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COMBINED MEMORANDUM PAD AND WALLET.
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Fig. 1.

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Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OLIVER MITCHELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Combined Memorandum-Pads and Wallets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is a combined memorandum pad and wallet for the same and consists essentially of a surface upon which loose leaves of paper may be held securely, in pad form, and removed, one at a time, as they are written upon and deposited in the appropriate space provided in the wallet.

A difficulty with an ordinary memorandum book is the fact that as memoranda increase, it is increasingly difficult to find what is wanted, or to have the desired note come to the attention at the time when it should, to be effective, as well also, that the cancellation of memoranda which have served their purpose, still leave them in the book, resulting in a writing in which dead or finished notes are indiscriminately mixed with those which are still in effect and rendering the search for these latter increasingly difficult and the overlooking of some matter, increasingly possible and probable.

It is the object of my present invention to provide a system for making and filing memoranda which will keep only live notes and which will present such notes as are necessary at the time when they are needed without special search or thought upon the part of the user.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device, complete; Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section, on line 2—2 of Fig. 1, with the index strip A removed; and Figs. 3 and 4 show two views of the index strip separate from the pad.

My device consists of a body piece B, made of sheet material suitable to sustain a pack of loose paper sheets D, of suitable size, having at one end a pocket into which one end of the paper pack may be inserted and at the other a clamping member. Upon the other side of the body piece is a pocket, within which may be assembled an index as desired.

In the preferred form of my device, the index device is formed of a long strip A, of thin, tough paper, folded into a series of bends, and suitably inscribed upon one side with the days of the week and upon the other, with the names of the months, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, which are two views of the same strip. It will be seen that the folds form a series of pockets upon both sides of the strip. This strip is inserted into the pocket B with the side of strip A upon which the days of the week are inscribed showing, the side showing the months being at the bottom of the pocket. The pocket B of the device closes the sides of the folds in the strip A and the strip and the pocket form a series of inner pockets, in which the memorandum slips, as they are made, may be filed, according to the day when it is desired to be reminded of a particular matter.

In case of a memorandum relating to a matter more remote than one week then the entire strip, with its contents is pinched between the fingers, withdrawn from the pocket B and reversed, bringing the compartments, inscribed with the months to view and the memorandum deposited in the compartment devoted to any month desired.

In operation, a pack of paper sheets D of suitable size is taken, the flap B' is opened up, one end of the pack of papers inserted into pocket B and the other beneath flap B' which is then snapped down by the ball and socket fastener C to which is attached a strip of stiff material C' to give fixity to the flap B' when it is snapped down to hold one end of the paper pack. When a memorandum has been written in the end of the paper which is in the pocket B' is withdrawn and the other end of the paper is then pulled from beneath the flap B' and the memorandum then suitably filed in the proper index compartment. It is obvious that such a system of making memoranda provides for finding the memorandum at the very time that it is wanted since every day upon examination the proper compartment presents its slips while once a week the current month compartment will provide slips for the next week, if any there be. When a slip has served its purpose it is thrown away, leaving in the wallet only actually live memoranda, and not an accumulation of memoranda which have ceased to be of interest.

I have described my device as applied to keeping memoranda to be turned up at a given day or later, but it is obvious that the compartments might be marked to provide a system of filing based upon other considerations than date, for example, different
departments of a business or different cities, or the like.

1 claim:—

1. The combination with a pocket-member carrying a number of loose note sheets, of a folded strip engaging reversibly in the pocket to present separate series of receptacles for the reception of the note sheets.

2. The combination with a body member having a pocket and carrying a number of loose note sheets, of a folded strip engaging reversibly in the pocket and presenting separate series of receptacles for the loose note sheets.

3. The combination with a receiving member carrying a number of loose note sheets, of a transversely crimped and flattened strip presenting separate series of receptacles at its opposite sides engaging reversibly in the receiving member and adapted to retain said loose note sheets in the receptacle.

Signed by me at Boston, Mass., this third day of January, 1911.

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