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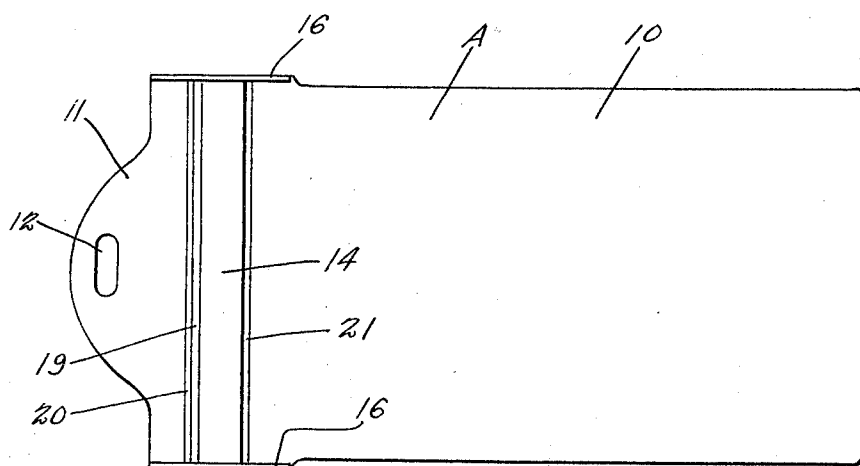


Fig. 1

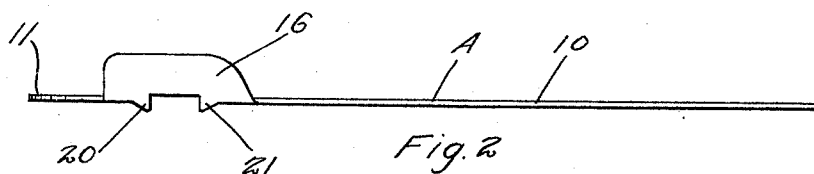


Fig. 2

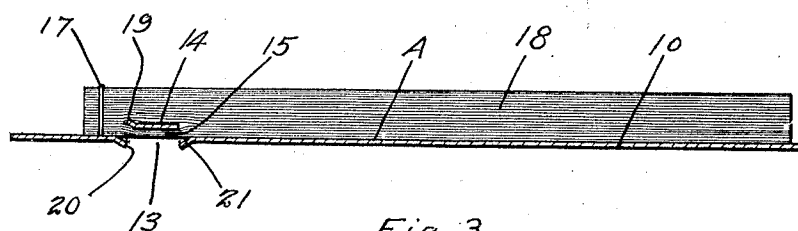
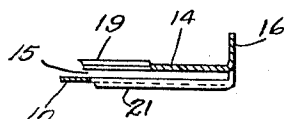


Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.



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My invention relates to pad holders and has for its object to provide a pad holder which may readily be punched out of a single sheet of metal, adapted to firmly and positively hold the pad supported upon the same.

Another object is to provide a body member having a transverse slot extending across the top of the same, in which is positioned a bar spaced from the said body portion, so as to receive some of the leaves of the pad, to hold the same in place.

A still further object is to provide outwardly turned flanges along said bar and the body of the holder adjacent said slot for holding the pad from lateral movement and for connecting said bar to the body portion.

A still further object is to provide the said bar and the edges of the body adjacent the slot with outwardly turned edges for permitting the leaves or back of the pad to be readily inserted beneath the said bar.

The full objects and advantages of my invention will appear in connection with the detailed description thereof, and are particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings forming part of this specification:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of my invention.

Fig. 2 is a side view of the same.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the invention, showing a pad mounted thereon.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary, sectional view illustrating the manner of striking up the bar from the body.

In the construction of pad holders it is highly desirable to provide a pad holder which shall be cheap to construct and which will effectively hold a pad mounted thereon, so that the pad can be readily removed and replaced by a new one when desired. It is also desirable to produce a device which will not readily get out of order. My invention overcomes these difficulties as will be presently comprehended.

My invention as shown in the drawings, consists of a holder A which is formed with a flat plate-like body portion 10. This plate is preferably of a size suitable to provide a portion extending beneath the pad to be held, so that the said pad may be conveniently written upon. At the upper end of the body 10, I provide an outwardly extend-

ing ear 11 which is formed with an opening 12 near the outer end of the same. By means of this opening the pad holder may be readily attached to the person of the user if the same should be desired.

The device for holding the pad in place upon the holder A, can best be seen in Figs. 1 and 3. Across the upper portion of the body member 10 adjacent the ear 11, I provide a transverse slot 13 which extends completely across the same. Across this slot, I provide a transverse bar 14 which is struck out from the metal of the body member 10 and raised relative thereto, to form a passageway 15, positioned between the said bar 14 and body 10. The bar 14 is held attached to the holder A by means of two upwardly extending flanges 16, best shown in Fig. 2, positioned at the sides of the device, at the end of the slot 13 and bar 14. These flanges as well as supporting the bar 14 and connecting the upper and lower portions of the body member 10 adjacent the slot 13, also serve to form guides for holding the said pad properly positioned upon the holder A. The construction of the holder as before stated permits the same to be stamped out of a single piece of metal and the bar 14 to be struck out from the body 10 so as to provide the slot 13 in said body and the space 15 between said bar and body.

In using the device, a pad of paper of checks or any other desirable pad such as indicated at 18 in Fig. 3, which has its end stitched together at 17, may be used. If the pad 18 is provided with a back, the said back is inserted between the bar 14 and the body member 10 and slid downwardly until the said bar 14 becomes firmly embedded between the leaves of the pad, adjacent the stitching at 17. The pad 18 should be of such a size as to just snugly fit between the two flanges 16, so that when the same is positioned with its back below the bar 14, the said pad 18 is firmly held in place upon the holder. When a pad is used, which does not have a back secured to the same, the last five or six leaves of the pad may be inserted beneath the bar 14 in a similar manner to hold the said pad properly mounted upon the holder A.

To facilitate the insertion of the back of the pad or the last leaves of the same be-

neath the bar 14, I form the bar 14 with an upwardly turned edge 19 extending completely across the same. In a similar manner, I turn the edges 20 and 21 of the body member 10 adjacent the slot 13 downwardly so that when the back or last leaves of the pad 18 are directed into the space 15, the edges thereof engage the inclined surfaces of the portions 19 and 21 of the invention, which properly direct the passage of the said back and leaves through the space 15, so that the pad occupies the proper position upon the holder. In this manner, the pad is quickly and securely attached to the holder. If the back or leaves of pad 18 upon being inserted between the edges 19 and 20 of bar 14 and body member 10 respectively fall below the edge 21, the said leaves or back may easily be raised upwardly by the manipulation of the fingers through the space 15 and upon the face of the body member 10.

In accordance with the patent statutes I have described the principles of operation of my invention, together with the apparatus which I now consider to represent the best embodiment thereof, but I desire to have it understood that the construction shown is only illustrative and that the invention can be carried out by other means and applied to uses other than those above set forth within the scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. A pad holder comprising a body portion, a pair of spaced flanges bent outwardly from said body portion at right angles thereto, a bar struck out of the metal of said body by severing the body in two parallel lines extending across said body from flange to flange, the ends of said bar being compressed to cause the same to be raised above said body in spaced relation thereto, said bar issuing outwardly from and being integrally connected with said flanges, said flanges extending outwardly beyond said bar, and obliquely turned edges formed on said bar and body portion for guiding the passage of sheets of a pad between said bar and body portion.

2. A pad holder comprising a body portion, a pair of flanges bent upwardly from the metal of said body portion and a bar

integrally connected with said flanges, and extending across said body portion in spaced relation thereto.

3. A pad holder comprising a body portion, a pair of flanges bent outwardly from the ends of said body portion, a bar extending across said body portion, struck out from the metal of said body portion to form a slot, said bar being spaced from said body portion and connected to said flanges.

4. A pad holder comprising a body portion, a bar extending across said body portion, struck out from the metal of said body portion to form a transverse slot, said bar being spaced from said body portion and a pair of flanges bent outwardly from said body portion at the ends of said bar, for holding the same supported and for connecting the portions of said body portion adjacent said slot.

5. A pad holder comprising a body portion having a slot extending across the same, a bar positioned in spaced relation to said body portion over said slot and obliquely turned edges formed on said bar and said body portion adjacent said slot.

6. A pad holder comprising a body portion having a longitudinal slot extending across one end thereof, to form upper and lower body sections, a bar extending over and spaced from said slot for holding the pad mounted on said holder and an ear issuing outwardly from said body section, having a hole through the same.

7. A pad holder comprising a plate-like body portion, flanges bent up from the sides of said body portion at one end thereof and a bar struck out from the metal of said body portion integrally connected with said flanges, being spaced in relation to said body portion.

8. A holder including a body portion, a bar struck up from the body portion, end upright flanges adapted to reinforce the bar at the ends thereof, extending transversely of said bar and obliquely projecting edges on either side of said bar formed in the back of said body portion adapted to reinforce the body portion adjacent the edges of said bar.

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