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REMINDING DEVICE

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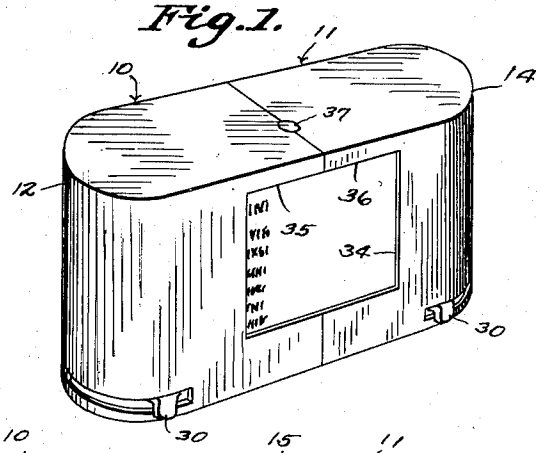


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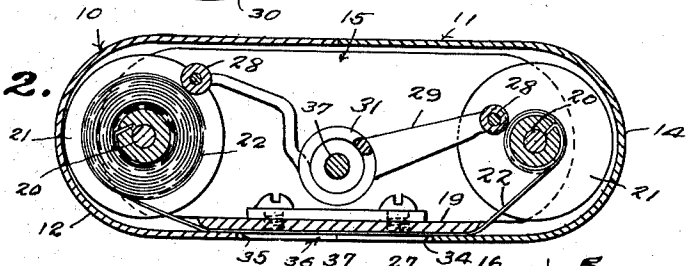


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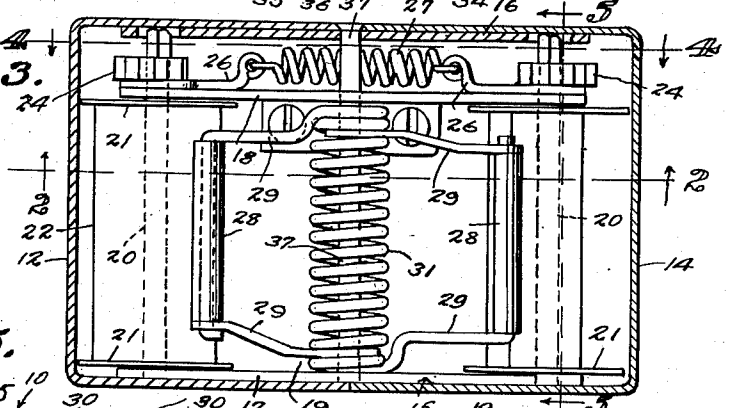
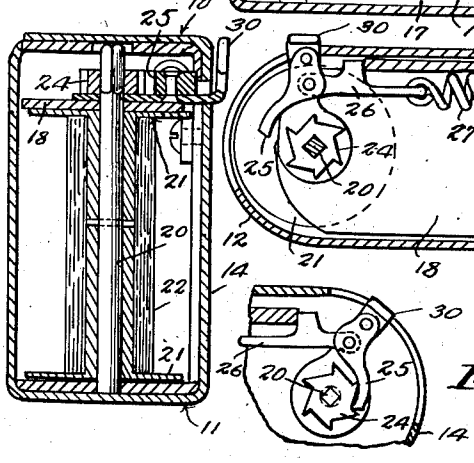


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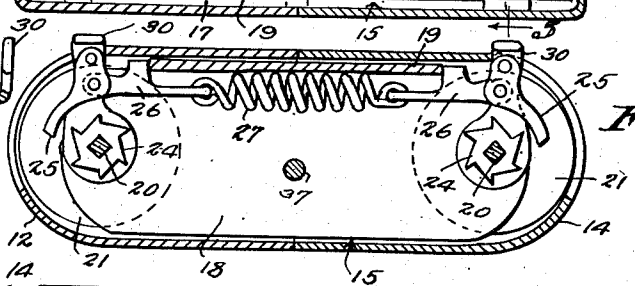


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This invention relates to a reminding or prompting device which is to be carried and used more particularly by public speakers to remind them of important points to be emphasized during their speeches and to replace prompting cards commonly used by speakers.

Other and further objects and advantages of the invention will be hereinafter described and novel features thereof defined in the appended claims.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device on which notations may be written as a means for reminding a shopper of important items to be purchased.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a reminding device constructed in accordance with an embodiment of my invention.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the reminding device taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of my reminding device perpendicular to that in Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section of my invention taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a transverse section of my reminding device taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 6 is an enlarged fragmentary section, partly broken away.

Heretofore it has been customary to provide a form of prompting means, by speakers, so that the line of thought may be carried out to the best advantage, and without interruption. The prompting or reminding device ordinarily embodies one or more sets of cards or a personal prompter who is invisible to the television audience.

The prompting device of my invention embodies an apparatus adapted to be carried in the hands of a person and script will appear according to the actuation of the device by the person using such prompter.

The reminding device **10** is in a casing **11** having a pair of housing sections **12** and **14** fitted together on the outer side of a frame **15**, which supports the inner working parts of the device.

The frame **15** includes a longitudinally extending flat side frame section **16** spaced from a parallel similar flat side frame section **17** on the other side.

There is provided an intermediate frame section **18** between the outer side sections **16** and **17** extending longitudinally of the device **10**, there being a flat transverse frame connecting section **19** connected at its opposite side edges to the outer side frame sections **16** and **17** and disposed on the opposite sides of the intermediate frame section **18**.

A pair of transversely extending shafts **20** are carried by the outer ends of one of the outer frame sections and is rotatable between that one outer frame section and the intermediate frame section **18** as clearly notable in the drawings.

A spool **21** is carried by each of the shafts **20** within the reminding device **10** on which a web **22** of flexible material or reel may be connected and reeled from one of the

spools to the other during the operation of the reminding device **10**.

There is a ratchet wheel **24** fixed to the outer end of each of the shafts **20** between the intermediate frame sections **18** and the flat side frame member **16**, as clearly notable in Fig. 3 of the drawings.

Each ratchet wheel **24** is provided with ratchet type gear teeth thereon engageable with an end of a pawl **25** specifically shown in the drawings. Each pawl **25** is provided with a pawl lever **26** interiorly of the device which is used to constantly urge each of the pawls **25** into engagement with its respective ratchet wheel **24** so that any one of the spools **21** may be rotated for reeling thereon, the web **22** which is fed from the spool at an end of the reminding device.

Each of the spools is to be rotated by the fingers of the user affecting the rotation of a selected ratchet wheel **24**, with its respective shaft and spool, by engaging the outer end of the lever **30** which extends outwardly from the reminding device **10**.

As the reel **22** is wound on one of the spools **21** it is held in that selected position by a roller **28**, between the roller supporting arms **29**, which are engageable at their ends with the ends of the pawl lever **26** outwardly of the intermediate frame section **18** and between the spools **21**.

The pawls are held in their engagement with their respective ratchet wheels **24** by the coil spring **27** which is connected at its ends to said pawl arms **26** at the opposite ends of the reminding device **10**.

As the housing **11** is sectional in configuration there is provided a sectional window housing **34** on one side of the reminding device, the housing section **12** being provided with a segmental window opening **35**, the other housing section **14** having a segmental window opening which aligns with opening **35** in providing the sight window of the device through which the web of the device can be easily viewed by the person using such reminding device.

A rod **37** is extended through a coiled spring **31** for urging the rollers into contact with the reel, this spring being engageable at the ends thereof with the roller supporting arms **29**. In other words, the roller supporting arm intersects the spring **31**, adjacent the ends thereof, so that the same coil spring **31** will continually urge both of the pawls **25** longitudinally of the device **10**.

In the use and operation of the reminding device described above, the reminding device is to be supported in the hands of a person using such device and the web, of the reels **21** is inscribed with the words, or act, which the person using this device intends to do. During the normal use of such device the web is to be trained over the transverse frame section **19** so that the inscription thereon may be readily viewed by the holder through the window formed by the window sections of the sectional casing **11**.

While the specific details of one embodiment of this invention have been herein shown and described, the invention is not confined thereto as changes and alterations may be made without departing from the spirit and scope thereof as defined in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A reminding device comprising a frame formed of a pair of outer plates, a transverse plate securing said plates together in spaced parallel relation, an intermediate plate disposed adjacent one of said pair of plates, a pair of drum shafts journaled in said intermediate and the other of said outer plates, a ratchet fixed on each shaft between said one outer plate and said intermediate plate, a drum fixed on each shaft, a pawl lever loose on each shaft between said ratchet and said intermediate plate, a pawl pivotally carried by each lever selectively engageable with said ratchet, a pair of opposed links pivotally se-

cured at their outer ends to said pawls, a contractile spring secured to the opposed ends of said links, a web wound on both of said drums and engaging over the outer side of said transverse plate, a stop lug carried by each link engageable with the outer edges of said transverse plate to normally hold said pawls in inoperative position, a finger piece on each lever, outward swinging of a lever effecting engagement of the pawl carried thereby with an associated ratchet, spring means holding the web tight on said drums, and a cover encompassing said frame, said cover having a window exposing that portion of said web overlying said transverse plate.

2. A reminding device as set forth in claim 1 wherein said cover is formed of complementary cover sections removably telescoping over said frame.

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