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Fig. 2.

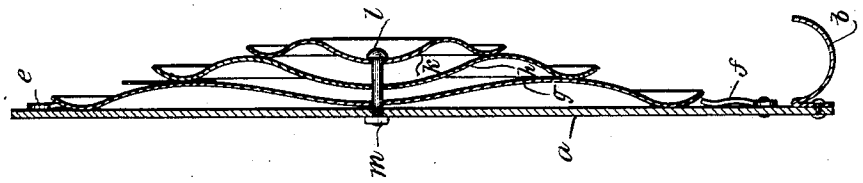
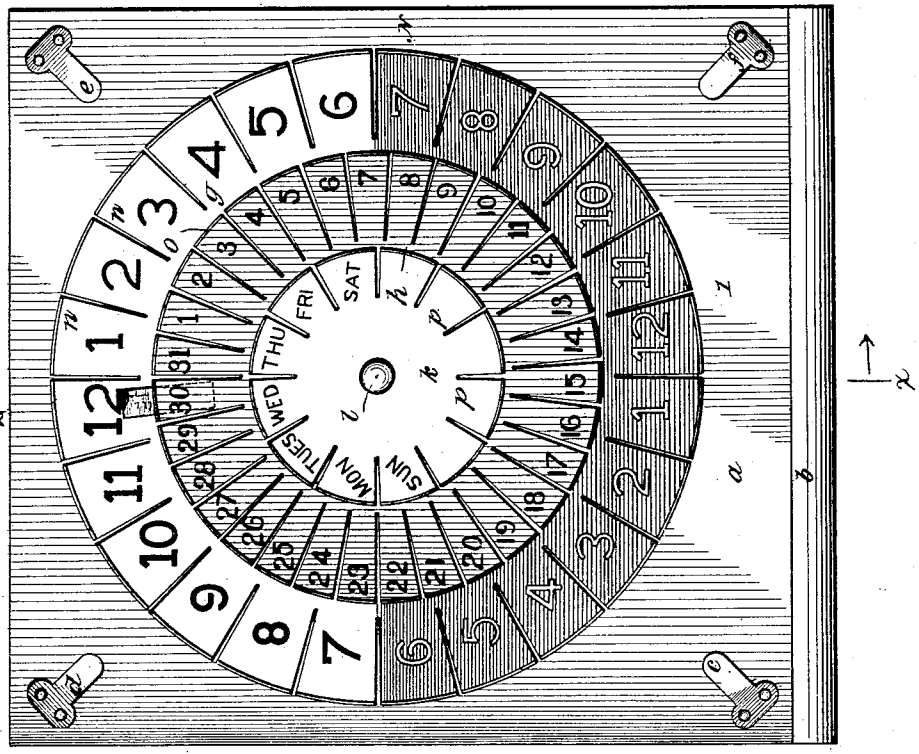


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, VICTOR STERKI, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New Philadelphia, in the county of Tuscarawas and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Reminders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to reminders—that is to say, instruments for reminding persons of business engagements and other events desirable to be borne in mind.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a plan view of my invention ready for use, and Fig. 2 is a section upon the line $x\,x$ of Fig. 1 looking in the direction of the arrow.

A piece of sheet metal a is provided with a leaf or shelf b for the purpose of sustaining cards, envelops, or slips, and is also provided with a number of spring-tongue clips $c\ d\ e\ f$, which may be used for holding articles indicating engagements. A number of metallic disks $g\ h\ k$ are cupped or bent into the shape indicated in Fig. 2 and are yieldingly pressed together by the bolt l, which is engaged by a nut m. These disks are provided at their circumferences with leaf-springs N $n\ o\ p$, each spring in the upper and middle disks pressing upon a rotund elastic portion of the disk immediately below and the bottom disk pressing directly upon the surface of sheet metal a. Each of these spring-tongues, taken in connection with the surface upon which it presses, constitutes a very efficient form of spring-clip, capable of holding a card, envelop, or similar article.

Each spring-tongue is provided with a numeral. The larger or outer disk is made, preferably, in two colors, one light and the other dark, as indicated in Fig. 1. The light color represents day-time and the dark color represents night-time. The leaf-springs of this disk are provided with numerals ranging from "1" to "12," the numbers being duplicated, as shown. The idea is that the spring-tongues N represent the twelve hours of the night and the spring-tongues n represent the twelve hours of the day. The middle disk h has thirty-one leaf-springs, each provided with a numeral, these numerals representing the days of the month.

As indicated by the shading in Fig. 1, the three concentric circles of clips may be provided with different colors, these colors representing different orders of time.

Divers of the springs p of the upper and smaller disk k are provided with distinguishing-marks representing the several days of the week and others of said springs are left blank to represent any arbitrary periods of time which may be desirable to have borne in mind.

My device is used as follows: A person having an engagement or wishing for any reason to be reminded of a matter to receive attention at a particular hour of the day or night or upon a particular day of the week or month merely places a slip, card, or similar marker under the appropriate spring. Half-hours may be indicated by placing the marker under two consecutive springs of the outer circle. Any number of markers may be used. The operator by occasionally glancing at the "reminder" is enabled to tell at a glance what matters will need his attention at a particular time. Suppose a person desires to answer a letter upon the 30th day of the month. He places the letter or some memoranda thereof under the leaf-spring provided with the numeral "30," as indicated in Fig. 1. Other letters, cards, and memoranda of divers kinds may be inserted under the several springs, and it may happen that when the 30th day of the month arrives there are a plurality of articles under the spring "30." The operative should look at the indicator at proper intervals, and of course when the 30th day of the month arrives he will find under the spring "30" the several articles or memoranda equivalent thereto which should receive attention upon that day. All engagements for particular days of the week are similarly indicated by the upper disk k. The lower disk g works upon substantially the same principle, but with this difference, that the hours of the night-time are designated by the same numerals as the hours of the day-time. Some means should be provided whereby the night-time may be mentally distinguished from the day-time, and it is for this reason that the lower and larger disk is made in two different colors.

A business man provided with one of my devices mounted upon the wall of his office or at the side of his desk may be enabled at any moment to see at a glance what appointments he has for any time between one morning and the next or on any particular day of the week or month.

My device is equally serviceable for business men, doctors, lawyers, ministers, teachers, statesmen, and politicians. The device can be also advantageously used in the home, especially by people having many social duties.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. In a reminder for assisting the memory, the combination of a frame provided with a plurality of clips, each clip consisting of a leaf-spring normally pressing upon a curved-spring surface, said leaf-springs being disposed radially and in the form of concentric circles, each circle being colored to represent a different order of time, one of said circles having two colors denoting day and night respectively, and said leaf-springs being individually provided with numerals indicating arbitrary periods of time.

2. In a reminder for assisting the memory, the combination of a frame provided with a plurality of clips, each clip consisting of a leaf-spring so curved as to present both a convex and a concave surface, said clips being disposed radially and in the form of concentric circles, each circle being so disposed relatively to the others that the concave surfaces of the clip in one circle rest upon the convex surfaces of the clips in another circle.

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

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