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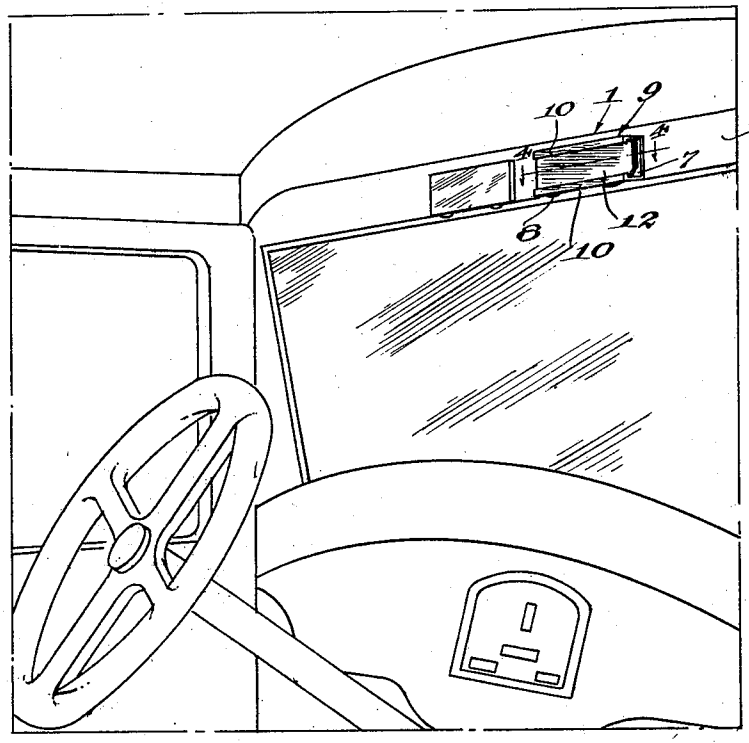


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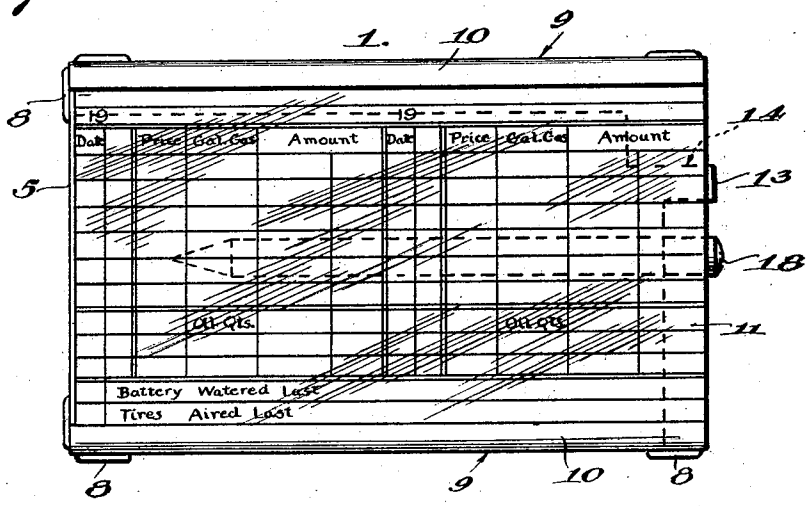


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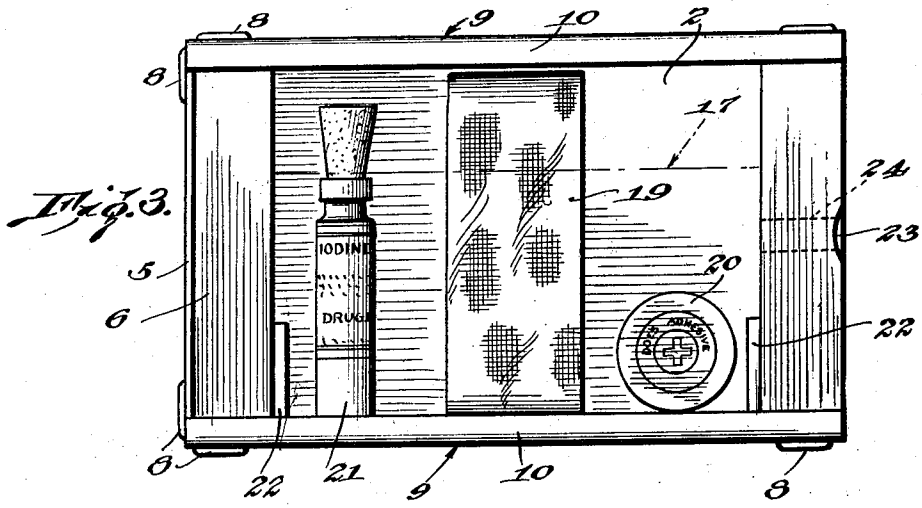


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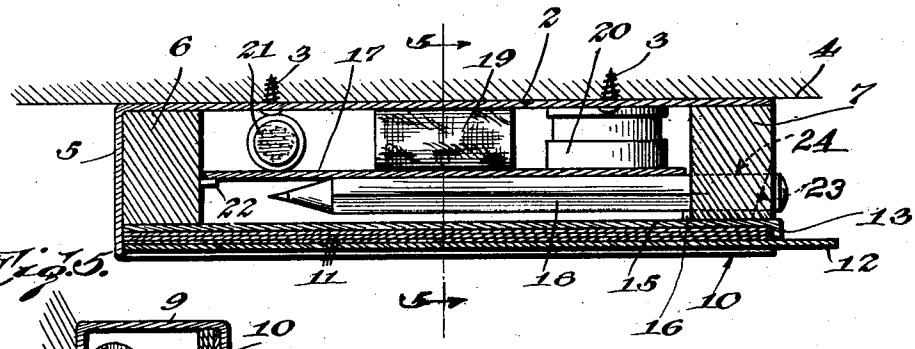


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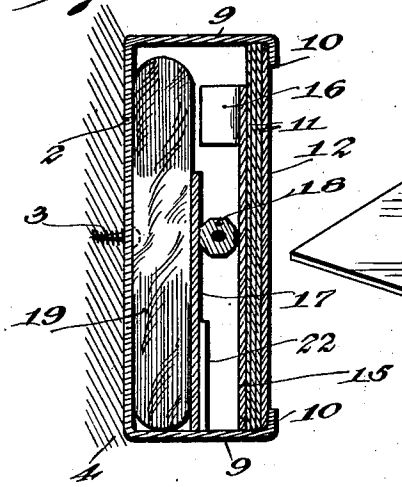
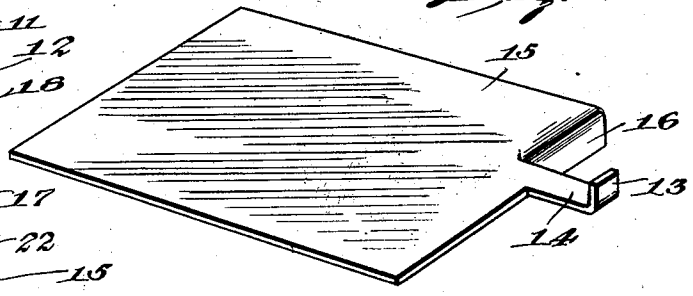


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This invention relates to improvements in accessories primarily intended for use in connection with automobiles, and it consists of the constructions, combinations and arrangements herein described and claimed.

An object of the invention is to provide such an accessory which serves the following two purposes; first, as a register upon which such essential data as the purchase of oil, gas and tires, the filling of the battery, the date of greasing the parts of the chassis, etc., can be recorded, and second, as a first aid kit by which such paraphernalia as bandage material, adhesive tape, iodine, etc., can be contained.

Another object of the invention is to provide an accessory of the foregoing character in which one of the foregoing features coacts with the other to the end that elements of the kit comprise a foundation and retaining means for the register, and that the register sheets or cards provide a front buffer for keeping the otherwise loose closure of the kit in position.

Other objects and advantages will appear from the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of enough of the interior of an automobile to illustrate the application of the improved accessory;

Figure 2 is a plan view of the latter, especially illustrating the features of the register;

Figure 3 is a plan view of the accessory from which the loose closure is removed to illustrate the features of the first aid kit;

Figure 4 is a longitudinal section taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 1;

Figure 5 is a cross-section taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 4; and

Figure 6 is a perspective view of the loose closure previously alluded to.

As has already been indicated, it is the purpose of the accessory to combine a register and a first aid kit for especial use in automobiles, and to make the combination in such a way that one feature depends upon the other in a measure and thus establishes a mutual interdependence. By thus providing the features of the register and first aid kit, it will be a prerequisite to locate the accessory in such a place where the register can be gotten at instantly, and when that advantage is once established, it becomes possible to get at the first aid kit with equal facility in case of an emergency.

Usually when a motorist is thoughtful enough to supplement his equipment with first aid material, he will either assemble it in a box and place it under the back seat or put it in one of the side pockets of the car. In the first instance, the material is difficult to get at, and in the second instance, it is likely to become contaminated and useless when most needed. In the matter of keeping a record of such things as the dates of purchase of oil, gas, etc., the purchase and filling of the battery, etc., there are few motorists who trouble themselves to write down these events principally because a book devoted to the purpose will become misplaced and will be wanting when most needed.

Thus to meet two actual needs, a register and first aid kit have been combined in the accessory generally designated 1. In its main aspect, this comprises a box preferably of metal but optionally of any other suitable material. The bottom 2 has holes through which screws 3 are driven into a wooden part 4 immediately above the windshield and at the right of the rear view mirror of an automobile. The accessory is thus located at a place where it is handy to get at both for the purpose of registering the data mentioned and securing the articles of the first aid kit.

An end wall 5, bent up from one end of the bottom 2, abuts a block 6 which, like another block 7 at the opposite end of the box, is situated within the confines of the bottom and is secured to the box by large headed tacks 8 or equivalent means. These tacks are driven into the blocks through the wall 5, in the instance of the block 6, and through the top and bottom walls 9, in the instance of both blocks. The free edges of the top and bottom walls are flanged at 10 to retain a plurality of record cards 11 and a lid or cover 12 when these parts are slid in from the right end of the accessory. The end wall

5 extends near enough to the flanges 10 to close the passage at the left end thus to form a stop for the cards and lid.

These cards will comprise printed blank forms with spaces for any kind of data that the motorist may desire to keep record of. It is deemed unnecessary to specify the nature of each card in detail, it being thought sufficient to refer to the exposed card in Figure 2 as having spaces for the recording of the dates, quantities and costs of purchase of oil and gas, as well as places for the recording of the dates when the battery and tires were filled last. The cards will be assembled in a pack and slid beneath the flanges 10, and when in place the elements of the first aid kit will provide a foundation therefor. Moreover, the pack of cards will be retained by a retainer lip 13 on the finger 14 of a loose plate or closure 15 which separates what might be known as the card compartment from the medicine compartment.

The lip 13 acts as a brake for the lid 12 because it extends forwardly far enough to frictionally engage the under side of the lid, as shown in Figure 4, preventing the lid from working out to the right, and at the same time keeping the pack of cards in place. The pack of cards and lid in following the front of the box will form a somewhat yielding pad, or a front buffer, so to speak, exercising a degree of pressure against the closure 15 and particularly preventing any motion or rattling thereof.

This closure serves as a table which will bear the pressure of writing should the motorist elect to make his record without removing the card from the box. It occupies its position against the end blocks 6 and 7 loosely so that it can be readily taken away in case the medical accessories must be gotten at quickly. It has an inturned flange 16 at the right end which is seated against the inside of the block 7 to keep the closure in its position. The closure is not capable of being slid out, and when it becomes necessary to remove it, the finger 14 will be used to lift the closure straight out of the passage between the edges of the flanges 10. The width of the closure is slightly less than the distance between these edges.

The so-called medical compartment is divided by a partition 17 that separates a lead pencil 18 from such necessaries as bandage material 19, adhesive tape 20 and iodine 21. The purpose of the partition 17 is largely to keep these articles under some degree of pressure so that they will not shift around and rattle. The partition is inserted behind guides 22, and these extend from an adjacent wall 9 only far enough to provide an adequate hold for the partition 17, the partition being of such height that it will clear the guides 22 upon being slid up preparatory to its removal. One end of the pencil is made accessible at a depression 23 of a hole 24 in the end block 7.

In use, the accessory will be permanently secured to the wooden part 4 and filled with articles such as bandage material 19, adhesive tape 20, and iodine 21, as well as a pack of cards 11, before sliding the lid 12 across the front to retain everything in place. The lid may be made of metal or cardboard, but in any case serves to protect the writings on the front card 11, as well as prevent dust from getting into the medical compartment. The partition 17 and loose closure 15 are inserted in the proper places during the process of filling the box.

Upon the occasion of needing to make a record, the motorist will slide the lid 12 out to the right from behind the flanges 10 and find the card upon which the specific record is to be made. He may either shift the cards around and use the closure 15 as a writing table, or he may take the required card out and do his writing elsewhere, but in the former instance, the closure 15 will serve as a backing and, in fact, is intended to serve such purpose.

Should it become desirable to get at the iodine, etc., all of the cards, as well as the closure 15 and partition 17, will be removed. It is possible to take the bandage material 19 out by pulling it over the upper edge of the partition, and it is possible to remove the adhesive tape 20 by simply sliding the partition up high enough. The closure 15 is to be identified both with the first aid kit and with the register. In respect to the first it serves as a cover, and in respect to the second it serves as a writing table.

The blocks 6 and 7 provide a foundation for the elements of the register, and the record cards exert enough pressure upon the closure 15 to prevent rattling. Also, the lip 13 of the closure serves to retain the cards as well as act as a brake against the lid 12.

The construction and arrangement of the improved register and first aid kit is that of a generally preferred form, but obviously modifications and changes may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention and the scope of the claims.

I claim:

1. An accessory comprising a box having walls with flanges at the top and bottom, a closure loosely inserted in the box a distance from the flanges, and separate and independent cards inserted between the closure and the flanges pressing on the closure to prevent rattling and enabling the closure to be used as a writing table.

2. An accessory comprising a box having walls with flanges at the top and bottom, a card and a lid to be slid into position upon the box beneath the flanges, a closure loosely inserted in the box against which the lid and

card exert pressure to prevent rattling, and a lip carried by the closure retaining the card and acting as a brake against the lid.

3. An accessory comprising a box having flanges at the top and bottom and blocks spaced therefrom, a closure loosely rested against the blocks having a flange to engage one of the blocks and prevent sliding, and cards slidable between the flanges and said closure exerting a pressure against the closure to keep it in place.

4. An accessory comprising a box having flanges at the top and bottom and blocks spaced from the flanges, a closure loosely rested against the blocks and having a flange engaging one of the blocks to prevent sliding, cards in position between the flanges and closure pressing the closure to prevent rattling, and a finger on the closure extending over one of the blocks for lifting the closure out after removal of the cards.

5. An accessory comprising a box with an end wall and top and bottom walls with flanges, end blocks in the box beyond one of which the end wall extends to form a stop, a closure loosely rested against the blocks having a flange engaging one of the blocks to prevent sliding, cards fitted between the flanges and the closure engaging the stop at one end, and a lip carried by the closure engaging the cards at the other end.

6. An accessory comprising a box with end blocks, a partition of a width less than that of the box and defining compartments within the box, and guides attached to the blocks behind which the partition is inserted at certain edges to exercise a degree of pressure against articles contained in one of the compartments.

7. An accessory comprising a box with a bottom and one end wall, top and bottom walls having flanges toward which the end wall extends to form a stop, blocks fitted in the ends of the box beyond one of which the end wall extends, a closure loosely rested against the blocks having a flange engaging the inside of one of the blocks and a finger extending toward the outside of said block and provided with a lip, cards fitted between the flanges and closure being retained at one end by the stop and at the other by the lip, and a lid being slid beneath the flanges and over both the cards and lip which latter serves as a brake.

8. A combined register and first aid kit comprising a box to contain medicines and the like, said box having top and bottom flanges a pack of record cards inserted beneath the flanges, a plate situated in the box between the medicines and the cards, said plate having means for preventing endwise movement thereof and pressed and held in position by the cards permitting it to form a writing table for the cards, and a cover for the box.

9. In an accessory, a box, a plate removably mounted in the box and forming a closure for a compartment, and means for holding the plate in the box, said means including a flange on the plate engaging the inner face of an end of the box.

10. In an accessory, a box, a plate removably mounted in the box and forming a closure for a compartment, said plate having a flanged finger, a cover slidable in the box in spaced relation to the plate and engaged by the flange of the finger to hold it in position, and means in the space between the plate and cover and exerting pressure on the plate.

11. An accessory comprising a box, a plate removably mounted in the box and forming a closure for a compartment, said plate having a flanged finger, a slidable cover for the box and engaged by the flange of said finger to hold it in the box, and plurality of records cards between the plate and cover.

12. An accessory comprising a box having end walls, one of the end walls having a pencil opening, a partition dividing the box into compartments, one being for the occupancy of the pencil, a loose plate providing a closure for the pencil compartment, a cover spaced from said plate, and means accupying the space providing a yielding pad for said plate and cover.

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