

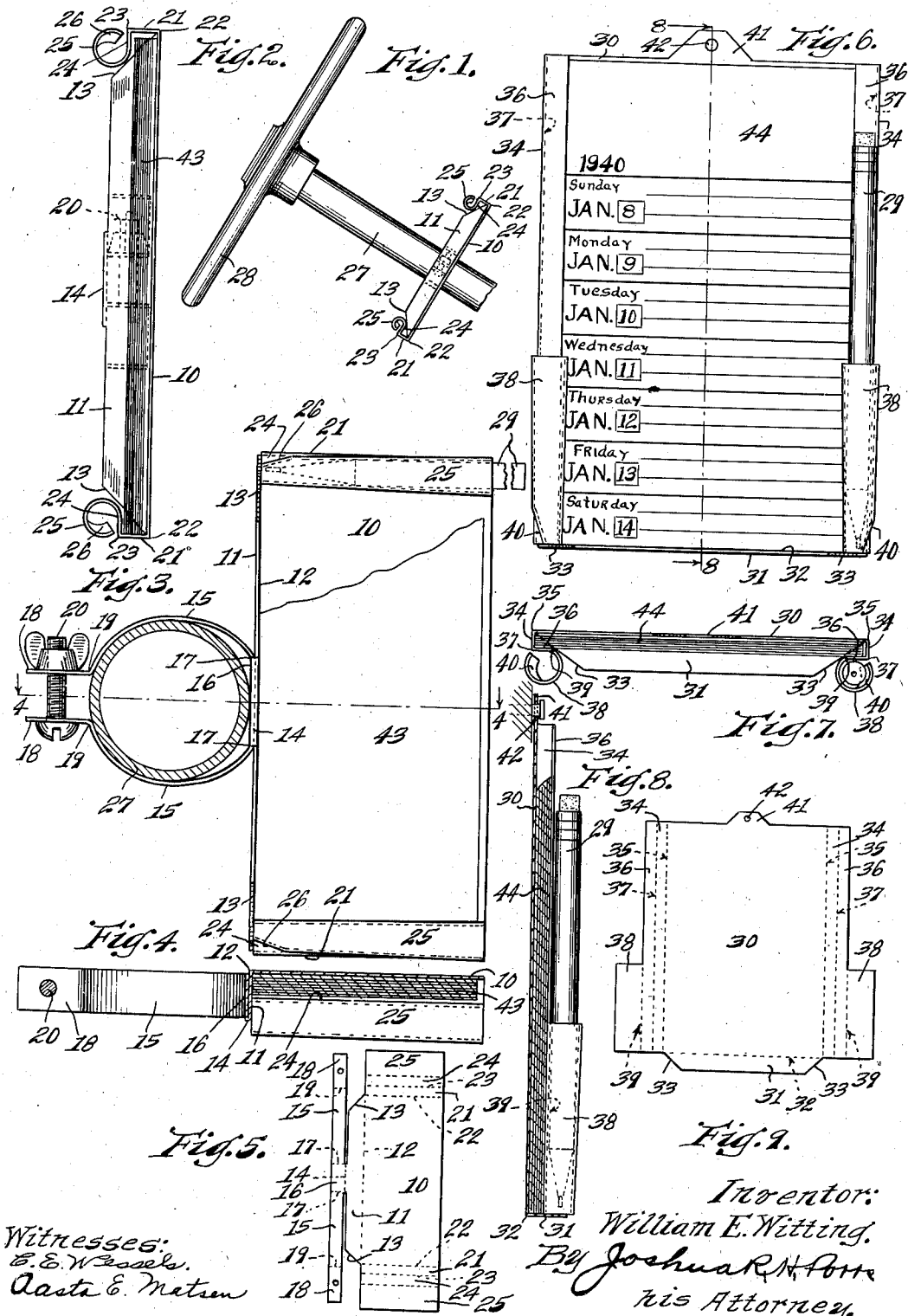
Nov. 18, 1941.

W. E. WITTING

2,263,154

PAPER AND PENCIL HOLDER

Filed Oct. 5, 1940



Witnesses:
E. E. W. Bessels.
O. A. E. Matsum

Inventor:
William E. Witting.
By Joshua R. H. B. H.
his Attorney.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

2,263,154

PAPER AND PENCIL HOLDER

William E. Witting, Chicago, Ill.

Application October 5, 1940, Serial No. 359,974

9 Claims. (Cl. 281—44)

This invention relates to a paper and pencil holder or memo recorder and the purpose of the invention is to provide a simple and novel means for jotting down permanent memorandum in the home, shop, office or automobile.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of the character specified constructed of a novel blank of one-piece construction which is very easy to manufacture and of such formation that it may be economically produced and sold for a very nominal sum.

Another object of the invention is to provide a holder in which cards, paper, a pad or a weekly calendar may be inserted to allow visibility at all times and which is readily accessible for jotting down notes or other memoranda in a jiffy.

Another object of the invention is to provide a practical device having means for keeping paper and a pencil at hand, the device having two holders for pencils, one being on each side and placed in a vertical position which makes it easy to withdraw either one for note making and also to replace the pencil in its respective holder.

Other objects and advantages will appear and be brought out more fully in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a top plan view or side elevation of a paper and pencil holder showing the same mounted on the steering column of an automobile and turned horizontally;

Fig. 2 is a top edge view thereof;

Fig. 3 is a face view;

Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a plan view of a blank from which the device shown in Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, is made;

Fig. 6 is a face view of a modified form adapted to be suspended from a vertical support;

Fig. 7 is a top edge view of the views shown in Fig. 6;

Fig. 8 is a section taken on the line 8—8 of Fig. 6; and

Fig. 9 is a plan view of a blank from which the device shown in Figs. 6, 7 and 8 is produced.

Referring more particularly to the drawing and especially to Figs. 1 to 5, inclusive, the device is made from a back plate or base 10 made of sheet metal or the like such as bronze, tin, gun metal, galvanized iron, Bakelite, fibre or plastic suitably enameled, coated or ornamented for use. It has a bottom flange 11 bent at right angles to the base plate 10 as shown at 12 and extending a portion of the length intermediately of the ends and with the ends beveled as at 13 toward the adjacent edge of the plate or body 10 equidistantly between the ends of the latter. The blank is substantially rectangular in form. Formed with the flange or extension 11 and bent along the line 14 is a narrow strip producing arms 15 forming the jaws of a clamp and having a central portion 16 bent down against the flange 11 at

which point it may be anchored by spot welding or otherwise. The oppositely extending jaws 15 are bent at spaced points along the lines 17 from the center part 16 in semi-circular formation to form the clamp jaws with apertured ears 18 in parallel relation bent along the lines 19 and adapted to be connected by a bolt 20 inserted in the apertures for clamping the device to a circular support. The ends of the blank 10 are up-turned as shown at 21, being bent along the parallel lines 22 coextensive with the ends of the flange 11 and then bent inwardly along the lines 23 parallel thereto to form channels facing inwardly in opposed relation to each other with top portions 24 extending inwardly. The remaining ends of the blank or plate 10 are rolled or curled at the edges to provide sleeves 25 of tubular formation open at the outside and may be tapered toward the flange 11. The lower outer corners of the rolled portions are preferably bent in diagonally as at 26 so as to engage and support a pencil or other similar writing implement to prevent the writing end from projecting through or the point from breaking off or injuring the user. The device may be applied to a steering column or post 27 or other similar support shown in connection with the steering wheel 28. The flange 11 is preferably disposed at the bottom and the pencils 29 inserted from the top open ends of the sleeve 25 but the device may be horizontally positioned and for convenience of illustration is shown turned horizontally in Fig. 1 although this may be considered a top plan view of the device which is the preferred form.

In the form of the device shown in Figs. 6 to 9, inclusive, the device is adapted to be applied to a vertical support or wall especially as shown in Fig. 8. It consists of a blank in the form of a base plate 30 having a similar bottom flange 31 bent along the line 32 and having beveled ends 33 terminating short of the sides or ends of the blank. The sides of the blank are bent at right angles in the same direction, that is forwardly in parallel relation to form portions 34 along the lines 35 parallel to each other and then again bent to form inwardly projecting portions or top flanges 36 along the lines 37 spaced from and parallel to the plate 30 and at right angles to the outer walls 34 to form channels for receiving a pad, cards, paper or a calendar as previously described inserted from the open ends of the channels opposite the flange 31. At the inner edges of the top flanges 36, the side extensions of the blank are rolled or curled outwardly and inwardly along the lines 39 to form tubular sleeves 38 which in this form preferably extend only a portion of the length of the plate instead of entirely along the length thereof in the previously described form. The lower corners of the sleeves 38 which receive pencils 29 are shown curved or bent in as at 40 to engage the point of a pencil or

sharpened end thereof to support the pencil and prevent the same from projecting at the bottom of the sleeves. In lieu of the clamp extension in the previously described form at one end of the plate, this form has one or more top extensions or ears 41 provided with an aperture 42 for engaging a nail on a vertical support as shown in Fig. 8. A pad 43 or a calendar 44 may be inserted in the respective holders.

The device is readily adaptable to the following uses:

1. To keep check on gasoline purchased and mileage procured per gallon of gasoline used in an automobile.

2. Definitely show which brand of gasoline is best suited for economical operation in a given automobile after several trial tankfuls are tested from each of several different brands.

3. To keep check on crank case oil by means of the visible record kept in a conspicuous place showing mileage when the oil level was last checked.

4. To hold addresses of destination such as appointments, calls, etc.

5. To hold a free hand map showing route of destination.

6. As a reminder for miscellaneous household and automobile musts.

7. Serve as a memorandum pad useful in jotting down future needs for the home, etc.

8. Act as a miniature blackboard to leave notes for absent members of the family.

9. Serve as a calendar and memorandum pad by having weekly calendar sheets instead of plain papers or cards.

10. As a weekly calendar reminder pad it could be used to call attention to dates on which bills must be paid in order to obtain the discount allowed for prompt payment.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of variation and modification without departing from the spirit of the invention. I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the precise details of construction set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A paper and pencil holder including a base plate with an upturned flange at one side, mounting means for the plate, the other opposite sides at right angles to the first side of the plate being bent upwardly and inwardly to form opposed inwardly opening channels and then rolled outwardly to form sleeves over said channels for holding papers and pencils respectively.

2. A paper and pencil holder including a base plate with a bottom flange, mounting means for the plate, the ends of the plate being bent to form opposed inwardly opening channels for receiving a pad against the flange and outwardly and downwardly curled portions forming tubular sleeves at the sides of the plate having tapered end portions.

3. A paper and pencil holder including a base plate with a flange at one end, mounting means for the plate, the ends of the plate at right angles to the first end being bent at right angles to the plate and then inwardly at right angles to the first bent portions and substantially parallel to the plate to form opposed inwardly opening channels for receiving a pad against the flange and

having their free edges curled to form tubular sleeves in a plane offset from and outwardly of the channels, the lower free corners of the sleeves adjacent the flange being bent in to form constricted portions.

4. A paper and pencil holder comprising a base plate having a bottom flange with beveled ends and opposite edges of the plate bent to form opposed inwardly opening channels for receiving a pad, at least one edge being bent outwardly to form a sleeve with the lower corner turned in to fit the tapered end of and for supporting a pencil.

5. A paper and pencil holder comprising a base plate with an intermediate flange at one side substantially normal thereto, the sides at right angles to the first side of the plate being bent at two points along parallel lines to form opposed inwardly opening channels at said last mentioned opposite sides of the plate for paper across which the flange extends at opposite ends thereof and curled outwardly in tubular formation with restricted portions to support and retain a writing instrument therein and means to mount the holder in fixed relation to a support.

6. A paper and pencil holder comprising a base plate with an intermediate bottom flange substantially normal thereto, the ends of the plate being bent at two points along parallel lines to form opposed inwardly opening channels at opposite sides of the plate for paper across which the flange extends at opposite ends thereof and curled in tubular formation with their edges adjacent the channels and having restricted portions to support and retain a writing instrument therein, the flanged portion of the plate having an intermediate extension with oppositely extending arms bent to form jaws and clamping means connecting said jaws, said intermediate extension being disposed against the bottom flange.

7. As a new article of manufacture, a holder formed of a blank of sheet material having a body with a narrow extension along one edge bent to form a flange and opposite side extensions bent upwardly and then inwardly to form inwardly opening channels to receive a pad and then bent to form tubular portions with constricted portions adjacent the flange to hold and support pencils.

8. As a new article of manufacture, a holder formed of a blank of sheet material having a body with a narrow extension along one edge bent to form a flange and opposite side extensions bent to form channels to receive a pad, tubular portions with constricted portions to hold and support pencils, oppositely extending portions joined centrally to the free edge of said narrow extension and bent against the same, said oppositely extending portions bent to form jaws, and clamping means connecting the jaws.

9. As a new article of manufacture, a holder formed of a blank of sheet material having a body with a narrow extension along one edge bent to form a flange and opposite side extensions bent at right angles at two points in the same direction parallel to each other to form channels to receive a pad and then bent to form tubular portions with restricted portions to hold and support pencils and a narrow strip jointed centrally to the free edge of said narrow extension and bent along said central joining portion toward the flange, the ends of said narrow strip being adapted to be clamped on a support.