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Fig. 1.

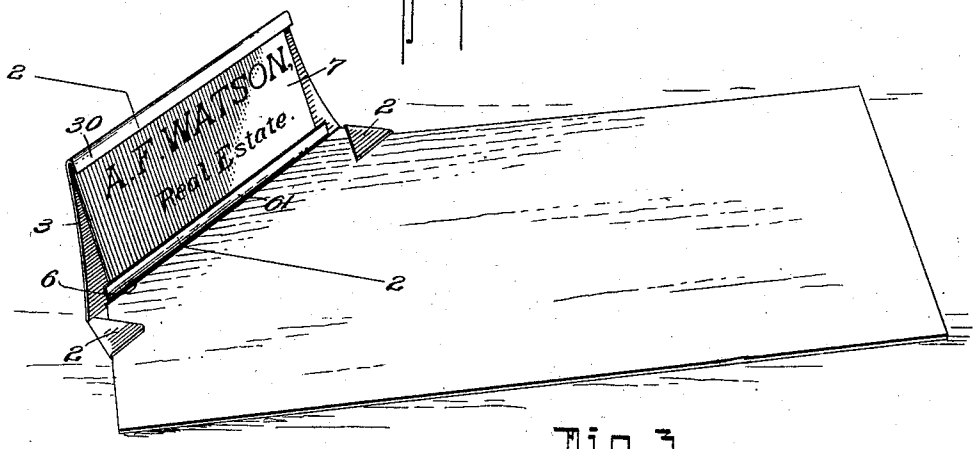


Fig. 2.

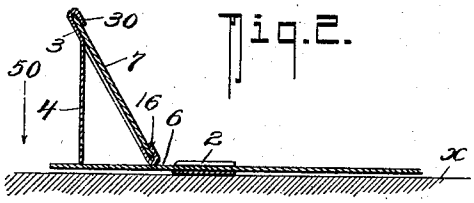


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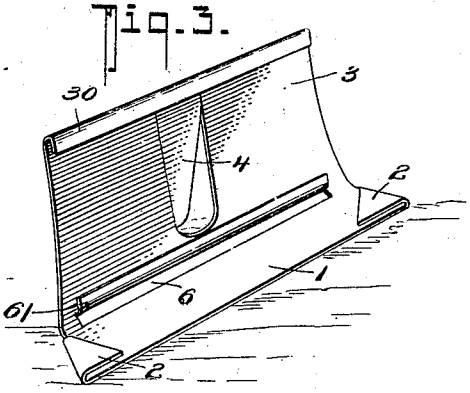


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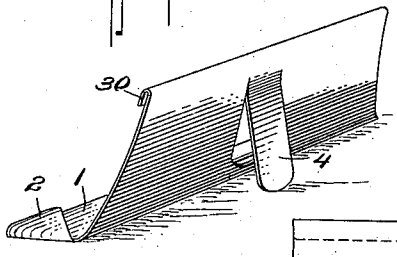
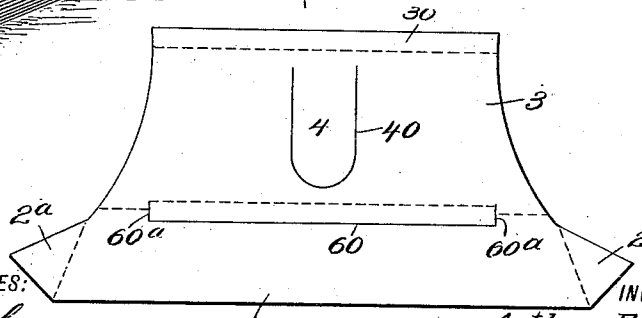


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR F. WATSON, residing at Cheboygan, in the county of Cheboygan and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blotter-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a simple and inexpensive device for holding blotters; and it comprehends a means for receiving one end of the blotter and holding it in such manner that the same can be conveniently manipulated and arranged with the "right side up" for use.

In its complete nature my invention embodies a holder bent up from a single piece of spring metal, whereby to form a handhold and having suitably-arranged clips for engaging the blotter for holding the same flatwise upon the desk.

Again, my invention embodies a metallic holder constructed to receive and clip one end of a blotter and provided with a member adapted for sustaining the holder in its vertical position and also for pressing against the blotter when used, whereby to firmly retain the blotter in its engagement with the holder.

In its more subordinate features this invention consists in certain details of construction and peculiar combination of parts, all of which will be hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the appended claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention, showing the same as applied for use. Fig. 2 is a transverse section thereof, taken partly on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a front perspective view of the invention. Fig. 4 is a rear perspective view thereof. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the blank from which my improved holder is formed.

In the practical construction my improved holder is shaped up from a single piece of sheet metal having the blank form shown in Fig. 5, and it comprises a transversely-bent base or bottom member 1, the opposite ends of which terminate in upwardly-bent clips 2, formed by bending the extensions 2^a (shown in Fig. 5) over the member 1, as already shown in Fig. 3.

3 designates a handhold portion that inclines vertically from the base 1 and has its end bent over, as at 30, to form a rounded upper edge and for other reasons hereinafter fully explained.

At a point just below the edge 30 and centrally of the part 3 is a tongue 4, formed by slitting the blank, as shown at 40 in Fig. 5, which tongue is bent back from the part 3, as best shown in Fig. 4, and forms the support for sustaining the holder to its vertical position, and it also forms a means for pressing the end of the blotter down against the desk-top indicated by X (see Fig. 2) when using the blotter, which result is readily accomplished by the user bearing down on the holder in the direction indicated by the arrow 50.

At a point below the tongue-slit the blank is slitted transversely and vertically, as at 60 60^a, (shown in Fig. 5,) and the slitted portion is bent forwardly and upwardly to form a transverse slot 6, disposed in the plane of the member 1 for the passage of the edge of the blotter, as shown in Fig. 1, the bending up of the slitted portion forming a smooth guard which prevents tearing the blotter. The said bent-up member designated 61, together with the upper member 30, also form cleats for holding an advertising-card 7, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

By reason of the peculiar construction of the holder one corner of the blotter can be readily slipped through the horizontal slot with the clips engaging one end and side of the blotter, the tongue or brace 4 being of sufficient length to press down on the corner of the blotter with sufficient pressure to hold the same in place, as stated.

By holding the blotter as shown and described the same can be always quickly found and it is held rigid and right side up when being used, thus avoiding the danger of blurring from slipping or using the soiled side of the blotter. Again, by forming the holder of a single piece of metal, as shown, the same can be manufactured at such low cost that it can be given away as an advertising medium, and, besides, its use is economical, since the blotter in the holder will be held so long as it is clean, and thereby avoids having several blotters on the desk partly used and wasted.

What I claim is—

1. A holder of the purpose stated, formed of a sheet-metal body provided with an integral tongue bent diagonally therefrom to form a brace, an inwardly-bent base portion at the lower end, the said body having means

for detachably receiving and gripping the end of a blotter.

2. A holder formed of a sheet-metal body having a transverse slot to receive the end of a blotter and a rearwardly and downwardly extended brace adapted to be pressed down against the ends of the blotter that projects through the slot for the purposes set forth.

3. A holder for the purposes stated, which comprises a sheet-metal plate having its lower end bent substantially at right angles to the body, the body having a transverse slot in the plane of the base and provided with a rearwardly and downwardly extending tongue, the base portion having its end folded over to form clips for engaging the edges of the blotter, as set forth.

4. As a new article, a blotter-holder formed of a single piece of sheet metal, bent up to rest in a vertical position, on a desk and having means at the lower end to detachably receive and hold a blotter, and having means above the blotter-holding means for receiving an advertising-card.

5. A holder for the purposes described, formed of a single piece of spring metal bent up to provide a vertical or body portion, the upper edge of which is bent over to form a cleat, a brace projected rearwardly from the body, a base portion bent inwardly at an angle to the body, the ends of which are bent over to form clips, the body portion having a transverse slot, at a point in line with the base, and having a cleat above said slot parallel with the upper cleat for the purposes set forth.

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