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PEN AND PENCIL HOLDER

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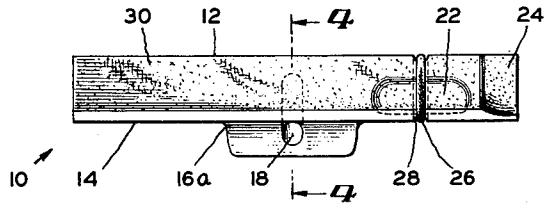


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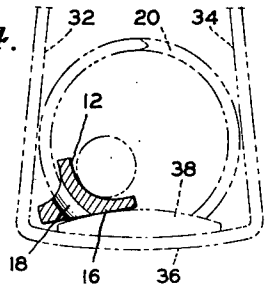


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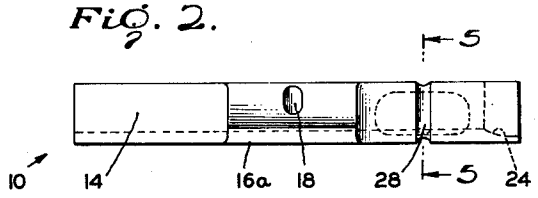


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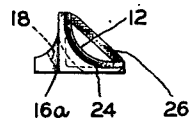


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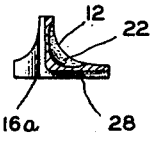


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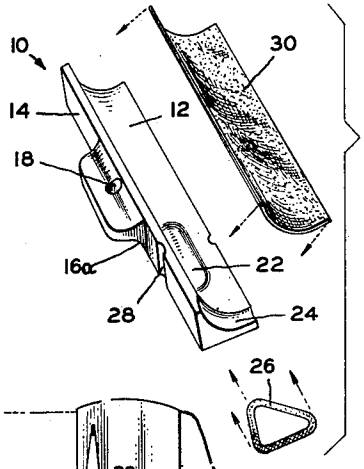


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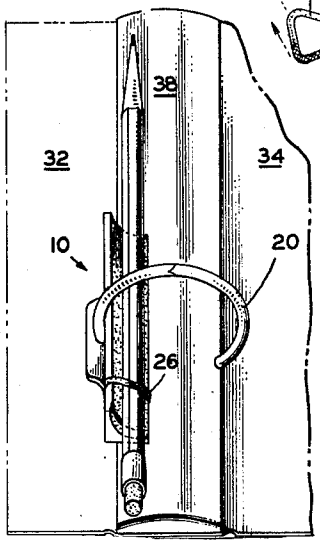
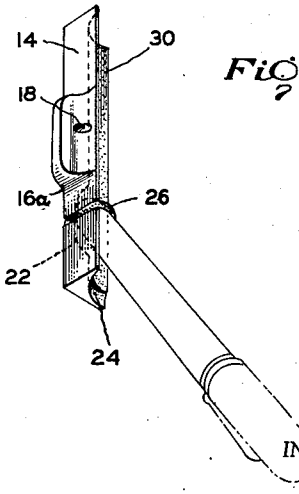


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This invention relates to pen and pencil holders and more particularly to a pen and pencil holder adapted to be held in a loose-leaf notebook.

An object of this invention is to provide a simple, compact, and inexpensive device for holding either a pen or a pencil in a loose-leaf notebook.

A further object of the invention is to provide a pen or pencil holder which is secured in place by one of the rings conventionally provided in loose-leaf notebooks.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a holder for either a pen or a pencil adapted to be received in a loose-leaf notebook and so constructed as to permit easy insertion or removal of the writing instrument.

Another object of the invention is to provide a holder for writing instruments for use in loose-leaf notebooks which is adapted to rest on the surface of the metal ring support bar provided in such notebooks.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a pen or pencil holder of the type described having a supporting surface for the pen or pencil which prevents scratching of the pen or pencil and also provides a firm gripping surface for the article being held.

In accomplishment of these objectives, this invention provides a pen or pencil holder comprising a base portion which may be made of a plastic molding or other suitable material and having a suitable outer surface layer, such as a cloth tape, for example, prevents scratching of the pen or pencil, and which, at the same time, provides a firm gripping surface for the writing instrument. The supporting base portion is provided with an apertured tab or flange through which a ring of the loose leaf notebook is adapted to pass. An elastic retaining means encircles the base portion of the holder in order to secure the writing instrument in place when it is supported by the holder. The surface of the base portion of the holder is provided with a depression to facilitate the insertion of fountain pens near the end where the pen is introduced onto the holder and the outer edge of the same end of the holder is provided with an inclined plane to facilitate sliding engagement of the cap of the fountain pen up onto the holder.

The features of the invention which are believed to be novel are set forth with particularity as hereinafter claimed. The invention itself, however, both as to its organization and use, together with further objects and advantages thereof, may best be understood by reference to the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing in which

Fig. 1 is a top plan view of the pen and pencil holding device of the invention;

Fig. 2 is a back side elevation of the device of Fig. 1, omitting the elastic retaining means;

Fig. 3 is an end elevation of the device of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a sectional elevation on line 4—4 of Fig. 2 showing the relative position of the holder with respect to the notebook with the cover of the notebook closed;

Fig. 5 is a sectional elevation view as seen on line 5—5 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 6 is a perspective exploded view of the component parts of the device of Fig. 1;

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary perspective view showing the holder assembled in a looseleaf notebook and holding a pencil;

Fig. 8 is a perspective view of the holder showing how a fountain pen is inserted.

Referring now to the drawing, the holding device comprises a base portion generally indicated at **10** which may be molded or cast from plastic or any other suitable material. The holder is provided with a longitudinally extending quarter-circular arcuate surface **12** which is adapted to engage the periphery of the writing instrument, such as a pen or pencil, in supporting relation. The holder is provided with an outer side surface **14** and a bottom surface **16** disposed at right angles to each other (see Figs. 4 and 6). The side edge **14** is substantially perpendicular to the bottom edge **16**. A tap or flange member **16***a* extends laterally outwardly from the edge **14** intermediate of the length thereof. The shoulder or tab member **16***a* is provided with an aperture **18** which is curved to conform to the curvature of the ring member **20** of the loose-leaf notebook with which the device is to be used.

The supporting surface **12** of the holder is provided with an oval recess or depression **22** adjacent the end of the holder normally disposed toward the bottom edge of the notebook (that is, the edge disposed toward the user of the notebook) in order to facilitate the insertion of a fountain pen as will be subsequently explained. The depression **22** becomes deeper adjacent the edge **14**. Also, the same end of the holder is provided with an inclined bevel or taper **24** in order to permit the cap of a fountain pen to slide up the holder.

An elastic retaining means, such as a rubber band **26**, is adapted to be received over one end of the holder in order to secure the writing instrument in place. In order to aid in retaining the elastic securing means in place, the bottom and side surfaces of the holder are provided with a groove or channel **28** to receive the elastic retaining means.

The upper surface **12** is covered by a suitable covering or surface means, such as a cloth tape **30** which may be secured to the surface **12** by adhesive or glue. The cloth surface **30** prevents scratching of the writing instrument when it is being positioned on the holder and gives a firmer grip on the writing instrument due to the frictional characteristics of the cloth or similar surfacing material.

In use, the holder **10** is positioned in a loose-leaf notebook of the conventional type having front and back covers **32** and **34** joined together by a bight **36** to which is attached the longitudinally extending metal ring supporting bar **38**. The holder is placed in position by inserting an open end of ring **20** through the curved passage **18** provided on the tab **16** of the holder. The bottom surface **16** of the holder then rests on the metal ring support bar **38**. Bottom surface **16** should preferably have a curvature to conform to the convex curvature usually provided on the ring support bar **38**. With the elastic retaining means **26** in position in groove **28** of the holder, a writing instrument, such as a pen or pencil is inserted underneath the elastic retaining means and is pushed forward until the pen or pencil is supported substantially in the position shown in Fig. 7.

When using the holding device for supporting a fountain pen, the pen is inserted in the manner shown in Fig. 8. The end of the pen opposite the cap end is inserted into the oval depression **22** underneath the elastic retaining means **26** and the pen is then pushed forward into position, the forward end of the pen moving easily up the inclined surface of the depression **22** and onto the flat surface beyond the depression. The tapered or inclined end surface **24** facilitates the movement of the end cap of the fountain pen up onto the supporting surface **12** of the holder.

It can be seen from the foregoing that there is provided in accordance with this invention a holding device which is adapted to hold a writing instrument, such as a pen or pencil, in a notebook of the loose-leaf type, the holding device being secured in place by one of the rings conventionally provided in such a notebook. The device of the invention is simple and inexpensive to manufacture and yet securely holds the writing instrument in position. Furthermore, the holder is so constructed as to permit easy positioning of the writing instrument into place on the holder.

While there has been shown and described a particular embodiment of the invention, it will be obvious to

those skilled in the art that various changes and modifications can be made therein without departing from the invention, and, therefore, it is aimed as hereinafter claimed to cover all such changes and modifications as fall within the true spirit and scope of the invention.

Having thus set forth and disclosed the nature of this invention, what is claimed is:

1. A device for holding a writing instrument in a loose leaf note book of the type which includes paper holding rings, comprising an elongated member having two right angularly disposed outer surfaces and a quarter-circular inner arucate surface adapted to receive a writing instrument disposed longitudinally therein, a lug extending transversely from one of said outer surfaces, a bore in said lug for the reception of one of the rings of said note book, a transverse channel extending about said outer surfaces, an elastic band seated in said channel for the retention of a writing instrument in said quarter-circular inner surface, said inner surface being formed with a recess therein adjacent said elastic band for facilitating the insertion of a writing instrument in said device.

2. A device for holding a writing instrument in a loose leaf note book of the type which includes paper holding rings, comprising an elongated member having two right angularly disposed outer surfaces and a quarter-circular inner arcuate surface adapted to receive a writing instrument disposed longitudinally therein, a lug extending transversely from one of said outer surfaces, a bore in said lug for the reception of one of the rings of said note book, a transverse channel extending about said outer surfaces, an elastic band seated in said channel for the retention of a writing instrument in said quarter-circular inner surface, said inner surface being formed with a recess therein adjacent said elastic band for facilitating the insertion of a writing instrument in said device, said device having a bevelled inner edge on said quarter-circular inner wall to further facilitate insertion of said writing instrument.

3. A device for holding a writing instrument in a loose leaf note book of the type which includes paper holding rings, comprising an elongated member having two right angularly disposed outer surfaces and a quarter-circular inner arcuate surface adapted to receive a writing instrument disposed longitudinally therein, a lug extending transversely from one of said outer surfaces, a bore in said lug for the reception of one of the rings of said note book, a transverse channel extending about said outer surfaces, an elastic band seated in said channel for the retention of a writing instrument in said quarter-circular inner surface, said inner surface being formed with a recess therein adjacent said elastic band for facilitating the insertion of a writing instrument in said device, and a cloth tape or the like secured to said inner arcuate surface to preclude scratching of the writing instrument when positioned within said inner arcuate surface.

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