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MEMORANDUM CASE

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Fig. 1.

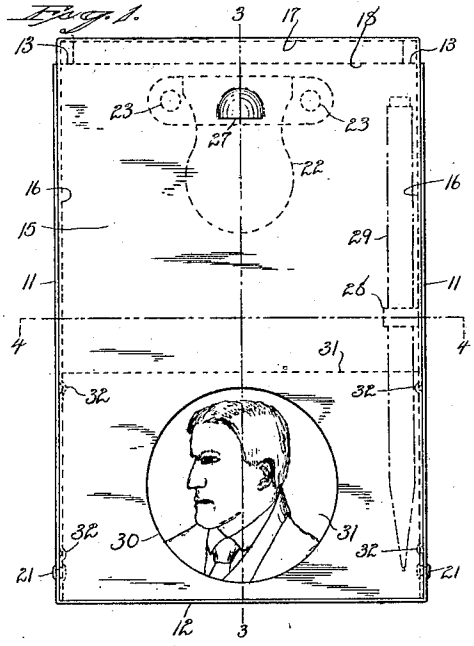


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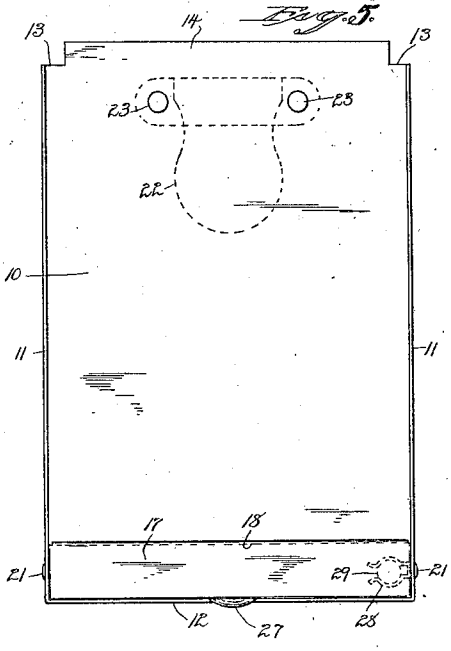


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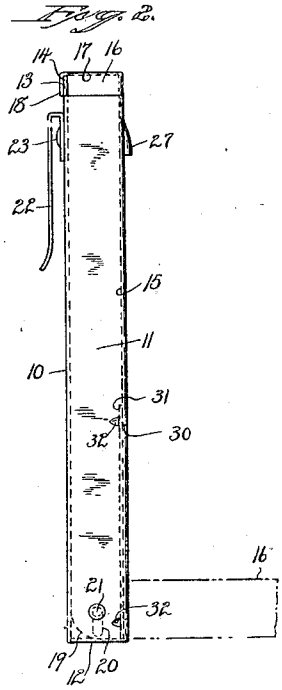


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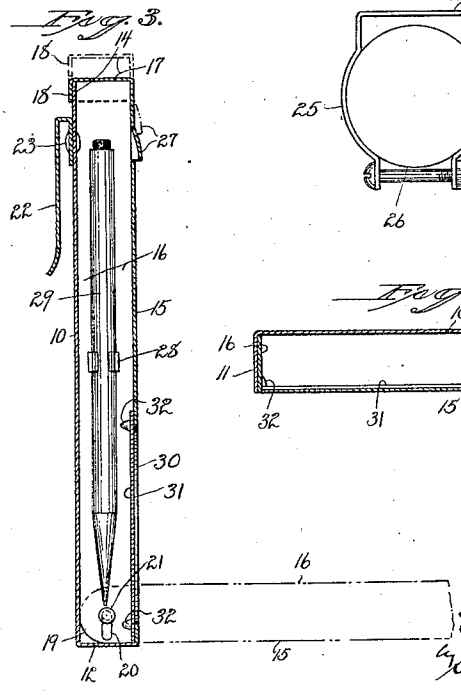


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK W. BECKERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Memorandum Cases; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the characters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this application, and represent, in—

Fig. 1 a view in front elevation of a memorandum case constructed in accordance with my invention, shown as closed.

Fig. 2 an edge view thereof.

Fig. 3 a view thereof in vertical central section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1, showing the cover as longitudinally moved, preparatory to the opening of the case, and, also, by another set of broken lines, in its open position.

Fig. 4 a view in transverse section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 a view in front elevation with the cover in its open position.

Fig. 6 a view in transverse section of an automobile steering-column, showing such a clip as I may employ for the carriage of my improved memorandum case within easy reach of its owner when driving a car.

My invention relates to improvement in memorandum cases, the object being to produce, at a low cost for manufacture, a compact, attractive, and convenient case in which a memorandum pad or slips and a pencil may be carried either upon the person of the owner, or attached, as, for instance, to the steering-column of an automobile.

With these ends in view, my invention consists in a memorandum case having certain details of construction and combinations of parts as will be hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In carrying out my invention, as herein shown, I employ a one-piece, struck-up, sheet-metal case-body having a back 10, complementary sides 11, 11, and a bottom 12, the front and top of the said case-body being entirely open. As shown, the upper corners of the said box-body are correspondingly notched, as at 13, so as to produce a locking-tongue 14. With the said case-body, I employ a complementary, one-piece, struck-up, sheet-metal case-cover comprising a front 15, complementary side-walls 16 and a top 17 having its edge downwardly-turned to form a locking-lip 18 for co-action with the tongue 14 aforesaid of the case-body. The case-body has been described as having no front or top. Similarly, the cover might be described as having no back and no bottom, these two major parts of the device having the same general form adapted to co-act to make a complete case. The lower ends of the side-walls 16 of the cover are rounded, as at 19, and formed with longitudinally-arranged slots 20, receiving studs 21 located opposite each other and mounted so as to extend inwardly from the lower ends of the side-walls 11 of the case-body. As thus constructed, the case-cover pivots on the studs 21 and is adapted to have limited longitudinal movement with respect to the case-body to permit its retaining-lip 18 to be engaged with and disengaged from the tongue 14 thereof.

When the case-body and case-cover are shut and engaged, as clearly shown in Fig. 3, sufficient friction will be developed between the surfaces in contact to prevent the two parts from being accidentally disengaged. Near its upper end, the case-body is provided, upon its rear face or back, with a clip 22 secured in place by rivets 23 adapting the case to be hooked into the offset 24 of a band-clip 25 applied to the steering-column 26 of an automobile. The clip 22 is equally well adapted to be slipped over the owner's belt, or over the edge of a pocket, after the manner of carrying fountain-pens.

The front 15 of the case-cover is provided, near its upper end, with a struck-out lug 27, by which the user may easily slide the said cover with respect to the case-body by inserting a finger-nail under it.

About midway the length of the right-hand wall 16 of the case-cover, I locate a pencil-clip 28 for the reception and carriage of a pencil 29, leaving the main portion of the interior of the case-body free for the accommodation of padded or loose slips of paper not shown herein.

By preference, the front 15 of the case-cover is formed toward its lower end with a large, circular sight-opening 30 for the exposure through it of the central portion of a card 31 retained in place by the insertion of its ends between the rear face of the case-

cover and retaining-lugs 32 struck inwardly from the side-walls 16 thereof. This card may contain a photograph, or it may be a driver's license, or an official registration card, or anything else that the user may wish to carry.

I claim:

1. In a box-like, sheet-metal memorandum case, the combination with a case-body having a back, side-walls and bottom, but open at the top and front, of a case-cover comprising a front, side-walls and top but open at the back and bottom, means for pivotally connecting the said cover and case to permit their limited longitudinal movement, and a locking-tongue and locking-lip formed upon the said parts and co-acting to hold the case-body and case-cover in their closed positions.

2. In a box-like, sheet-metal memorandum case, the combination with a case-body open at the top and front and having a back, sides and bottom; of a complementary case-cover, means for pivotally and slidably connecting the said parts and for locking them together when in their closed positions, a carrier-clip secured to the back of the case-body, and a pencil-clip secured to the inner face of one of the side-walls of the said body for mounting a pencil therein.

In testimony whereof, I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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