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DESK CALENDAR

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Fig. 1

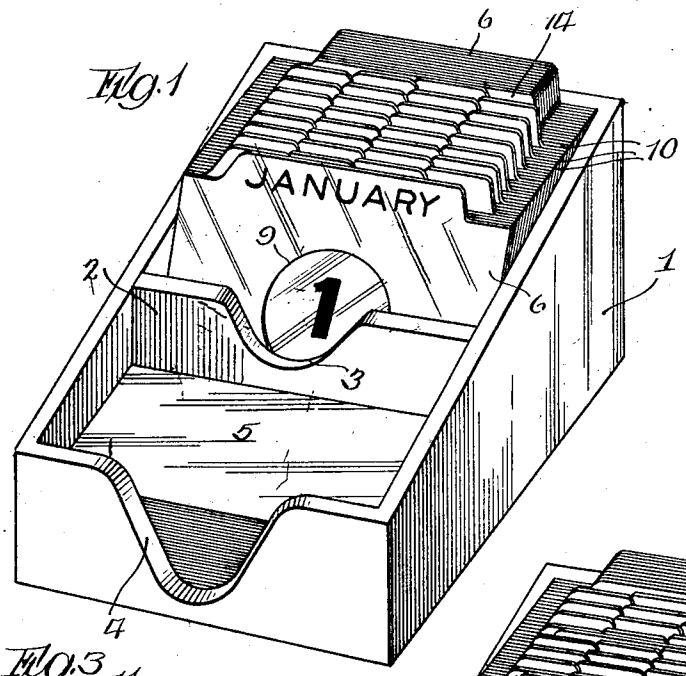


Fig. 2

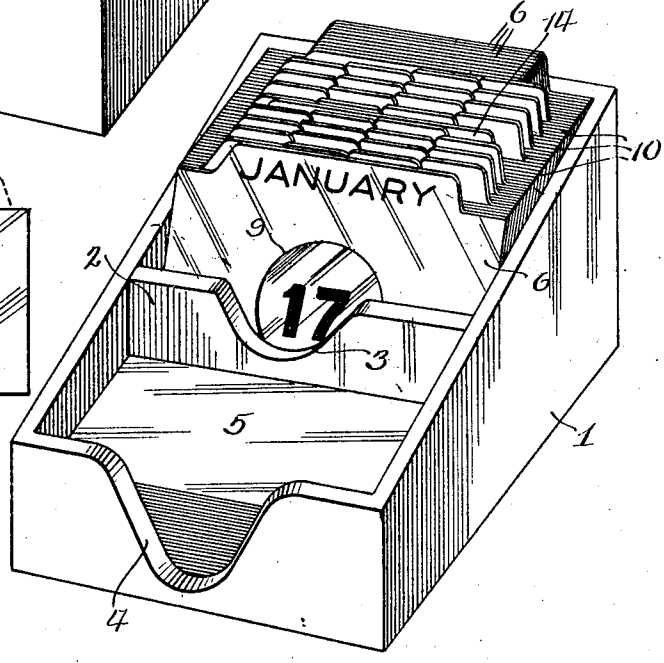


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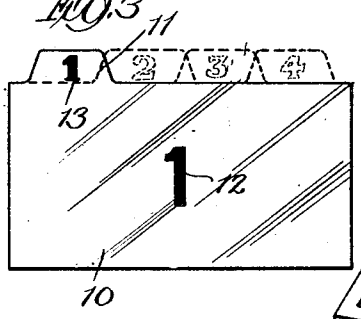
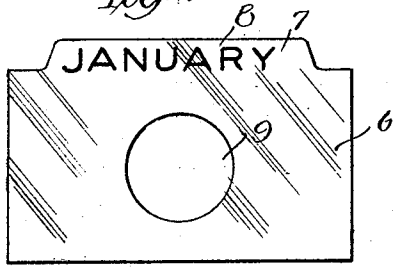


Fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW L. WEIS, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Monroe, Monroe County, Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Desk Calendars, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to calendar devices, more particularly to those for use as a combined calendar and reminder, and more especially to those which are adapted to be used on the desk, so that memoranda may be made thereon with reference to things to be done or things to be given attention on certain dates in the future.

Generally stated, the object of the invention is to provide a desk calendar in the form of a card index having month cards and date cards between which memorandum cards can be placed so that the device may be used as a perpetual calendar and reminder, the month cards and the date cards being suitable for use year after year, in conjunction with new memorandum cards.

It is also an object to provide certain details and features of construction tending to increase the general efficiency and the desirability of a card index desk calendar of this particular character.

To the foregoing and other useful ends the invention consists in matters hereinafter set forth and claimed and shown in the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective of a combined perpetual calendar and memorandum device embodying the principles of the invention, showing the condition of the device on a certain date.

Figure 2 is a similar view showing the condition of the device on a different date.

Figure 3 is a front elevation of one of the date cards.

Figure 4 is a front elevation of one of the month cards.

As thus illustrated, the invention comprises a suitable tray or box 1, having an open top which slopes gradually to the front thereof, and which is provided with a transverse and somewhat centrally located partition 2 to divide the box into two compartments. To facilitate the use of the device, as will hereinafter more fully appear, the partition 2 is preferably provided with a central notch 3, to expose the date on the calendar, and the front of the box is provided with a similar notch 4 to permit insertion of the thumb to lift off the memorandum cards 5 which are kept in a stack in the front compartment of the box. The month cards 6 are each formed with an upper broad flap or tab 7 having the month 8 printed thereon, and each card is also provided with a central round opening 9 as shown. The date cards 10 are each formed with an upper narrow tab 11, there being four variations of this card, each having its tab 11 a little farther to the right, as indicated in dotted lines in Figure 3, so that when the four successive cards are viewed from the front their successive numerals are visible at the same time, and it will be understood that the next four cards are similar and produce the same effect, and that each successive group of four cards is of the same character, so that the entire number of date cards is made up of a plurality of successive groups, there being four cards in each group. Therefore, as will hereinafter more fully appear, each date card preferably has its date indication not only at the center thereof, as at 12, but also on the tab at 13, so that in running back through the different date cards it is easy to see the dates and to find the one desired, the tabs being an index of the dates found on the faces or body portions of the cards.

Now assuming that the calendar is in the condition shown in Figure 1, starting with the first of January, the method of use is as follows: On the day after, the guide or date card having the Figure 1 thereon is taken out and placed back of the February card 14, and this is continued from day to day until all of the date cards are arranged consecutively back of said February card. Then the January card is taken out and inserted at the extreme back of the group of month cards at the rear of the box. This method of use is illustratd in Figure 2, in which it will be seen that sixteen of the date cards have been taken out and arranged consecutively back of the February card 14, so that the date January 17 shows on the calendar. It will thus be seen that the holes 9 of the month cards are to bring into view the dates on the guide cards, in the manner shown and described. When the dates are all gone for February, this month card is taken out and placed at the back of the box, the guide cards having the dates there-

on having in the meantime been placed consecutively back of the month card. This operation is repeated from month to month until the year is up, and then the calendar starts over again, as shown in Figure 1, being in this way a perpetual calendar.

Now in using the device as a reminder, or as a calendar for memoranda, it is merely necessary to write the memorandum on the cards 5, and to place them in front of the dates for the ensuing months, so that when any particular date is reached the memorandum card will be found in front thereof. If memoranda are to be made for dates occurring in some future month, as for example three or four months ahead, the memorandum cards with the proper notations thereon can then be inserted in front of the proper month cards in the group of month cards in back of the box, and these memorandum cards can then be distributed from time to time among the date cards when each month is reached. It will be seen, however, that the device can be used in various ways, and the invention is not limited to any particular method of use.

Therefore, it will be seen that the date cards 10 serve as means for in effect changing the date on any month card 6, for any date card can be positioned back of the opening 9 in any month card, thus causing any month card to display any desired date.

Thus it will be seen that it is the date card which is actually in engagement with the month card which serves to indicate the day of the month, as when the January card is visible, as shown, for it is the date card which is immediately back of and in engagement with this month card which indicates the day of the month.

What I claim as my invention is:—

1. In a desk calendar, the combination of month cards having the names of the months thereon, and date cards having the days of the month thereon, the date cards being common to the month cards, and being adapted to co-operate with the different month cards successively to show the day of the month, said month cards each having an opening therein and the date cards having numerals thereon to be exposed by said openings of the month cards.

2. In a desk calendar, the combination of month cards having the names of the months thereon, and date cards having the days of the month thereon, the date cards being common to the month cards, and being adapted to co-operate with the different month cards successively to show the day of the month, each date card having a centrally located numeral thereon, and also a tab with a similar numeral, and each month card having a centrally located opening to expose the numeral on the face of each date card, each month card having the name of the month displayed thereon at the upper edge thereof, and the tabs of the date cards being flush with the upper edges of the month cards and located differently on the different date cards.

3. In a desk calendar, the combination of month cards having the names of the months thereon, and date cards having the days of the month thereon, the date cards being common to the month cards, and being adapted to co-operate with the different month cards successively to show the day of the month, said date cards having a numeral on the face of each card, and said month cards each having a hole to expose the numerals on the date cards, forming a perpetual calendar.

4. A desk memo calendar comprising month cards formed at their upper edges with wide tabs having the names of the months thereon, means for in effect changing the date on any month card, comprising date cards formed at their upper edges with differently located narrow tabs having the days of the month thereon, so that the cards may be arranged with their narrow tabs disposed in parallel rows, and an open top holder for all of said cards, by which the cards are held one in front of another, the date cards being common to the month cards, and being adapted to cooperate with the different month cards successively, by placing any date card in engagement with the month card, whereby the date card in engagement with the visible month card serves to show the day of the month, said month cards each having an opening therein and the date cards having numerals thereon to be exposed by said openings of the month cards.

5. A desk memo calendar comprising month cards having the names of the months thereon, means for in effect changing the date on any month card, comprising date cards having the days of the month thereon, and a tray-like holder for holding all of said cards in position, by which the cards are held one in front of another, the date cards being common to the month cards, and being adapted to cooperate with the different month cards successively, by placing any date card in engagement with the month cards, whereby the date card in engagement with the visible month card serves to show the day of the month, each date card having a centrally located numeral thereon, and also a tab with a similar numeral, each month card having a centrally located opening to expose the numeral on the face of each date card, and said holder having a transverse wall formed with a wide notch to expose to view said opening, each month card having the name of the month displayed thereon at the upper edge thereof, and the tabs of the date cards being flush

with the upper edges of the month cards and located differently on the different date cards.

6. A desk memo calendar comprising month cards having the names of the months thereon, means for in effect changing the date on any month card, comprising date cards having the days of the month thereon, and a holder serving as a portable container for all of said cards, by which the cards are held one in front of another, the date cards being common to the month cards, and being adapted to cooperate with the different month cards successively, by placing any date card in engagement with the month card, whereby the date card in engagement with the visible month card serves to show the day of the month, said date cards having a numeral on the face of each card, said month cards each having a hole below the name of the month to expose the numerals on the date cards, and said holder having an opening to expose to view said hole, the continuation thus forming a perpetual calendar.

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