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Fig. 1.

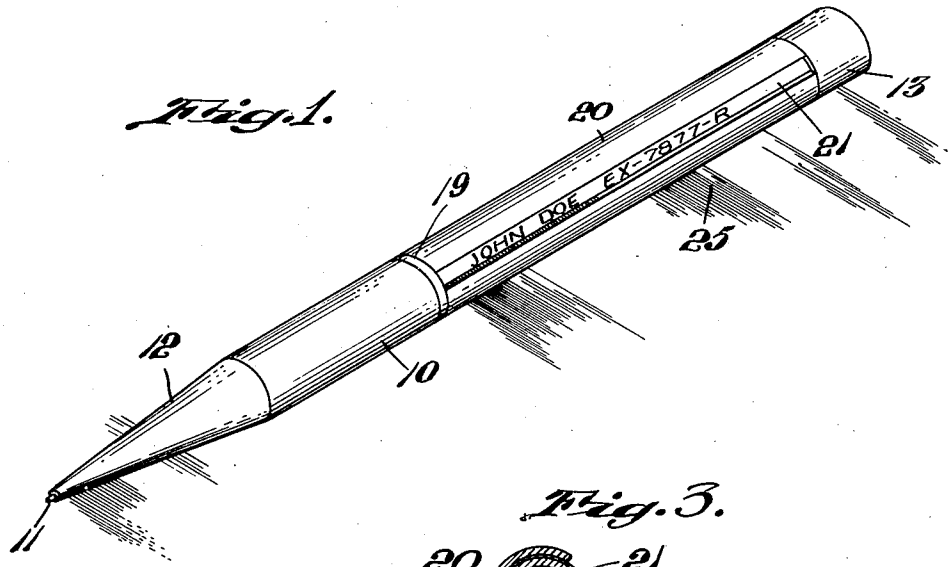


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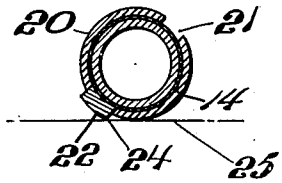
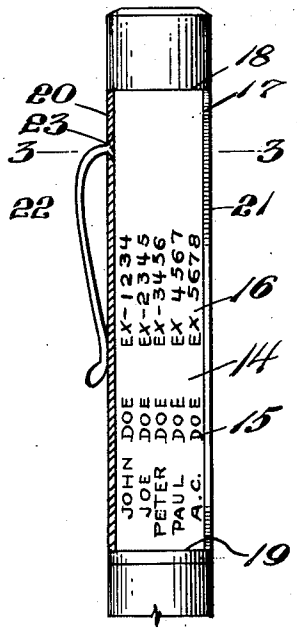


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to the inclusion on a writing instrument of telephone numbers so as to make the same available for ready use.

One of the objects of this invention is to provide a writing instrument with a sheet of material which may have information so exposed that it may be readily viewed when the writing instrument is positioned on a table or horizontal surface.

Another object of this invention is to provide a writing instrument with information such as telephone numbers, any one of which may be selected for use when the pencil is resting on a horizontal surface.

Another object of the invention is to so arrange the different parts of the mechanism so that the information will be readily viewed by a rocking of the pencil to the correct posiiton regardless of how it may be laid on a horizontal surface.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the pencil equipped with this information;

Figure 2 is an axial sectional view through the shield and illustrating a pocket clip as attached thereto; and

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 2 illustrating the slot or window which is provided through which the information may be exposed.

In proceeding with this invention, I position about the shell of the writing instrument a sheet of material on which there is arranged in parallel rows the information which is desired to be exposed. In this particular instance there is the name and telephone number of each of several different individuals. A shield is then provided which will freely rotate about the writing instrument so as to cover the sheet provided with this information except for a slot which will permit one single name and telephone number to be exhibited through the slot.

A clip is mounted upon this shield which serves to rock or roll the instrument to a position so that the slot in the shield will be arranged along a line from the axis of the instrument through the center of the slot at substantially 45 degrees to the horizontal, so that regardless of how the pencil may be dropped on a horizontal surface the slot will expose the single name and telephone number of the selected person at the desired position. By rotation of the shield relative to the sheet of parallel numbers the proper one may be selected, the pencil may then be laid upon a horizontal surface and when released it will roll to the correct position and while viewing it the number may be dialed, all of which is a great convenience in the operation of a dial telephone.

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With reference to the drawings, 10 designates the shell of a writing instrument which in a pencil has a writing lead 11 at the pointed end 12, and a removable cap 13 at the opposite end. About the outer surface of the shell 10, I position a sheet of paper 14 which has written thereon a plurality of names 15 with the telephone numbers 16 of each person so listed, the different listed information being in parallel rows which are parallel to the axis of the writing instrument. This strip of paper may be provided along a portion of the shell as at 17 of reduced diameter between the abutments or shoulders 18 and 19.

A shield 20 encircles this portion 17 of the writing instrument and is of a thickness to be flush with the outer surface and is of a length to engage the abutments 18 and 19. This shield is freely rotatable about the shell. A slot 21 is provided in the shield or sleeve 20 so as to expose one of the rows of information, comprising the name and telephone number, through this slot. This slot may be rotated to any location to select the desired row of information.

A clip 22 is secured as at 23 to the shield 20 and is so located with reference to the slot 21 that when the edge 24 of the clip engages the horizontal surface 25 a line connecting the center of the slot with the axis of the instrument will be approximately 45 degrees to the horizontal. The weight of the clip 22 will be such as to rock the writing instrument on the horizontal surface 25 so that this position will be acquired. In this manner the pencil is merely laid on a horizontal surface and it will then rock to the position shown in Figure 3 so that the number desired to be dialed can be readily viewed through the slot.

I claim:

1. In a writing instrument a shell, a sheet member encircling said shell and provided with information arranged in rows parallel to the axis of the shell, a shield embracing said sheet member and provided with a slot to expose one of said rows, said shield being rotatably mounted to move and expose a selected row, a clip attached to said shield at a predetermined location with reference to said slot to rock said instrument when on a level surface so as to position the slot upwardly for convenient viewing through the slot of a selected row of information.

2. In a writing instrument as in claim 1 wherein said clip is so located as to position the center of said slot in a plane at about 45 degrees to the horizontal surface on which said writing nsitrument is positioned.

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