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HOLDER FOR WRITING PAD

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Fig. 1

Fig. 2

Fig. 3

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The present invention relates to a novel holder for a relatively small-size writing pad or a pack or plurality of blank cards, index size, and has more particular reference to a sheet metal or equivalent lightweight and durable holder which is such that it may be handily and accessibly carried on one's person due to the fact that it is pocket-size and is consequently aptly usable for taking down notes or effectually referring to already prepared notes or equivalent memoranda.

Stated otherwise, the invention has to do with a holder for a pack of sheets, cards, or a small-size so-called scratch pad and whose construction is such that it will function to maintain the sheets neatly and snugly in place down to the last sheet and will also furnish, what is just as important, a firm backing surface for handy writing purposes.

Another object of the invention has to do with a practical and expedient holder for a memo pad or equivalent means which is of one-piece construction and quite simple and economical, furnishes a smooth backing or writing surface, and will serve to hold from one sheet to a full pack of sheets without requiring the sheets to be perforated.

Another object of the invention has to do with a holder which permits sheets to be quickly arranged or rearranged in any order, requires a minimum amount of space when carried in one's pocket or in a handbag or purse, as the case may be, and will fit neatly in a filing case designed for holding the same.

Briefly and stated somewhat more from a structural standpoint, the invention appertains to a pocket-size holder for a readily insertable and removable writing pad, conventional-type index cards or the like, comprising a flat smooth-surfaced backing plate rigid and generally rectangular in plan and provided along opposite longitudinal edges with cooperating flanges bent relative to each other and said plate and defining and providing channel-shaped pad receiving and retaining tracks, said plate having an upstanding centrally disposed ear-like bend at one transverse end providing a stop shoulder, and being provided at its other transverse end with a centered finger clearance notch and on opposite sides of said notch with tongue-like extensions bent laterally and downwardly and providing pad pinning elements assisting in guiding and positioning the pad into said holder.

A highly important feature has to do with spring fingers incorporated in the holder to serve as handy and accessible sheet or card holding clips and which maintain constant pressure and retaining contact with the sheets in situations where they are torn off the pads and the thickness of the pad is thus gradually reduced in a step-by-step manner.

Other objects, features and advantages will become more readily apparent from the following description and the accompanying sheet of illustrative drawings.

In the drawings, wherein like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the views:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a holder constructed in accordance with the principles of the present invention;

Figure 2 is an enlarged central longitudinal sectional view on the line 2—2 of Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows and showing a pad, or, alternatively, cards, in the holder for use; and

Figure 3 is a cross-section on the line 3—3 of Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows with the pad removed.

Referring now to the drawings with the aid of lead lines and reference numerals, the holder, as a general article or entity, is denoted by the numeral 6. It is preferably of sheet metal and comprises a rectangular backing plate 8 which is sometimes referred to as a platen and which has perfectly smooth surfaces 8 and 10, particularly the upper surface 10 which is employed as a backing or writing base for anywhere from one to a dozen or more index-size cards or a small memo pad made up of thin sheets of paper. Guide and retaining tracks are provided along the opposite lengthwise or longitudinal edges. These are identical in construction, and each track comprises a lateral vertical flange 12 and a complemental horizontal flange 14, the latter flange being bent in spaced parallelism over the entire length of the plate. These flanges cooperate with the plate in providing channel-shaped open-ended tracks for the memo pad or the cards 16, as illustrated in Figure 2. Before further discussing these tracks, it is to be noted that there is a lateral ear-like bend 18 at one transverse end 20 which serves as a stop shoulder and limits the sliding movement of the pad or cards in a direction from right to left in Figures 1 and 2. At the opposite transverse end 22, there is a central finger or clearance notch 24 which permits one to have access to the bottommost sheet or card, and on opposite sides of this are outstanding tongue-like extensions 26—26 which are flared or bent and thus deflected downwardly so that they assist in guiding or piloting the memorandum pad into the tracks.

One or more spring fingers or tongues will be provided to assist in clamping but yieldingly holding the pads in the holder. These are preferably shown therein where it will be noticed that one end portion of the flange 12 is cut away to form what may be described as a narrow flange portion 28, a slot 30 and a bendable spring tongue or finger 32. This is longitudinally bowed and the free end thereof is thus pressed or flexed toward the surface 10. These two fingers constitute well positioned spring clips for holding the memo pad or cards in place. With this construction, if one pulls the pack of sheets approximately half-way out of the holder, it will be noted how easily the selected or partly extracted sheet may be transferred to the back or bottom of the pack. Thus, if the cards are already marked, one may select a top card, bottom card or intermediate cards and shift them about and keep them systematically in the holder. The spring clips will assure effective results.

From the foregoing, the construction and operation of the device will be readily understood and further explanation is believed to be unnecessary. However, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and description, and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

1. A pocket-size holder for a readily insertable and removable writing pad, conventional-type index cards or the like, comprising a flat smooth-surfaced backing plate, rigid and generally rectangular in plan and provided along opposite longitudinal edges with cooperating vertical and
horizontal flanges bent relative to each other and said plate and defining and providing open ended channel-shaped pad receiving and retaining tracks, said plate having an upstanding centrally disposed ear-like bend at one transverse end providing a stop shoulder, and being provided at its other transverse end with a centered finger clearance notch and on opposite sides of said notch with tongue-like extensions bent laterally and downwardly and providing pad piloting elements assisting in guiding and positioning the pad in said holder, the respective vertical flanges at the end of the plate adjacent to said stop shoulder being provided with slots opening through the track-ends adjacent to said stop shoulder and providing lengthwise tongues, the respective tongues being resilient and longitudinally bowed in a direction toward the respective free end portions, said free end portions being curved downwardly and into close proximity to the cooperating top surface of said plate and providing resilient pad holding clips.  

2. A pocket-size holder for a readily insertable and removable scratch pad or for conventional-type cards of index size comprising a backing plate having a smooth top surface usable for basing and backing up said scratch pad, said plate being rigid and generally rectangular in plan and provided along its entire lengthwise edges with laterally bent vertical flanges which latter are, in turn, provided with integral horizontally bent flanges directed toward each other and which overlie adjacent marginal edge portions of the plate and cooperate therewith in defining open-ended channel-shaped tracks for reception and retention of an insertable pad, the junctional bend between each vertical and horizontal flange at one end portion of each channel-shaped track being formed with a slot beginning at the approximate median portion of the track and extending lengthwise and opening through one open end of said track whereby the cooperating half-portion of the horizontal flange is disconnected from the vertical flange and is consequently transformed into a tongue, the respective tongues being resilient and longitudinally bowed in a direction toward their free outer ends, said free outer ends being permanently curved into close proximity with respect to the underlying top surface of said plate and providing yieldable pad-holding clips.

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