PENCIL-CARRYING MEMORANDUM
PAD OR BOOK
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This invention relates to pencil-carrying memorandum pads or books particularly adapted for use in keeping scores of games, such as golf, bridge, shopping lists, and the like, and the principal object of the invention is to provide a memorandum pad or book having a base with a plurality of uniform stacks of writing paper secured to the base and so spaced apart as to form a channel therebetween to receive a pencil having means for detachably holding the pencil in said channel in such manner that it can be readily removed and replaced and which will be of such convenient character as to insure the presence of the pencil at all times.

A further object of the invention is to provide a pencil-carrying memorandum pad in book form having a base section and a cover section connected by a hinge portion provided intermediate of its length and preferably centrally thereof with a recess in the hinge portion extending also into the base and cover with uniform stacks of writing paper secured to said base adjacent the hinge portion and so spaced apart as to provide a channel for a pencil having a suitable clip adapted to be clamped within the recess with the end of the pencil extending into the recess and so exposed that it can be readily grasped for removal and replacement without opening the book and if desired without removing the book from a pocket in which it is carried.

A further object of the invention is to provide a memorandum book of the character above described having a series of wider sheets underlying the stacks and preferably provided with a recess complementary to the recess in said base and cover adapted to receive permanent memoranda if the sheets of the stack are detached.

The term “pencil” is employed herein in a broad sense as descriptive of any suitable marking instrumentality such as a pencil, pen, crayon, or the like, and it will be understood that the term “pencil” as used in the claims is to be considered in this broad sense.

These and other objects and features of the invention will more fully appear from the following description and the accompanying drawings and will be particularly pointed out in the claims.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings in the form of a memorandum book having a base and a cover united by a hinge portion, but it will be understood that the cover and hinge portion may be omitted and the stacks of writing paper or the stacks of writing paper with wider sheets therebeneath secured to the base only.

In the drawings:
Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a memorandum pad and pencil in book form adapted for use in games, such as bridge, with the pencil extending lengthwise of the pad in the channel between the stacks of memorandum sheets thereof; and with a series of full size sheets between the bottom of the stack and the base of the pad;
Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the construction shown in Fig. 1 taken longitudinally of the channel between the narrow stacks of writing paper adjacent one edge of the pencil;
Fig. 3c is a detail vertical sectional view similar to a portion of Fig. 2 in which the wider sheets are omitted;
Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the memorandum book in closed form illustrating the pencil mainly in dotted lines;
Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a memorandum book of like character in which the channel and pencil extend transversely of the length of the pad and illustrating a different manner of securing the memorandum sheets to the base of the pad;
Fig. 5 is a perspective view of another embodiment of the invention;
Fig. 6 is an underneath plan view of a portion of Fig. 5 showing the manner in which the pencil is secured to the base of the pad; and
Fig. 7 is a perspective view of another embodiment of the invention in which the pencil is detachably secured to the cover in such manner as to lie within the channel between the stack of sheets when the book is closed.

The embodiment of the invention illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3 of the drawings comprises a memorandum pad having a rectangular base upon which a series of wide sheets of substantially the same area as the base are superimposed with parallel stacks 3 and 4 of narrower rectangular sheets superimposed upon the wider sheets and so spaced apart as to provide a channel 5 therebetween adapted to receive and substantially to fit a pencil 6 having a suitable clip 7 adapted to
engage the base and/or several of the wider sheets and thereby to clamp the pencil within the channel between the stacks of sheets.

The construction is illustrated in Fig. 1 as in book form with the base 2 forming a section of a cover having a hinge portion 8 which may be integral with or suitably secured to the base section and a rectangular cover portion 9 integral with or connected to the hinge portion and adapted to be folded over the pad as illustrated in Fig. 3.

It will be understood, however, that the hinge portion and cover section may be omitted within the scope of the invention.

Desirably the base, the hinge section 8, and the cover are provided intermediate of the width of the book with a recess 10 registering with the channel 5 so that when the cover 8 is in closed position, as illustrated in Fig. 3, the end of the pencil will project into the recess so that it can be readily grasped for removal and replacement either when the book is open or in closed position as illustrated in Fig. 3, thereby enabling the pencil to be removed for use even if the book is retained in the pocket of the user.

The stack or sheets of writing paper may be secured to the base in any suitable manner as by staples 11 shown in Figs. 1 and 2 which extend through the respective narrow stacks 3 and 4 and the wider sheets 2 therebetween.

The memorandum pad or book of the character above described is particularly useful for the entry of scores such as bridge scores as indicated by the words "We" and "They" on the attached ends of the respective sheets, or by suitable names similarly applied for golf scores or other games for twosomes and foursomes, and the sheets of the stack may if desired be provided with weakened or tear lines 12. The wider sheets desirably are permanently secured in the book and provide ample space for summaries of the game or for permanent memoranda which it is desirable to preserve. In any case whether the memorandum pad is with or without a cover the convenience of having the pencil attached to the pad in the channel between the stacks of narrow sheets practically insures its presence for use at all times, whereas if no means are provided for securing the pencil to the pad it is liable to be mislaid or lost.

Fig. 4 shows an embodiment of the invention in which wider stacks 13 and 14 with preferably an underlying series of wider sheets 15 extend transversely of the length of the pad and are secured to the base 16 by series of rings 17 which are anchored to the base 15 of the pad and extend through suitable perforations in the respective sheets. In this construction, as in that previously described, the base section 16, the hinge section 18, and the cover section 19 are provided intermediate of the length of the book with a recess 20 into which the end of the pencil projects to permit its easy removal and replacement as above described.

Another embodiment of the invention is illustrated in Fig. 5 which comprises a memorandum pad of book form having a base section 21, a hinge section 22, and a cover 23. A series of superimposed sheets of writing paper 24 are suitably connected to the hinge portion 22 preferably by springs or by a spiral wire 25. The sheets are provided with a median longitudinal channel 28 which preferably extends approximately to the hinged ends of the sheets and is of suitable width to receive a pencil 27 having a clip 28 and to provide parallel stack sections of the character above described. The base 21 is provided with a recess 29 suitably spaced from the hinge at the inner end of the sheets and of sufficient length to permit the clip portion of the pencil to be inserted therethrough and the pencil drawn lengthwise sufficiently to clamp the pencil upon the base in the channel 28. In this construction the space between the inner end of the channel and the hinge may be used for a memorandum of a series of games and the scores of the participants noted on the respective narrow portions of the sheet. Thus the memoranda of successive games may be conveniently made upon succeeding sheets, those previously written being turned upwardly against the cover so that the entire data of the series of games or tournaments may be readily reviewed.

Another embodiment of the invention, which is shown in Fig. 7, comprises a pad having a base section 30, a hinge section 31, and a cover section 32 which is provided with a liner 33 preferably stitched along the side edges of the cover section and terminating at a distance from the end of the cover thus forming a pocket. Parallel stacks of writing paper 34 and 35 are secured to the base section adjacent to the hinge portion 31 and so spaced apart as to provide a channel 36 therebetween of sufficient width and depth to receive a pencil 37. The pencil preferably is of regular cross section and is provided with a clip 39 adapted to be inserted into the pocket and clamped upon the liner 33 midway of the width of the cover in such position that when the cover is in closed position the pencil will lie within the channel 38.

In all of the constructions above described means are provided for retaining the pencil within the channel between uniform stacks of writing paper so that the combined pencil and pad occupies a minimum amount of space. This is particularly advantageous in the book forms shown in Figs. 1, 3, and 4, from which the pencil can be removed without opening the book.

In each case the pencil is conveniently attached to the pad in such manner that it is not likely to be misplaced and is always at hand for use. Furthermore, the pencil is so held within the channel of the pad that its point is not liable to be engaged by the wall of a pocket into which the memorandum pad is introduced. In each of the constructions the pencil is readily detachable from the pad for use and readily replaced after use.

It will be understood that the particular embodiment of the invention shown in the accompanying drawings is of an illustrative character and is not restrictive of the meaning and scope of the following claims.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is:

1. A pencil-carrying memorandum pad comprising a base section and a cover section connected by a hinge portion thereto having an inwardly extending recess intermediate of the length of one of its edges, parallel uniform rectangular stacks of writing paper secured to said base adjacent to said hinge portion and spaced apart to provide a channel therebetween registrating with said recess for a pencil having a clip adapted to clamp the pencil to the pad within the channel with the end of the pencil extending into said recess.

2. A pencil-carrying memorandum pad of book form comprising a base section and a cover section

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connected by a hinge portion having intermediate portions of said base and cover sections, parallel uniform narrow stacks of writing paper secured to said base adjacent said hinge section spaced apart to provide a channel therebetween registering with said recess for a pencil having a clip adapted to clamp the pencil to the pad within said channel with the end of the pencil extending into said recess, whereby the pencil may be grasped for removal and replacement without opening the book.

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