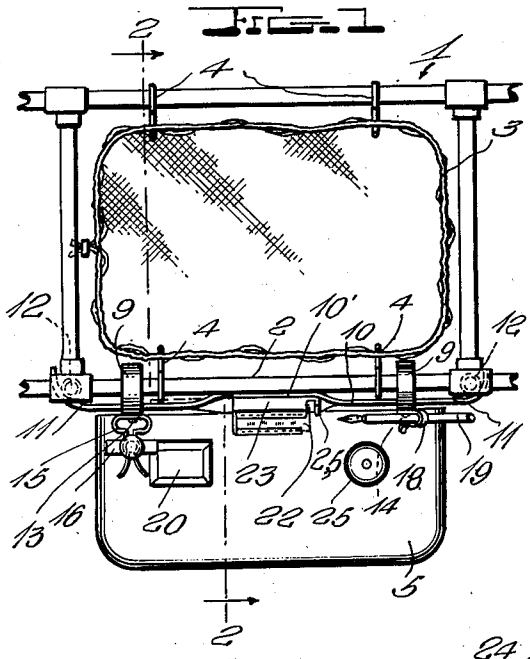
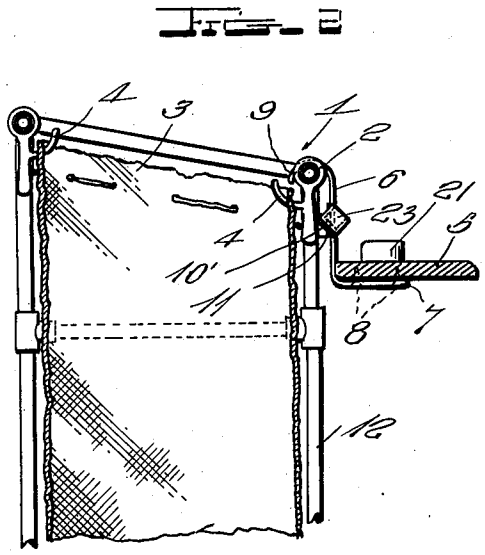
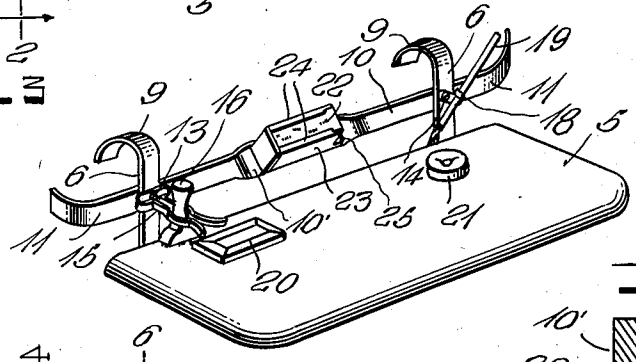
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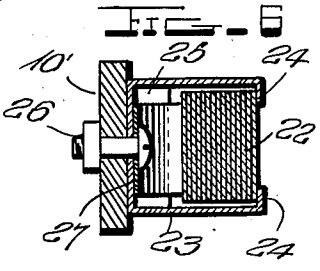
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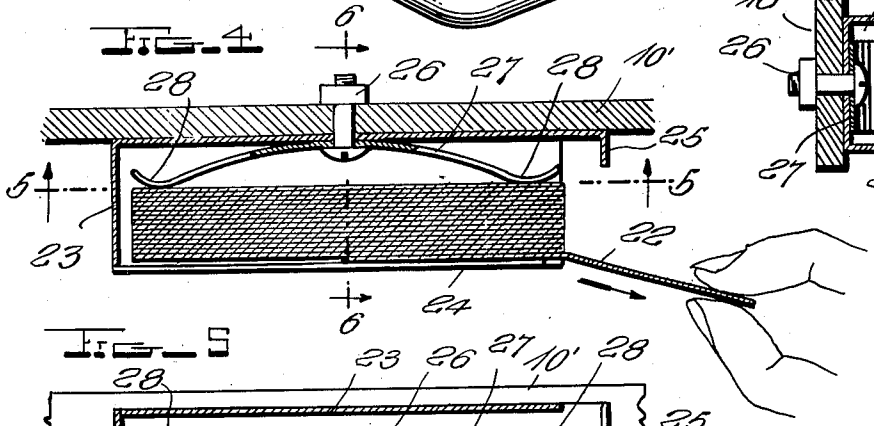
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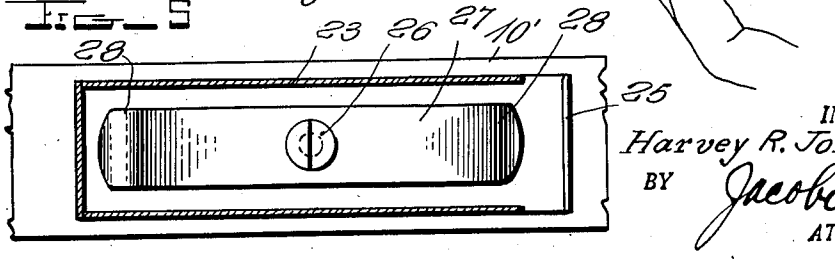












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DESK ATTACHMENT FOR MAILBAG HOLDING RACKS

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This invention relates to a desk and more particularly to a desk constituting an attachment for a mailbag holding frame or rack, it being one object of the invention to provide a desk of such construction that it can be applied to a mailbag holding rack and supported therefrom in a convenient position for use.

Another object of the invention is to provide the desk with a shelf having suspending means or brackets braced against transverse movement out of an upright position by a metal strip which in addition to bracing the brackets also constitutes means for engaging corner standards of the mailbag supporting rack and preventing the desk from shfting an upper rail or bar thereof out of its proper position.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved label holder carried by the bracing strip in such position that labels will be convenient when needed.

Another object of the inventon is to so construct the label holder that a quantity of labels may be placed therein in stacked formation and individually removed when needed.

Another object of the invention is to provide a desk having supporting hangers carrying holders for a stamp and a pen or pencil, the shelf of the desk being provided with a stamp pad and an ink well so disposed that they will be out of the way when writing.

Another object of the invention is to provide a desk which is of simple construction, easy to apply and of such formation that when it is in use, it will be firmly held in place and not liable to slip out of engagement with the mailbag holding frame to which it is applied.

Still another object of the invention resides in providing a device which is simple and durable in construction, inexpensive to manufacture and one which will be very efficient in operation and application to use.

With these and numerous other objects in view, my invention consists in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter referred to and more particularly pointed out in the specification and claims.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing wherein:

Figure 1 is a top plan view showing a desk of the improved construction applied to a mailbag holding rack.

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view taken along the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the desk.

Figure 4 is a horizontal sectional view taken longitudinally through the label holder and a portion of its supporting strip or bar.

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken along the line 5—5 of Figure 4.

Figure 6 is a transverse sectional view taken along the line 6—6 of Figure 4.

This improved desk constitutes an attachment for a mailbag supporting frame or rack 1 and is to be suspended from the upper bar 2 of the rack in such a position that a package to be sent by parcel post may be conveniently addressed and then dropped into the bag 3 which is suspended in the rack by means of the usual hooks 4.

The desk has a shelf or platform 5 which may be formed of wood, metal or any other desired material and is of such dimensions that a letter or package may be conveniently placed thereon while the address is being written thereon or upon a label to be applied to the package. This shelf is suspended through the medium of hangers 6 formed of metal strips having their lower portions bent to form arms 7 upon which the shelf is secured by screws 8 which firmly hold the shelf in place. Upper portions of the strips are bent to form hooks 9 of dimensions permitting them to be easily engaged over the bar 2 of the rack 1, and from an inspection of Figures 1 and 2, it will be seen that when the hooked ends of the hangers are so engaged with the rack the desk will be suspended in front of the same at such a height that a person may stand in front of the desk and write upon letters and packages resting thereon or apply stamps and labels thereto and then drop the letters or packages into the bag 3.

A strip 10 which is also formed of metal extends between the hangers with its end portions secured thereto and projecting from the hangers to provide arms 11 which are curved rearwardly for engagement with the front corner posts 12 of the rack 1 as shown in Figure 1. Referring to this figure, it will be seen that the arms 11 have such engagement with the corner posts 12 that movement of the desk transversely of the rack will be prevented and the desk held in its proper position in front of said rack at all times. The strip 10 not only provides means for holding the desk in its proper position in front of the rack but also serves as bracing means for the hangers to which it is secured by fasteners such as the bolts 13 and 14. One of these fasteners constitutes means for securing a clip 15 which projects forwardly over the shelf 5 and is formed of a strip

of resilient metal so that a stamp 17 can be removably carried by the clip. The other fastener 14 serves to secure a resilient clip 18 by means of which a pen 19 is removably supported when not in use. A stamp pad 20 and an ink well 21 are carried by the shelf near its rear edge and in such spaced relation to each other longitudinally of the shelf that they will be out of the way and leave ample surface to permit letters and packages to be placed upon the shelf. The pad 20 and the ink well may be set into sockets formed in the shelf to receive them and held in their proper positions upon the shelf in any other desired manner.

It is desired to provide a supply of labels 22 in a convenient position for use and in order to do so, there has been provided a label holder or box 23. This label holder is formed of metal and is open at its front end at one end as shown in Figures 4 and 5. Retainer flanges 24 extend along the upper and lower walls of the box 23 and the rear wall projects beyond the open end of the box and terminates in a flange or lip 25. A bolt 26 secures the box 23 to the twisted portion 10' of the strip 10 and also serves as securing means for a leaf spring 27 which extends longitudinally in the box with its end portions bowed forwardly and terminating in curved portions 28 which bear against the stack of labels to hold the stack against the flanges 24. By having the bracing strip bent to provide the diagonally disposed portion 10', the box or label holder will be disposed at such an angle that the labels may be easily grasped and withdrawn through the open end thereof. As the labels are withdrawn, the spring urges the stack of labels forwardly and maintains the stack against the flanges 24. Therefore, the stack of labels will be maintained in a compact mass and accidental dislodgement of the labels prevented. By providing a plate of sheet metal or the like at the back of the stack of labels, a stiff backing for the same will be provided and easy removal permitted even when there are only a few labels left in the holder. When the labels are all used, a new stack of labels is inserted through the open end of the box or casing. During this filling operation, the flange 25 serves as a guard to prevent a person's finger from becoming caught between the spring and the rear wall of the casing. As the labels are removed from the label holder, they are applied to the packages and filled in with the pen which is removed from the clip 18 and dipped in the ink well 21. The stamp 16 is then used to stamp the package or it may be used for cancelling the stamps and the package is dropped into the mailbag.

From the foregoing description of the construction of my improved device, the operation thereof and the method of applying the same to use, will be readily understood. It will be seen that I have provided a simple, inexpensive and efficient means for carrying out the objects of the invention and while I have particularly described the elements best adapted to perform the functions set forth, it is obvious that various changes in form, proportion and in the minor details of construction may be resorted to, without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the principles of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. In combination with a support having vertical posts and a cross bar extending between upper ends of said posts, a desk comprising a shelf of a width adapting it to fit between the posts of the support, hangers rising from said shelf and having hooked upper ends for engaging about the cross bar of said support between the vertical posts thereof, and a bracing strip extending between said hangers with its end portions secured to the hangers adjacent the hooked upper ends thereof and projecting outwardly therefrom, the projecting end portions of said bracing strip being bent rearwardly away from the shelf to provide members for engaging about the vertical posts of said support and preventing shifting of the hangers along the cross bar thereof.

2. A device of the character described comprising a shelf, hangers rising from said shelf and provided with hooks for engaging over an upper cross bar of a support and suspending the shelf therefrom between vertical posts of the support, and a bracing strip extending between and secured to said hangers adjacent the hooked upper ends thereof with its end portions projecting from the hangers and bent to provide rearwardly extending arms for engaging about the vertical posts of the support and preventing shifting of the hangers along the cross bar between the posts of the support.

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