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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1

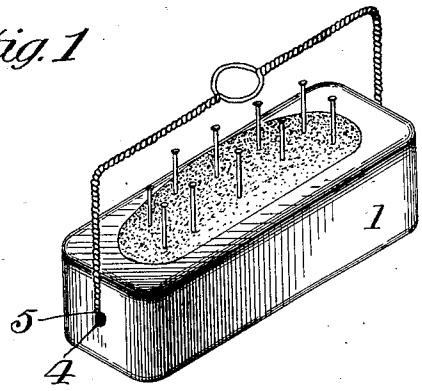


Fig. 2

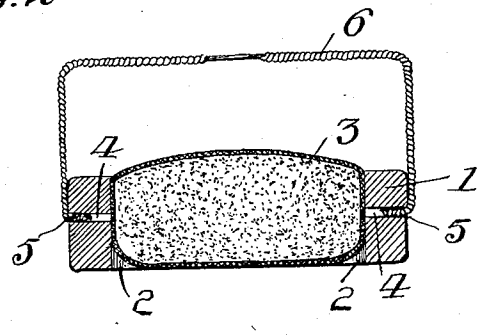
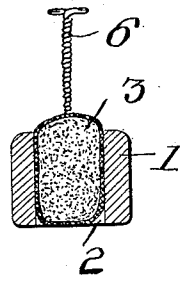


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE ALDEN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Wilkinsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Paper-Weight and Pincushion, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in a combined paper-weight and pincushion particularly adapted for use on writing-desks, tables, and the like; and the primary object of the invention is to construct a paper-weight with means for holding the pincushion therein, whereby the two articles are neatly combined in one in a manner that space on the desk, table, or other object may be economized.

Briefly described, my invention comprises a substantially rectangular-shaped weight, which may be made of metal or other heavy material and which is provided with a somewhat oval opening extending through the weight from top to bottom thereof. This opening is adapted to receive a cushion to hold the pins, and said cushion preferably embodies a covering and a filling of emery or other suitable material having considerable heft, whereby to add to the heft of the weight. A bail is swiveled in the ends of the weight, which ends are apertured to receive the ends of the bail, and the bail ends are preferably made of a size whereby to fit neatly in the apertured ends of the weight in order to have frictional contact with the walls of the aperture, whereby the bail or handle will normally remain in the desired position.

In describing the invention in detail reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and wherein like numerals of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views, in which—

Figure 1 is a detail perspective view of my improved paper-weight and pincushion. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical sectional view thereof.

To put my invention into practice, I provide a weight 1, comprising a substantially rectangular-shaped block, which may be made of metal, and can, if desired, be given a polish, or this block may be composed of any suitable material having the desired weight. This block is provided with an opening 2, extending entirely through the block from top to bottom and which is somewhat oval in form, and in this substantially oval-shaped opening is fitted a cushion 3, adapted to receive and hold a quantity of pins. This cushion embodies in its construction a suitable covering material sewed to form a slip or sack, which is filled with a suitable resistance substance for the pins to engage in, and this substance I have preferably made of emery or other like material having considerable weight, whereby to spread the covering or wall of the cushion into contact with the walls of the opening and also add heft to the weight 1. In the ends of the block 1 are apertures 4, in which is frictionally fitted the ends 5 of the bail or handle 6. I prefer to fit the ends 5 of the bail neatly in the apertures, whereby they will frictionally engage, and thus the bail may be swung over toward either side of the weight and will be retained in the position in which it is placed, and to further assist in this I have the vertical arms of the bail in close proximity to that portion of the ends above the apertures 4. A convenient form of bail which I have used has been that of strands of wire twisted together, as shown in the present illustration. I prefer to make the opening to receive the cushion entirely through the weight, as by so doing if it is desired to remove the cushion at any time it may be easily accomplished by pressure on the under side of the same without distorting the shape, and this also enables me to force the cushion up, so as to allow any portion thereof desired projecting above the weight 1.

While I have herein shown and described the invention as practiced by me, yet it will be noted that various changes may be made

in the details of construction without departing from the general spirit of the invention.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a combined paper-weight and pincushion, the combination with a substantially rectangular block forming a weight, said block provided with an opening extending therethrough from top to bottom of the block and having openings in the ends, of a weighted cushion fitted in the opening and extending through the block, and a bail having its ends frictionally fitted in the openings in the ends of said block, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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