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Fig. 1

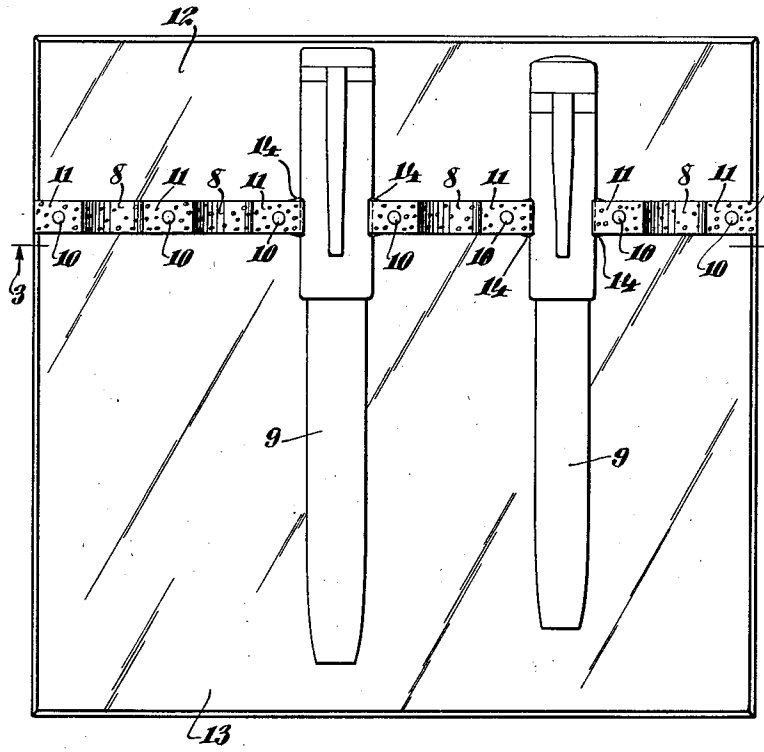


Fig. 2

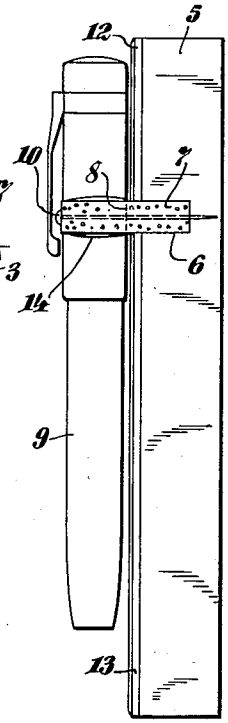


Fig. 3

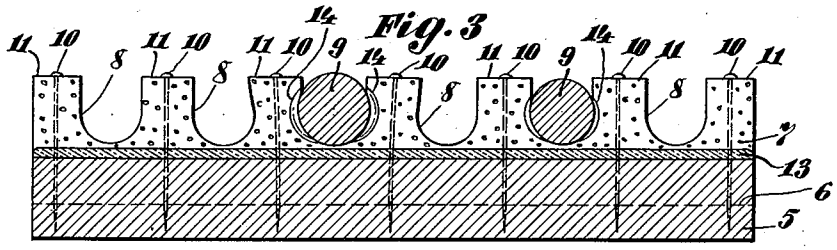
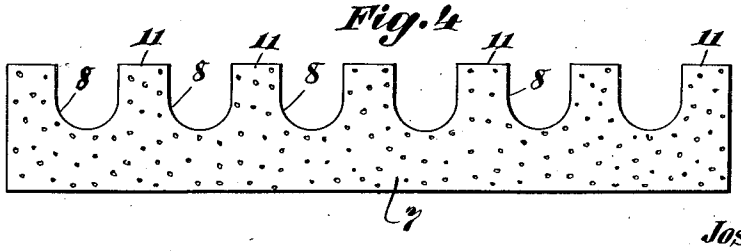


Fig. 4



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The invention here disclosed relates to devices for holding fountain pens or other articles for display purposes.

Objects of the invention are to provide a device of the character mentioned, which will hold fountain pens, pencils, pipes, cosmetics or other articles, firmly but readily releasable and in a manner which will display them to best advantage; which will be self-adjusting to grip and hold articles of different sizes and which while attractive and effective for the purposes stated, will be simple in construction, inexpensive and consist of but few readily available and easily assembled parts.

Further objects of the novel features by which all purposes of the invention are attained will appear and are definitely set forth in the following specification.

The drawing accompanying and forming part of the specification illustrates a present practical commercial embodiment of the invention. Structure however, may be modified and changed as regards this particular illustration, all within the true intent and broad scope of the invention as hereinafter defined and claimed.

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a form of the invention particularly designed for holding fountain pens and the like.

Fig. 2 is a side or edge view of the same.

Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view as on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a detached face view of the holder strip.

In the present illustration, the holder consists of a substantially flat base 5, having a relatively deep groove 6, across the face of the same, in which there is seated edgewise a strip 7, of elastic material, such as sponge rubber having notches 8, to receive the fountain pens or other articles 9.

To secure the strip in place and to give it a desirable firmness and gripping power, headed tempered resilient steel pins 10 are driven through the outer edge of the strip inward into the base material, at points between the notches, that is, through the upstanding portions 11, at the sides of the notches and forming in effect the resilient jaws for yieldingly gripping the articles.

The base should be of a non-warping material, penetrable to the strip holding and reinforcing pins. Basswood has been found a suitable material.

The base may be finished or decorated in various ways. In the form illustrated, the base is decorated by covering it with sections 12, 13, of mirror cemented or otherwise secured over the face of the base at opposite sides of the retainer strip.

The notches are preferably made of a size and shape to yieldingly grip the smallest size article for which the holder is intended, for instance, the smaller size fountain pen at the right in Fig. 1. The resiliency of the strip material and the securing pins is such that a larger size article, such as the pen in Fig. 1, will spread these parts to accommodate the larger dimensions, possibly compressing the rubber to a greater or less extent as indicated at 14, to more firmly grip a larger and heavier article. The pins reinforce the rubber and act partly as spring gripping jaws. The construction enables the use of a highly resilient porous sponge rubber having a highly effective frictional gripping character. The seating of the strip in a relatively deep slot gives it a firm base mounting but leaves the projecting gripping finger portions free to yield as needed to best accommodate the supported articles. The porosity of the rubber provides a certain roughness or irregularity to the surface which is highly desirable in gripping more or less smooth surfaced articles such as fountain pens and the like. This porous and highly resilient form of material also spreads more readily under compression, thus to increase the gripping area 14, and so more or less automatically provide a more extended grip on the articles, as required.

What is claimed is:

1. A holder for the display of articles such as fountain pens, said holder comprising a wooden base having a groove across the face of the same, a strip of sponge rubber seated on-edge in said groove, said strip having notches in the outer exposed edge of the same of a size to compressibly grip the fountain pens or other articles entered therein and resilient pins driven in through the exposed edge of the strip, between said notches into the material of said wooden base at the bottom of said groove.

2. A holder for the display of articles such as fountain pens, said holder comprising a base of penetrable material having a groove across the face of the same, a strip of resilient material seated on-edge in said groove, said strip having notches in the outer exposed edge of the same of a size to compressibly grip the fountain pens or other articles entered therein and resilient pins securing said strip in said groove, said resilient pins being driven in through the exposed edge of the strip between the notches into the penetrable material of the base at the back of said groove.

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