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Fig. 1.

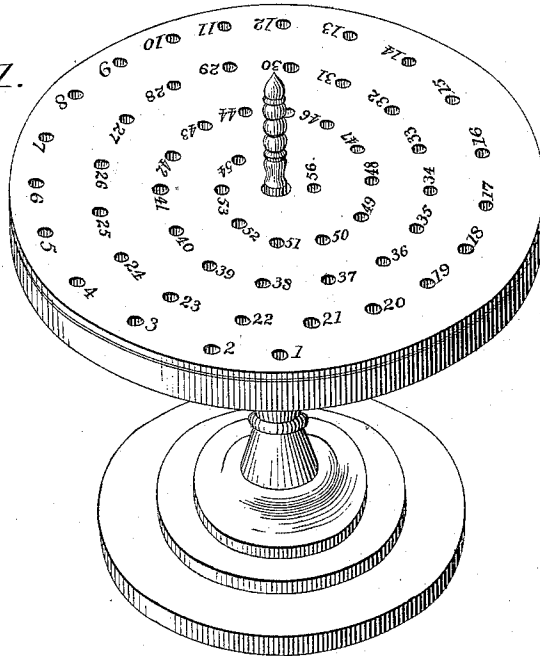
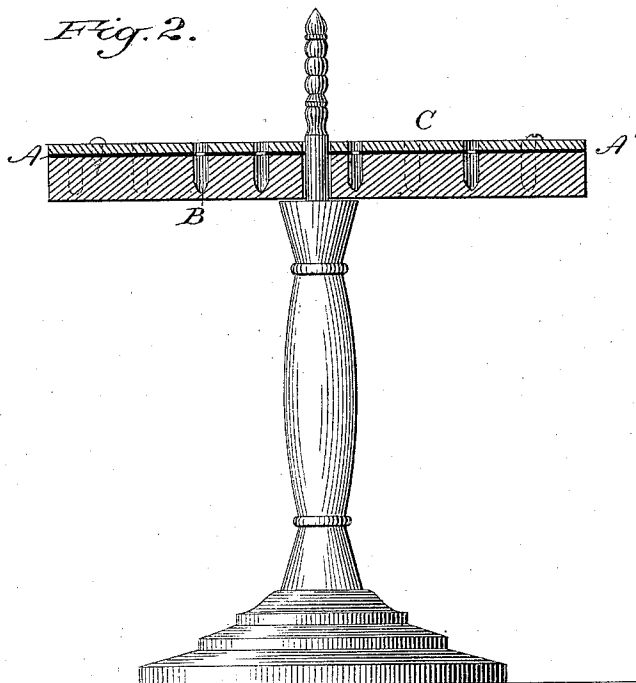


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BRUCE H. SHELDEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oswego, in the county of Oswego and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pencil-Holders for use in Schools, of which the following is a specification.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder, and Fig. 2 a sectional view showing its construction.

My invention provides a stand having a series of pockets on which a quantity of pencils may be placed and each pencil be held secure in its appropriate numbered position until it be desired to remove it.

This pencil-holder is especially designed for use in schools, where it is desirable to collect the pencils from all the pupils of a class at the close of a recitation or lesson and retain them in some safe place of deposit until they shall be required for use in a succeeding lesson.

This pencil-holder is made in the form of a disk, about ten inches in diameter and one and one-fourth inch thick, centrally supported upon a short post or pedestal, having a base of sufficient size to maintain said disk in a horizontal position when at rest. This disk has its upper surface penetrated with numerous circular holes or pockets A, having a depth nearly equal to the thickness of said disk, and a diameter a little greater than the diameter of an ordinary lead-pencil. Each one of said holes or pockets has its bottom terminate in a point, B, as shown in the drawings accompanying this specification, and has its sides surrounded with an elastic band or ring, C, as shown in Fig. 2, forming a part of this pencil-holder, which firmly clasps a pencil when one is deposited in said hole or pocket, effectually preventing the pencil from falling out, even though the holder be turned top side downward.

To secure accuracy in distributing said pencils each to its owner, each place for a pencil has a corresponding numeral. To each pupil or owner of a pencil there can be assigned one of these numbered places of deposit. The pencil-holder, being portable, can be carried to the pupil, who can deposit his pencil in its appropriate number on the holder, where it is safely retained free from contact with its surround-

ing pencils, and can with certainty be returned to its owner for use in a succeeding lesson.

To facilitate the distribution and collection of pencils, the holes or pockets are arranged in a spiral line upon the face of the disk, and the disk is fitted to its supporting-pedestal in manner so as to rotate freely upon said support, so that the numbered pockets can be easily turned toward the pupil.

In constructing said pencil-holder I make the disk of two parts or plates of wood. These plates are fastened together with screws, and inclose between their surfaces a sheet of elastic rubber, in manner shown at A' in the drawings accompanying this specification. Said sheet of rubber is perforated at the places where the pencil-pocket is formed in the wooden disk with circular holes having a less diameter than the holes or pockets in the wood disk. The elastic rubber thus comes in contact with a pencil, when one is inserted in the pocket, with sufficient firmness to retain said pencil in position.

It is designed that the pointed end of a pencil shall be uppermost when in position on this holder.

The object in making the sides of said pockets converge to a point, as shown at B in the drawings, is that the pencil being of a less diameter than the diameter of said holes or pockets, it is necessary that it shall rest in the center of said hole or pocket, in order to maintain a vertical position when at rest. The converging sides of the pocket come in contact with all sides of the pencil and guide it to a central position, no matter what the size of the pencil may be. The pencil is thus held parallel with its surrounding pencils.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A portable pencil-holder consisting of a suitably-mounted table or disk having a series of numbered holes or pockets of suitable size in configuration in its face-surface to receive the end of a pencil, and provided with elastic holding rings or clasps, substantially as shown and for the purpose set forth.

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