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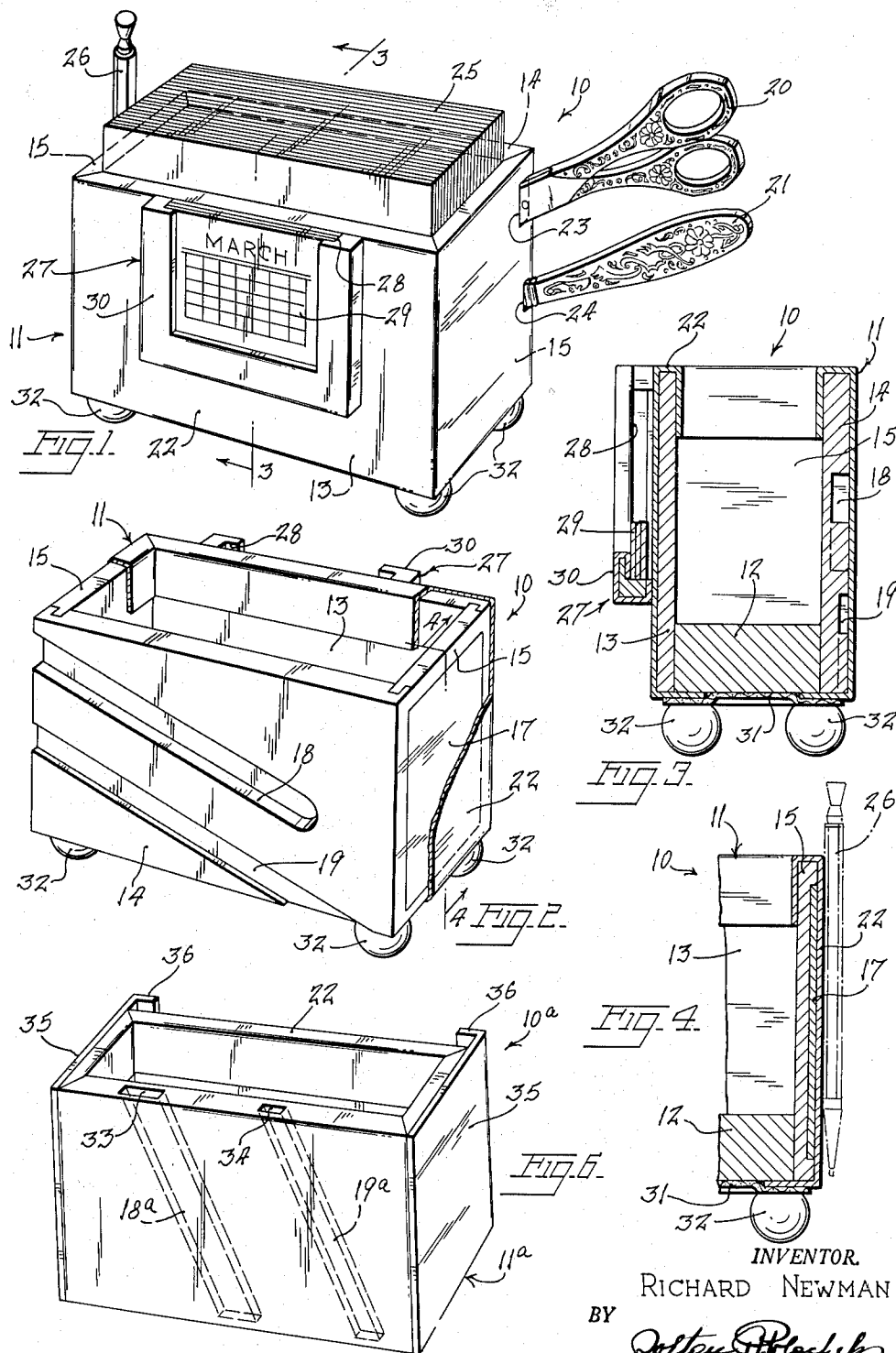
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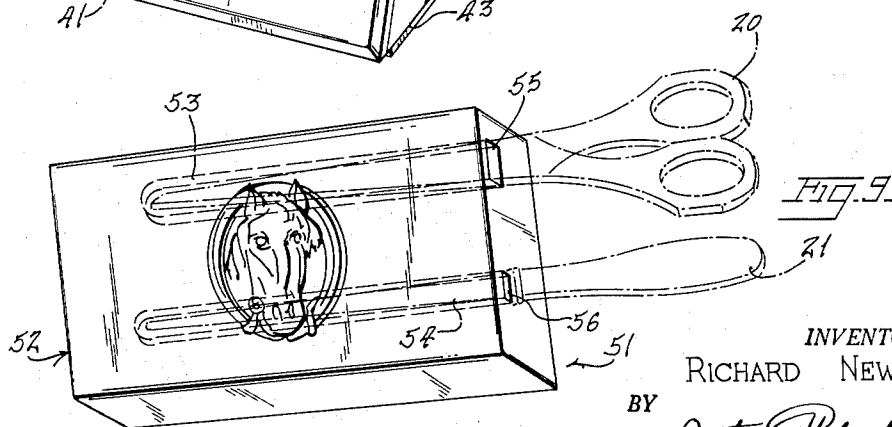
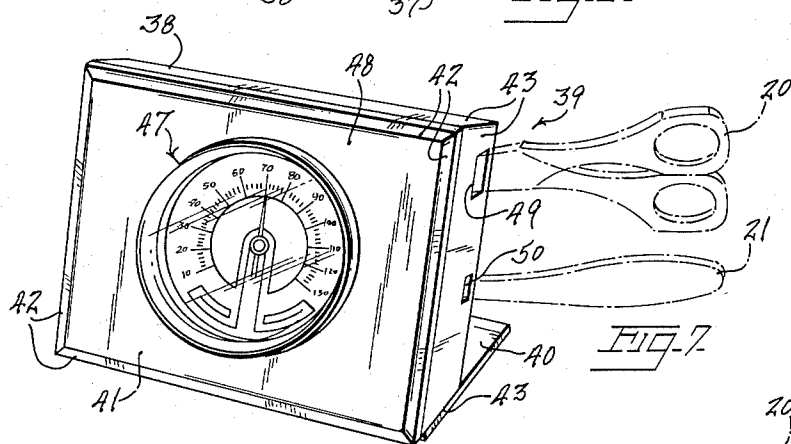
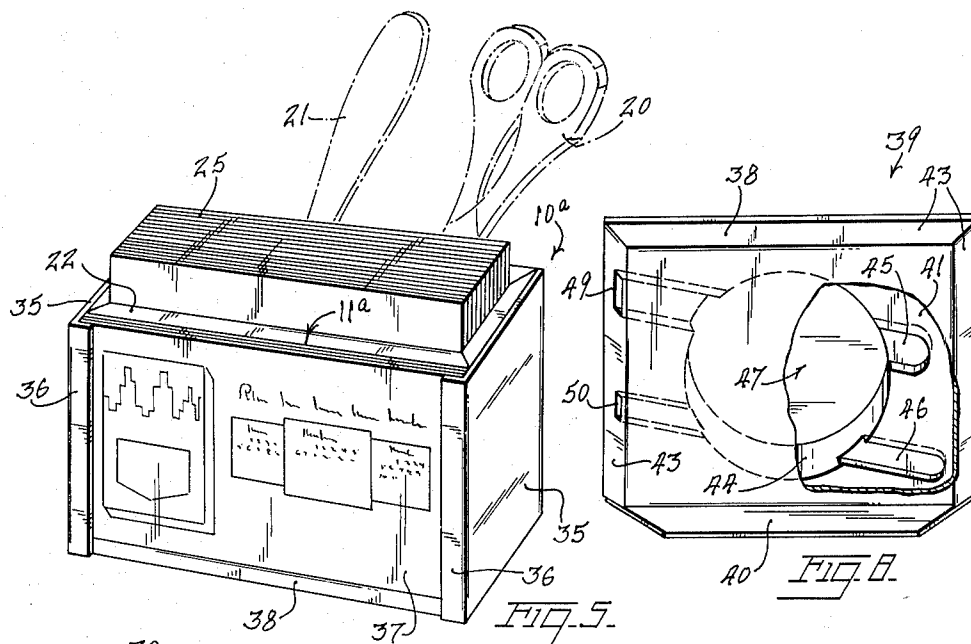
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This invention relates to desk accessories.

It is an object of the present invention to provide, in a desk accessory, concealed grooves in which are removably mounted a pair of scissors and a letter opener.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a desk accessory of the above type which is completely covered with leather forming a side for the grooves and which conceals a magnet by means of which a magnetic pencil is secured to the accessory.

It is still another object of the present invention to provide a desk accessory comprising an upstanding thermometer, concealed grooves being provided at the rear thereof in which are removably mounted a pair of scissors and a letter opener.

It is still another object of the present invention to provide a desk accessory comprising a decorative paper weight, concealed grooves being provided therein in which are removably mounted a pair of scissors and a letter opener.

Other objects of the present invention are to provide a desk accessory bearing the above objects in mind which is of simple construction, inexpensive to manufacture, has a minimum number of parts, is easy to use and efficient in operation.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claim in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a front perspective view of a desk accessory embodying the features of the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a rear perspective view thereof with the contents and certain parts removed, a corner of the leather covering being broken away to show the interior construction.

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view taken along the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view taken along the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a front perspective view of a modified form of the present invention.

Fig. 6 is a rear perspective view thereof showing the contents and certain of the parts removed therefrom.

Fig. 7 is a front perspective view of a still further modified form of the present invention.

Fig. 8 is a rear perspective view thereof with a portion of the leather covering broken away to show the interior construction.

Fig. 9 is a perspective view of a still further modified form of the present invention.

Referring now more in detail to the drawings, in which similar reference numerals identify corresponding parts throughout the several views, there is shown in Figs. 1—4 a desk accessory, referred to collectively as 10, and including a rectangular receptacle 11 open at the top, substantially as illustrated.

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The receptacle 11 consists of a rectangular bottom wall 12, a front wall 13, a rear wall 14 of substantially greater thickness than front wall 13 and end walls 15.

One end wall 15 is provided with a rectangular groove in which is suitably secured a permanent magnet 17, the outer face of magnet 17 lying flush with the outer face of said end wall 15.

The rear wall 14 on its outer face is provided with a pair of elongated, parallel grooves 18 and 19 inclined at an acute angle to bottom wall 12, and adapted to receive therewithin scissors 20 and a letter opener 21, respectively, in a manner to be hereinafter described.

The receptacle 11 is provided with an outer covering 22 of leather or other suitable material which conceals the grooves 18 and 19, as well as magnet 17, the covering 22 adjacent end wall 15 being provided with openings 23 and 24 aligned with the ends, respectively, of grooves 18 and 19 and permitting the insertion therethrough of scissors 20 and letter opener 21.

Memo paper 25 is disposed within receptacle 11, while a magnetic mechanical pencil 26 of well known construction is releasably secured to the end of receptacle 11 (see Fig. 1), by means of magnet 17.

A three-sided, channel-shaped member 27 is secured to the outer face of front wall 13 and mounts calendar slips 28 behind cellophane window 29 in the manner shown, the member 27 being provided with a covering 30 identical with covering 22.

Bottom material 31 is secured across the bottom wall 12, connecting the spaced ends of covering 22, while spheroidal legs 32 are secured to bottom wall 12 through material 31 and covering 22.

Thus there is provided a desk accessory which not only retains mechanical pencil 26 magnetically and receives therewithin memo paper 25, but which also serves as a convenient scabbard mounting for scissors 20 and a letter opener 21, providing these items in an ever handy, attractive and ready manner. It will be noted that due to the downward slope of grooves 18 and 19 the scissors 20 and opener 21 will be retained therein by their own weight, while at the same time permitting their easy removal when desired. It will also be noted that the specific gravities of scissors 20 and opener 21 are disposed so as to lie within receptacle 11, avoiding an unbalanced accessory.

Referring now particularly to Figs. 5 and 6, there is shown a modified form of the present invention, referred to collectively as 10^a, and differing from the first form in the disposition of the grooves 18^a and 19^a, which are now disposed at an obtuse angle to the bottom of receptacle 11^a.

In this form, the receptacle 11^a is provided with leather covering 22 and is identical with receptacle 11 except that the grooves 18^a and 19^a provided in the rear wall are disposed at an obtuse angle to the bottom wall, the covering 22 being provided with openings 33 and 34 aligned with the ends of grooves 18^a and 19^a, respectively, and receiving therethrough the scissors 20 and letter opener 21 in a manner similar to the first form.

Metal plates 35 are secured to the ends of receptacle 11^a, and include flanges 36 extending parallel to and freely spaced from the front wall of receptacle 11^a, substantially as illustrated. Blotters or other printed matter 37 slide intermediate the front wall and flanges 36, resting on a ridge 38 integrally formed in the front longitudinal edge of the bottom wall of receptacle 11^a.

In this form, the magnet 17 may or may not be provided, along with pencil 26.

Referring now particularly to Figs. 7 and 8, there is shown a still further modified form of the invention, referred to collectively as 39, and including a bottom metal plate 40, substantially as illustrated.

A rectangular wooden face 41 having front and rear beveled edges 42 and 43, respectively, is secured along one of the latter to bottom plate 40 in the manner shown.

Face 41 is provided with a circular opening 44 there- 5 through, while the rear face thereof is provided with grooves 45 and 46 inclined at an acute angle to bottom plate 40.

A thermometer 47 of any well known construction is 10 secured within opening 44 of face 41, substantially as illustrated, while the latter is entirely covered with leather or other suitable covering material 48. The covering 48 is provided with openings 49 and 50 aligned with the ends 15 of grooves 45 and 46, respectively, and which receive the scissors 20 and opener 21 in a manner similar to the first form of the invention. It will be noted that due to the beveled edge 43 along which the face 41 is secured to bottom plate 40 that the face 41 is rearwardly 20 inclined. The disposition of the grooves 45 and 46 on the rear surface of face 41 thus effects a more stable accessory.

Referring now more particularly to Fig. 9, there is 25 shown a still further modified form of the invention, referred to collectively as 51, and including a leather covered rectangular block of wood 52, substantially as illustrated. The block 52 directly below the top surface thereof is provided with grooves 53 and 54 adapted to receive the scissors 20 and opener 21, respectively, through one end of block 52, the covering being provided with open- ings 55 and 56 aligned with grooves 53 and 54.

The top surface of block 52 may be suitably decorated. 30

Thus there is provided a combination paper weight and scabbard for the scissors 20 and opener 21, the weight

of the latter when in grooves 53 and 54 contributing to the weight and stability of the paper weight itself.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise construction herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

A desk accessory comprising an upstanding receptacle for memo paper, one of the longitudinal side walls of said receptacle being of greater thickness than the other and being provided with a pair of concealed grooves extending downwardly toward the bottom of said receptacle at an acute angle thereto, the upper ends of said grooves opening onto the outside of said receptacle for receiving a pair of scissors and a letter opener within said grooves, and a leather cover on said receptacle having openings therethrough coinciding with the groove openings to make the grooves exteriorly accessible.

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