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HOLDER FOR WRITING PADS

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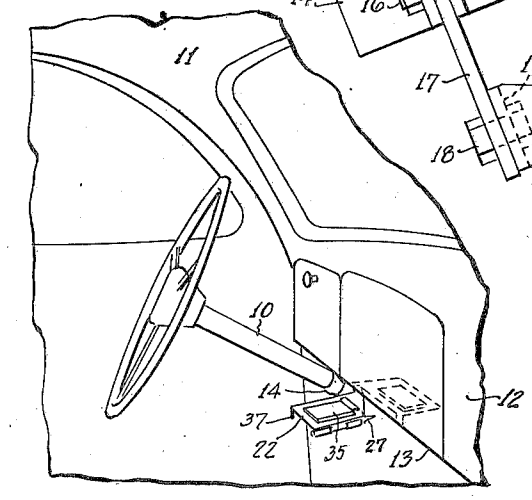


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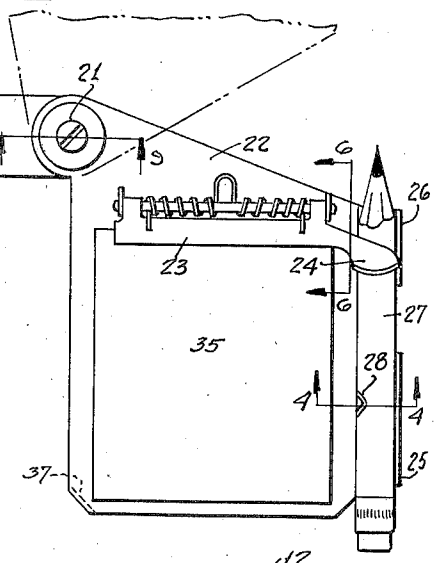


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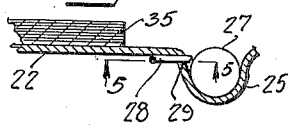


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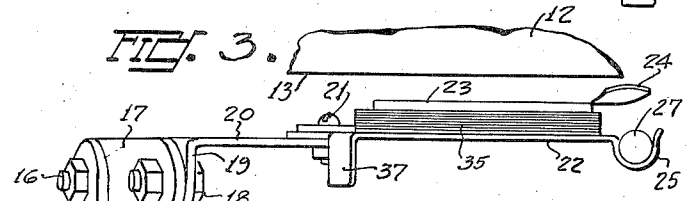
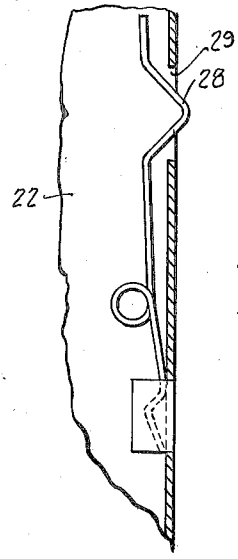


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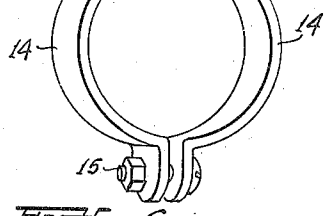


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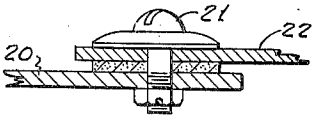


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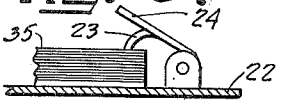


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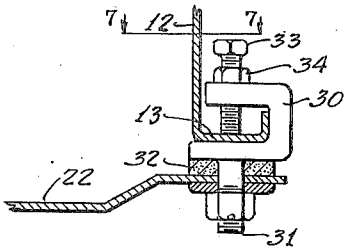
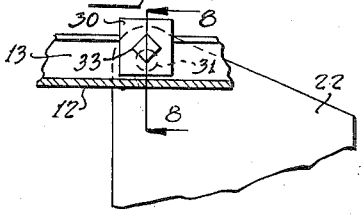


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HOLDER FOR WRITING PADS

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This invention relates generally to automobiles, and particularly to a holder for writing pads to be used in connection therewith.

The main object of this invention is to construct a holder for writing pads which can be easily attached to any type of automobile and when so attached will be readily placed in position for writing or moved to a concealed position.

The second object is to so construct the device that it will afford a convenient holder for a paper pad and a pencil.

These and other objects are accomplished in the manner set forth in the following specification as illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary perspective view showing the interior of the driver's compartment and showing the device in position for use.

Fig. 2 is a plan of the device showing in dotted lines its position when not in use.

Fig. 3 is an elevation of the device.

Fig. 4 is a section taken along the line 4—4 in Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a section taken along the line 5—5 in Fig. 4.

Fig. 6 is a section taken along the line 6—6 in Fig. 2.

Fig. 7 is a section taken along the line 7—7 in Fig. 8.

Fig. 8 is a section taken along the line 8—8 in Fig. 7.

Fig. 9 is a section taken along the line 9—9 in Fig. 2.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring in detail to the drawing, there is shown a steering column 10 of an automobile 11. There is also indicated a dash 12 whose lower edge 13 is in the form of a channel, this being merely representative of the usual form of dash construction.

Referring more particularly to my invention, same will be seen to consist of a pair of semi-circular clamping members 14 which are joined by the bolts 15 and 16. The bolt 16 also passes through the link 17 which is connected by a bolt 18 to the ear 19 of the arm 20 which is pivotally connected by a bolt 21 to the table 22 on which is secured a spring urged paper clamping bar 23 which is provided with an operating lever 24.

From the table 22 project the trough-shaped extensions 25 and 26 which are adapted to receive a lead pencil 27. A spring 28 projects through a slot 29 in the side of the trough 25 and serves to hold the pencil 27 in position.

It can be seen that when the clamping members 14 are secured around a steering column 10, as shown in Fig. 1, that the table 22 can be swung to the position shown in full lines or in dotted lines in that figure, making it easily available for writing or conveniently folded out of the way when not in use.

In the form of the device shown in Figs. 7 and 8, a U-clamp 30 is provided having a stud bolt 31 projecting through the table 22. A friction washer 32 is placed between the clamp 30 and the table 22. A set screw 33 is employed to hold the clamp 30 against the channel shaped edge 13 and a lock nut 34 is used to secure the screw 33.

The purpose of the form of the device shown in Figs. 7 and 8 is to make it possible to attach the device to an automobile at a point remote from the steering wheel column 10.

In order to insert a pad of paper 35, it is only necessary to raise the operating lever 24 against the action of the spring 36 after which the clamping bar 23 will hold the paper 35 in place. It is also desirable to provide a downturned lug 37 or its equivalent for the purpose of facilitating the movement of the table 22 into and out of a writing position.

I am, of course, aware that numerous forms of writing pad holders have been made in the past, I therefore do not claim such devices broadly, but do intend to cover all such forms and modifications thereof which fall fairly within the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A holder for writing pads consisting of a rectangular plate having an extension formed thereon near one corner thereof, an arm hinged to said plate in a plane parallel therewith, said arm having one end thereof turned at an angle to the other end thereof, a link attached to the turned end of said arm and a clamp at the opposite end of said link adapted to receive the steering column of an automobile.

2. A holder for writing pads consisting of a rectangular plate having an extension formed thereon near one corner thereof, an arm hinged to said plate in a plane parallel therewith, said arm having one end thereof turned at an angle to the other end thereof, a link attached to the turned end of said arm, a clamp at the opposite end of said link adapted to receive the steering column of an automobile and means for clamping the pad of paper upon said plate.

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