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NOTE PAPER HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

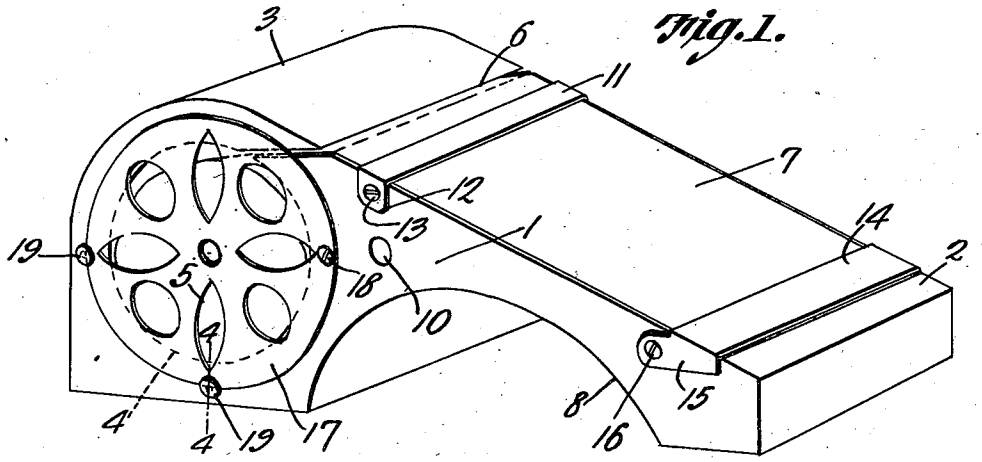


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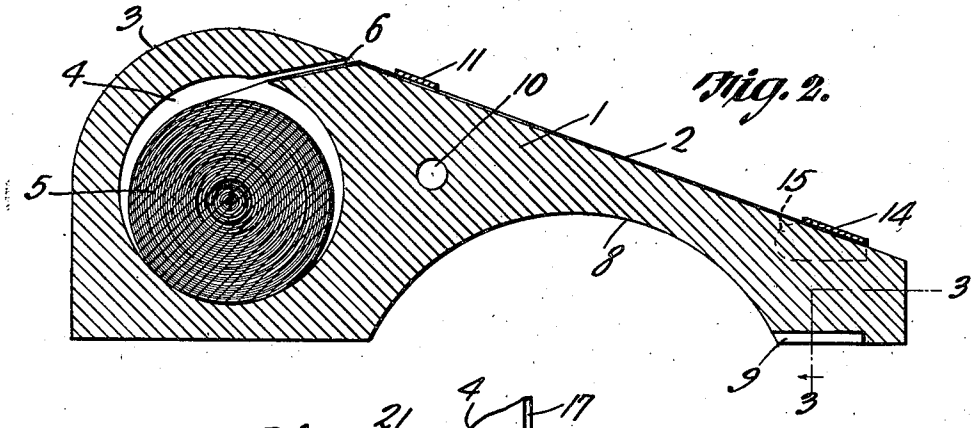


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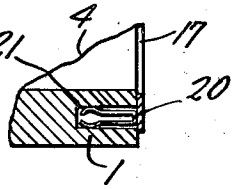


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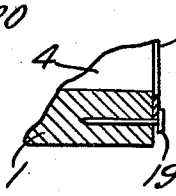
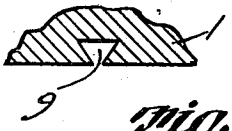


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, REUBEN D. WIRT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Note-Paper Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention appertains to note paper holders, and aims to provide a novel and improved device of that character for holding a roll of paper which is adapted to be drawn over a writing surface, in order that notes, or other memoranda, may be written upon the exposed portion of the paper.

It is the object of the invention to provide a note paper holder of extremely simple and inexpensive construction and manufacture, which is also serviceable, convenient, practical and efficient in use, the device being formed chiefly from a block of wood, and being adapted for use either upon a desk or upon a wall or the like.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved paper holder. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section thereof. Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional detail taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional detail taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is an enlarged sectional view illustrating a modification.

The body or frame of the holder is formed from a solid block of wood or equivalent material, and this block 1 is provided with an inclined writing surface 2, the larger or relatively thick end of the block being rounded, as at 3, although it may be left with an angular corner. The block 1 is provided with a transverse bore 4 of relatively large diameter adjacent its larger end, said bore extending from side to side, and providing a receptacle for a roll of blank paper 5. The block 1 is provided with an obliquely or inclined slot 6, formed by means of a saw or other suitable implement, and extending obliquely from the top of the bore or chamber 4 to the upper portion of the surface 2 at an acute angle therewith, so that the paper can be passed from the roll up through the slot 6 and then downwardly longitudinally over the writing surface 2, as at 7, whereby the exposed portion of the paper may be written upon for purpose of taking notes, recording data, making memorandums, and the like.

The bottom, or that wall of the block opposite and at an acute angle with the writing surface 2, is cut out in arched from, as at 8, to lighten the weight of the block, and to add to the appearance of the device, this cut out portion 8 being located between the bore and the smaller end of the block transversely of the block.

The block 1 may be set upon a desk, table or other horizontal surface, or the block may be hung upon a wall or vertical support. In order to enable the block to be hung upon the wall or vertical support, the bottom surface of the block is provided with a longitudinal slot 9 extending from the cut away portion or recess 8 toward the smaller end of the block, the slot 9 preferably being of dove-tailed cross section and being disposed between the sides of the block. The slot 9 is engageable with the head of a nail driven into the wall or support, whereby the smaller end of the block can be applied to the head with the larger end of the block depending. The writing surface 2 will thus be disposed in an inclined position so that the paper can be readily written upon. The holder may be hung upon a wall adjacent a telephone, or the like, for purpose of taking notes. The block 1 is further provided with a bore 10 drilled transversely therethrough from side to side between the bore 4 and recess 8, and this bore 10 provides a receptacle for a pencil, whereby the pencil may be held by the block in a convenient manner, the pencil being readily removed and inserted.

In order to guide the exposed portion 7 of the paper along the surface 2 and to hold the paper thereon, a transverse guide and holding strip 11 is disposed across the surface 2 adjacent the slot 6, and has downturned ends 12 overlapping and secured to the sides of the block by means of screws or other securing elements 13. The paper passes under the strip 11 and is held upon the surface 2 thereby.

The outer terminal of the paper is held upon the surface 2 adjacent the smaller end of the block, by means of a transverse cutter blade 14 extending across the surface 2 adjacent the smaller end of the block, and having downturned terminal ears 15 overlapping and pivoted to the sides of the block by means of screws or other pivot elements 16. The blade 14 normally projects away from the strip 11 toward the smaller end of the block, and rests upon the surface 2 for holding the terminal of the paper in place. When the blade 14 is raised, it exposes the end of the paper, which may be grasped by the fingers for pulling the paper outwardly over the surface 2. This allows the portion of the paper written upon to be removed, and then by swinging the blade 14 upon the surface 2, and manipulating the free portion of the paper, the said portion of the paper can be cut off along the cutting edge of the blade 14.

The ends of the bore 4 are closed by sheet metal disks 17 which are of larger diameter than the bore 4 so as to rest against the sides of the block across the ends of the bore. The disks 17 are each pivoted, by means of screws or other pivot elements 18, to the sides of the block 1 adjacent one side wall of the bore 4, and headed nails or other stop elements 19 are driven into or otherwise engaged in the sides of the block, whereby when the disks 17 are swung across the ends of the bore 4, the margins of the disks are received behind the heads of the stops 19 to hold the disks snugly against the sides of the block, and to limit the movement of said disks. The headed ends of the elements 19 project slightly from the sides of the block to receive the edges of the disks 17. The disks 17 may be apertured or otherwise ornamented, and if desired, one disk may be stationary while the other is swingable to open and close the bore. When one of the disks is swung open, the exhausted roll of paper may be replenished or substituted by a new roll.

The present device is extremely simple and inexpensive in construction, the block 1 being readily and cheaply manufactured, and the sheet metal elements 11, 14 and 17 being readily applied thereto without appreciable expense. This device provides a desirable and useful advertising novelty, and that portion of the surface 2 above or beyond the slot 6 may be used for advertising purposes, whereby the device may be furnished gratuitously by merchants and dealers to their customers or patrons with little expense, the advertising matter contained upon the device compensating the merchant or dealer for the cost incurred.

Fig. 5 illustrates a modified means for holding the closure disks 17 in place and in this form, the screw 18 and nails 19 are eliminated, and in their stead are used a suitable number of doubled resilient holding elements 20 having their bends soldered or otherwise attached to the disks, and the block 1 is provided around the bore 4 with a socket or bore 21 for receiving each of the elements 20, whereby the disks 17 may be moved into position across the end of the bore 4. The disks 17 may be removed by a lateral movement, the elements 20 being withdrawn from the sockets 21.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A paper holder embodying a block having opposite surfaces arranged at an acute angle with one another, thereby causing the block to have a thick end and a thin end, one of them being a writing surface, the said block having a transverse bore of large diameter in its thick end and a slot extending from said bore to said writing surface, said bore being adapted to hold a roll of paper so that the paper can extend through said slot onto the writing surface.

2. A paper holder embodying a block having opposite surfaces arranged at an acute angle with one another, thereby causing the block to have a thick end and a thin end, one of them being a writing surface, the said block having a transverse bore of large diameter in its thick end and a slot extending from said bore to said writing surface, said bore being adapted to hold a roll of paper so that the paper can extend through said slot onto the writing surface, means for guiding and holding said paper on said writing surface, a closure resting against one side of the block to close the end of the bore, and holding elements for supporting said closure in place engaging within the block around said bore.

3. A paper holder embodying a block having opposite surfaces arranged at an acute angle with one another, thereby causing the block to have a thick end and a thin end, one of them being a writing surface, the said block having a transverse bore of large diameter in its thick end and a slot extending from said bore to said writing surface, said bore being adapted to hold a roll of paper so that the paper can extend through said

slot onto the writing surface, the block having a cut out portion between said bore and thin end, and a dovetailed slot extending from said cut out portion toward the thin end for receiving the head of a supporting element.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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