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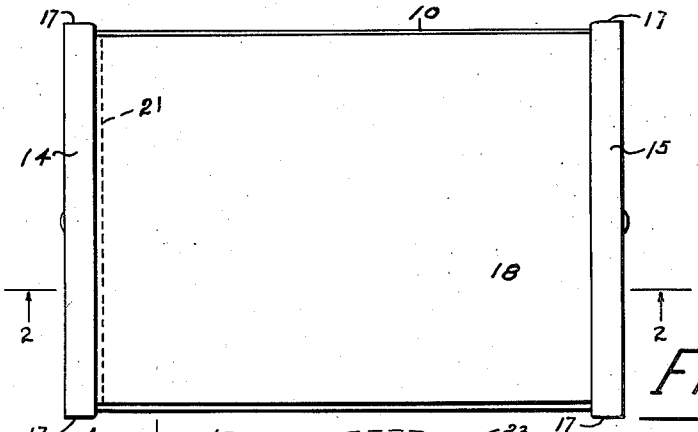


Fig 1

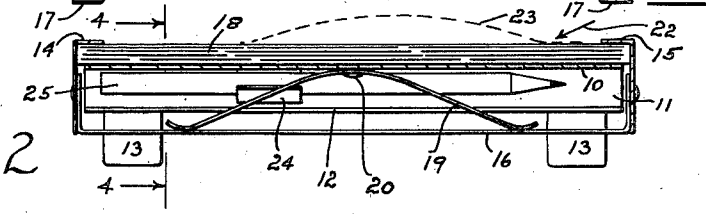


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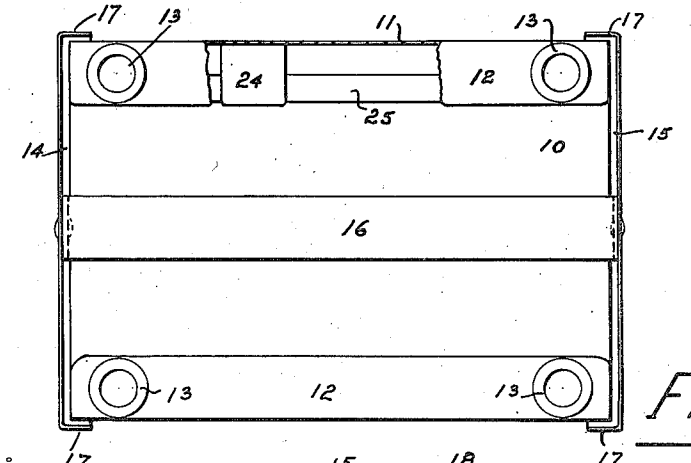


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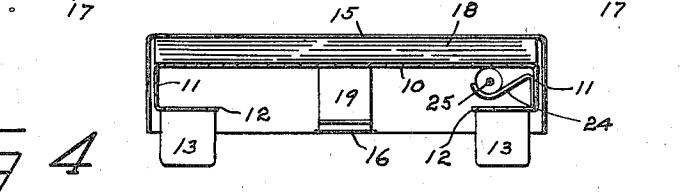


Fig 4

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The invention relates to holders for clamping a stack of papers or a pad while notes or memoranda are made thereon. It has for one of its main objects to provide a holder in which the memorandum papers or pads may be inserted with great ease and from which they may be removed, one at a time, with similar ease.

Another object is to provide a holder which will be suitable for sheets or pads of various kinds, either plain or printed. A further object is to provide a holder in which a stack of unpadded paper may be held as rigidly and securely as if the papers were padded. Additional objects are to provide a holder of pleasing appearance and simple construction, in which means may be provided for holding pencils or other implements used in connection with the holder, and which can be manufactured and sold at a relatively low cost.

These and various other objects and advantages will be readily understood from the following description and from the accompanying drawing of a preferred embodiment of the invention, in which, however, modifications may be made without departing from the scope of the appended claims. In the drawing,

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the holder;

Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional, side view taken on line 2—2 in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a bottom view with certain parts broken away; and

Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional, end view taken on line 4—4 in Fig. 2.

Referring now to all the views simultaneously, the holder consists of a platform 10, the sides 11 of which are bent downwardly and with the extreme edges bent inwardly to form flanges, as shown at 12. Four legs 13 are secured to these inwardly-extending flanges and these legs are preferably made of rubber so that they will not mar the surfaces on which placed. Two clamping members 14 and 15 are held together by means of a cross bar 16 which passes underneath the platform as plainly shown in Fig. 3. The clamping members are bent inwardly over the platform 10 and towards each other, as plainly shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Each of the clamping members is provided with side guards 17.

A stack of paper 18 is inserted under the clamps 14 and 15 and rests on the platform, as plainly shown in Figs. 2 and 4. The side guards 17 prevent sideward displacement of the papers while the clamps 14 and 15 hold it securely to the platform. While it is possible, by making the clamping members and the cross bar 16 quite heavy, to hold the papers securely on the platform merely by the weight of these members, I prefer to insert a flat spring 19 between the platform and the cross member 16 so as to have the spring exert a downward pressure on the clamping members. This spring is preferably secured to the platform by means of a rivet 20.

While the holder is particularly well suited for unpadded sheets of paper, it is evident that it may also be used with pads or tablets. When a pad is used it is preferably perforated along one end, as shown at 21, or the edge of one of the clamping members may be sharpened so that the sheets may be torn from the pad by pressing a finger against the clamping member while the sheet is removed.

In removing a sheet from the holder it is merely necessary to press the upper sheet, in the direction indicated by the arrow 22. This will lift the top sheet, indicated by the dotted line 23, as shown and draw it out from under the clamp 15. If the stack of papers are not padded it is merely necessary to draw the sheet out from under the other clamp. If the sheets are padded they are either severed at the perforations or cut by the sharpened edge on the other clamping member, as previously stated. To insert a stack of papers in the holder the clamping members are lifted up so that the ends of the papers may be inserted under the clamping members by slightly arcuating them. A spring clip 24 is preferably secured in the bottom of the stand, as plainly shown, and in this spring clip a pencil 25, or other writing implement, may be held.

From the foregoing it will be seen that this holder is very simple in its construction and well adapted for use both in the office and home, either for taking notes, for keeping scores, or making out sales or other business slips.

Having described the invention and its objects, what I claim as new and wish to protect by Letters Patent is:—

1. A memorandum holder comprising a platform adapted to support a stack of papers and having means for supporting it on a surface, a pair of clamping members provided at opposite ends of the platform and connected together by a cross bar passing under the platform, said clamping members provided with flanges extending in over the platform to secure the papers thereon, and spring means interposed between the bottom of the platform and the top of the cross bar for holding the flanges in yieldable contact with the papers on the platform.

2. A memorandum holder comprising a plat-

form adapted to support a stack of papers and having means for supporting it on a surface, a pair of clamping members provided at opposite ends of the platform and connected together by a cross bar passing under the platform, said clamping members provided with flanges extending in over the platform to secure the papers thereon, spring means interposed between the bottom of the platform and the top of the cross bar for holding the flanges in yieldable contact with the papers on the platform, and side guards provided on the clamping members to properly locate the paper on the platform.

3. A memorandum holder comprising a platform adapted to support a stack of papers and having means for supporting it on a surface, a pair of clamping members provided at opposite ends of the platform and connected together by a cross bar passing under the platform, said clamping members provided with flanges extending in over the platform to secure the papers thereon, spring means interposed between the bottom of the platform and the top of the cross bar for holding the flanges in yieldable contact with the papers on the platform, a spring clip secured under the platform and adapted to hold a writing implement, and side guards provided on the clamping members to properly locate the paper on the platform.

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