests arrive at one time, the booking of said guests involves the constant use on the desk of the entire bound or book register. Also, whenever a guest or other person desires to consult the register to ascertain the arrival of friends, said register is not available to any of the officials above mentioned until the party consulting it has completed his investigation. The consequence is that work of the entire office and other operative force of the hotel is held up and these officials must stand about absolutely idle so far as securing immediate record of the last registration is concerned, until the

register is again available for transcribing the data recorded thereon. Moreover, the constant handling of the bound sheets of a book register soils the pages and renders the same untidy and unpleasant to consult.

One of the chief objects of this invention, therefore, is to so arrange and mount the leaves of a hotel register that as soon as a page thereof is filled with the guests' names, etc., said page may be forthwith removed from the holder, passed immediately to the officials whose duty it is to transcribe the record for distribution to those departments charged with the responsibility of keeping track of the names of the guests and all information and requirements concerning them. As soon as one sheet or page is filled and removed from the holder, the next sheet or blank page is available for registration purposes, and the work of the office and other operative force of the hotel may continue uninterruptedly in taking the data from the sheet just removed; while, simultaneously, the new sheet or page is available for registration purposes. Moreover, as soon as all of the data from one sheet has been transcribed, said sheet may be immediately transferred to a separate holder or binder on the hotel desk where it may be consulted by parties desiring to ascertain the presence and time of arrival of friends or relatives at the hotel. Moreover, by such a device and arrangement, old records or prior pages of the register which have become obsolete so far as consultation by the public is concerned, may be filed away for permanent record and are not subjected to the constant handling due to being bound up with the more recent sheets or pages of a permanently bound register. The data of these prior or older sheets or pages having become a matter of record in several of the other departments of the hotel office, the presence of a party who has been a guest at the hotel for several days may be readily ascertained without reference to the former pages of the register.

Furthermore, the device or holder may be used as a loose-leaf holder for papers or documents for other purposes; for example, an artist when rehearsing his part for a play has occasion to go over the pages of his part again and again so that frequently, important passages therein become obliterated or blurred by handling. With a holder of the kind hereinafter described, the separate

pages of the part may be neatly arranged, readily removed and preserved from mutilation and disfigurement. The same will also be true when the device is used as a holder for legal briefs, sermons, addresses and the like.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear from the following description, the invention contemplates the employment of a holder or frame for maintaining the documents in readily readable position, said frame being of a size and shape convenient for handling and adapted to the particular kind of documents or sheets it is intended to hold. Within this frame is held a removable pad or carrier for the sheets so constructed and arranged that any desired number of sheets may be held therein, and the pad slipped within or removed from the holding frame without mutilation or disturbance of the remaining sheets, and so constructed that separate sheets may be readily and quickly removed exposing the next consecutive sheet for record or consultation.

With these objects in view, therefore, the invention consists in a construction and arrangement of parts, modified forms of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective plan view of a loose-leaf holder embodying the invention; Fig. 2 is a perspective view similar to Fig. 1 showing the sheet carrier partially removed from the holder, and indicating the manner of removing a separate sheet therefrom; Fig. 3 is a reverse perspective plan view showing the back of the holder and illustrating certain features which facilitate the removal of the carrier from the frame and removal of the sheets from the carrier; Fig. 4 is a similar view of the pad or carrier in which the loose sheets are mounted for ready insertion and removal from the main holder; Fig. 5 is a transverse sectional view of the device shown in Fig. 1, illustrating more clearly the construction and relative arrangement of the holder and carrier when assembled; and Fig. 6 is a sectional view similar to Fig. 5, showing a modified form of the device including a celluloid or other transparent protecting member adapted to overlie the sheets in the holder to preserve the same from soiling or mutilation.

Referring to Figs. 1 to 5 inclusive, 1 indicates a holder or frame which may be of suitable body material, such as leather, papier-mâché, or the like, and may be suitably covered with a binding 2 of leather to present an attractive appearance. This holder or frame is provided with an opening having undercut recesses 3 at three sides thereof, and having its fourth side opening out to the side of the frame or holder at 4 for the

reception of a pad 5 adapted to contain a plurality of record sheets, such as loose-leaves of a hotel register, for example, although, as above stated, these loose sheets or leaves may be used for any desired purpose. This pad is illustrated in detail in Fig. 4 where it is shown to consist of a back board 6 and a raised rim 7 extending around the four sides. At each of the corners is provided an overlying corner holder 8 for retaining the loose leaves snugly within the pad. From an inspection of Fig. 5, it will be seen that these corner pieces are somewhat depressed between the rim portions in order to hold the sheets below the level of the top of the rim in order that the top of the sheets may not be mutilated or disturbed when the pad is slipped within the frame or holder. This raised rim is especially desirable at the rear edge of the pad, so that when such edge slips beneath the rear edge of the frame or holder, the sheets will not be disturbed or mutilated as they would be if the pad were not provided with this protecting rim at its rear edge.

In order to facilitate the withdrawal of the pad from the holder, said pad is provided at its forward edge with an aperture 9 and the under portion or back of the holder or frame is provided with a finger recess 10, which, when the parts are assembled, lies opposite the pad aperture 9, as shown in Fig. 3. Thus the pad may be readily removed by merely slipping the finger within the aperture 9. This construction has the further advantage that when it is desired to remove the top sheet from those contained in the pad, a slight further projection of the forefinger within the pad aperture 9, as indicated in Fig. 2, will serve to spring the corners of the top sheet from beneath the corner pieces 8 of the pad whereupon said top sheet may be easily removed by slipping the thumb between it and the rest of the sheets, as also indicated in Fig. 2. Thereupon the top sheet may be removed by thumb and finger, and the pad with the remaining sheets slipped back into the holder.

From the above described construction and manner of manipulation, it will be seen that the device is particularly well adapted for use as a holder for the loose leaves of a hotel register, for as soon as the top sheet is filled with guests' names and addresses, said sheet may be removed and turned over to other members of the office force whose duty it is to make records therefrom. This segregation of the sheets permits the continuation of the functions of the office force of the hotel without interruption common to the use of a bound register, as above set forth.

In order to turn the register about easily on the counter when it is to be consulted or

used alternately by a guest or a member of the office force, the bottom of the frame or holder is slightly dished as indicated in Fig. 5, so that the entire device may be easily swung around somewhat as on a pivot.

In the modified form of the invention, as indicated in Fig. 6, the frame or holder may be provided with a transparent protecting sheet 11 of celluloid or the like which may be suitably attached to the under side of the upper portions of the frame member 5. Thus the sheets within the pad are preserved from soiling or mutilation by handling and the like.

While I have described herein a particular construction and arrangement of parts, it is to be understood that the device may be altered in details within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A record holder, comprising a holder proper having a recess in one face opening out to one edge and a pad member consisting of a back and a rim forming a recess for the reception of loose record sheets, said pad member being constructed and arranged to be slipped within the recess in said holder.

2. A record holder comprising a frame or holder member proper, provided with a recess in one face having undercut sides, one side opening out at the edge of the holder and a pad member adapted to hold a plurality of loose record sheets and adapted to be slipped within the recess of said frame through the open side of said recess.

3. A record holder comprising a body proper having a recess extending in from a side thereof, said recess being opened at one face of the holder and a pad member adapted to hold a plurality of loose record sheets adapted to be slipped within said recess from the side of the holder, said holder having a finger recess at the edge adjacent the opening to the pad receiving recess, and said pad having a finger opening adapted to register with said finger recess when the parts are assembled to facilitate the withdrawal of the pad from said holder.

4. A record holder comprising a body proper having a recess extending in from a side thereof, said recess being opened at one face of the holder and a pad member adapted to hold a plurality of loose record sheets adapted to be slipped within said recess from the side of the holder, said holder having a finger recess at the edge adjacent

the opening to the pad receiving recess and said pad having a finger opening adapted to register with said finger recess when the parts are assembled to facilitate the withdrawal of the pad from said holder, said pad also having means to retain the loose sheets therein, and said finger opening in said pad affording means to spring the top sheet out of said pad to facilitate removal of said sheet.

5. A record holder comprising in combination a frame or holder having a back and a raised rim having flanges spaced away from the back and forming an undercut recess in the face of said holder, said recess opening out to one side of the holder, and a pad adapted to hold a plurality of loose record sheets and consisting of a back and a raised rim extending around its perimeter, said back and rim forming a receptacle for a plurality of loose sheets, said pad having corner pieces overlying said recess and adapted to overlie the corners of the loose sheets carried in said pad, whereby said sheets may be preserved from mutilation when the pad is slipped within the recess of said holder.

6. A record holder comprising in combination, a frame or holder having a back and a raised rim having flanges spaced away from the back and forming the undercut recess in the face of said holder, said recess opening out to one side of the holder and a pad adapted to hold a plurality of loose record sheets and consisting of a back and a raised rim extending around its perimeter, said back and rim forming a receptacle for a plurality of loose sheets, said pad having corner pieces overlying said recess and adapted to overlie the corners of the loose sheets carried in said pad, whereby said sheets may be preserved from mutilation when the pad is slipped within the recess of said holder, the back of said holder having a finger recess and the back of said pad having a finger opening adapted to register with said holder recess when the parts are assembled to facilitate removal of the pad from said holder, and also to facilitate removal of the sheets from said pad.

In testimony whereof I, the said CHARLES O. MARQUETTE, have hereunto set my hand.

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