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DESK ATTACHMENT

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Fig. 1.

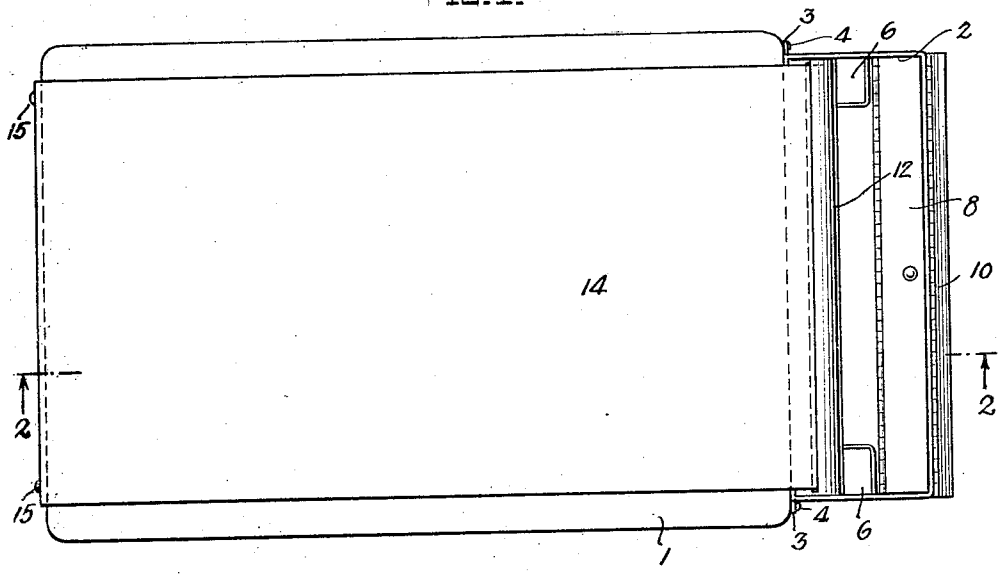


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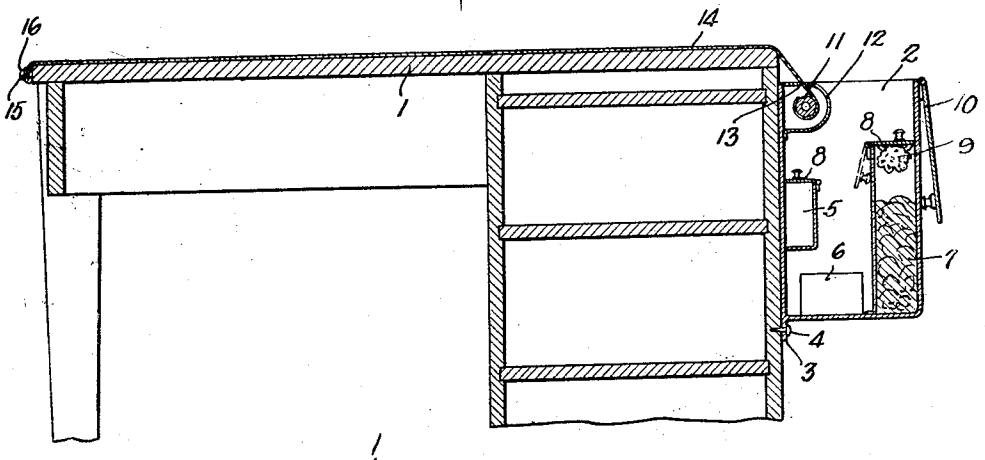
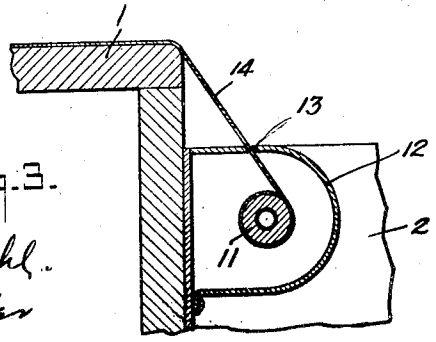


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NATHALIE O. PYLICK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Desk Attachment, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in desk attachments, an object of the invention being to provide a receptacle for clay and other articles, which may be conveniently attached to a desk and which is provided with a desk cover movable across the top of the desk and held thereon, so that the scholar using the clay will not mar the desk as the latter will be protected by the cover.

A further object is to provide an attachment of the character stated, which is especially designed for use in the schoolroom and which functions to provide a convenient receptacle for clay and the like, and which can be installed at a reasonably low price, and which will result in not only a saving of school furniture, but will provide a smooth surface which can be readily washed and kept clean.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, and combinations and arrangements of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a top plan view showing my improved attachment connected to a desk.

Fig. 2 is a view in vertical transverse section.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail view showing the mounting of the desk cover.

1 represents a desk and 2 a box or casing which may be affixed to the desk in any approved manner. A simple form of attachment is to provide perforated lugs 3 on the box with screws 4 to secure the same to the desk, but the invention is, of course, not limited to the particular attaching means. The box 2 is provided with any desired number and arrangement of compartments 5, 6 and 7, and these compartments may have covers 8 or not, as desired. The compartment 7, which is designed to hold clay, is preferably provided with a cover 8 having a sponge or other moistening attachment 9 to keep the clay in moist condition when the cover is closed.

The box 2 is preferably provided with a hinged cover 10 which swings outwardly so as to provide ready access to the receptacle when desired. Within the receptacle 2 I provide a reel or roller 11 which is preferably a spring roller, although it is obvious that this reel or roller may be manually operated and the invention is not limited to a spring reel or roller, although I at this time believe such an arrangement preferable.

This roller 11 is mounted within a casing 12 having a slot 13, through which a flexible cover 14 consisting of a web of suitable material is movable, it being understood that one end of the web comprising the cover is fixed to the roller and winds thereon when permitted. It is desirable that the slot 13 be relatively narrow, so that the walls thereof will serve to scrape the clay adhering thereto as the cover is rewound on the roller, such clay falling into the receptacle and not interfering with the proper winding action of the cover. The cover is drawn across the top of the desk and is attached to the desk to hold it in taut position. A convenient means of attachment is to provide snap buttons 15 at the ends of the cover which engage corresponding snap button members on the desk and these snap button members on the cover are preferably supported by a reinforcement 16 which is folded about the edge of the cover and also functions as a stop to prevent the cover from being drawn entirely within the casing 12.

It will thus be noted that an attachment such as set forth will serve a very useful purpose in the schoolroom and in other places, as it not only provides a convenient receptacle for the clay, but also a protecting medium for the desk during the time of use of the clay in modelling and the like.

Various slight changes might be made in the general form and arrangement of the parts described without departing from the invention, and hence I do not limit myself to the precise details set forth, but consider myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. An attachment of the character described comprising an open top receptacle

adapted for removable attachment to one side end of a desk, with its upper end below the plane of the top of the desk, a casing transversely disposed and mounted in said receptacle adjacent its upper end at the side next to the desk end, said casing having a transverse slot therein, a roller mounted in said casing, a desk cover wound upon said roller and movable through the slot over the adjacent end of the desk and entirely across the top of the desk and over the opposite side end, and cooperating separable fastening means carried on the opposite end of the desk and the free end of the flexible cover whereby to retain the cover on the desk top and detach the same, said cover when in position completely covering the desk top from end to end.

2. In an attachment of the character described comprising an open top receptacle adapted for removable attachment to one side end of a desk, a cover for said receptacle hingedly connected to side of the same remote from the attaching side, a clay compartment within said receptacle, a cover for said compartment carrying moistening means on its inner face whereby to keep the clay moist when not in use, a casing transversely disposed mounted in said receptacle adjacent its upper end at the side next to the desk end, said casing having a longitudinal slot therein, a roller mounted in said casing, a desk cover wound upon the roller and movable through the slot over the adjacent end of the desk and across the top of the desk, and cooperating separable fastening means carried on the opposite end of the desk and the free end of the flexible cover whereby to retain the cover on the desk top, and to detach the same.

3. An attachment of the character described comprising a receptacle, a casing in the receptacle having a slot therein, a roller mounted in the casing, a desk cover wound upon the roller and movable through the slot, the walls of said slot functioning as scraping means for the cover.

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