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BLOTTER DEVICE

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Fig. 1.

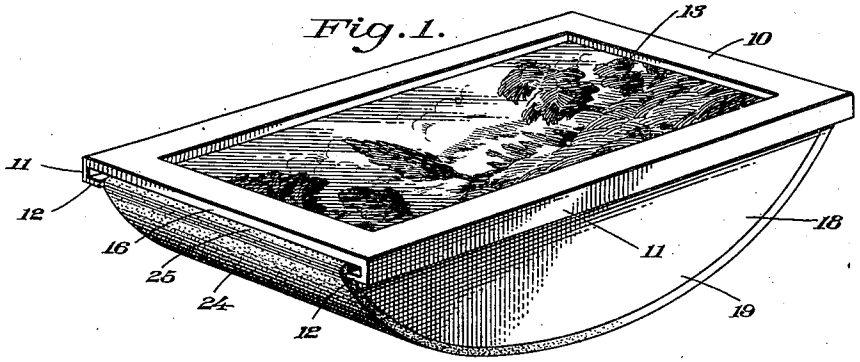


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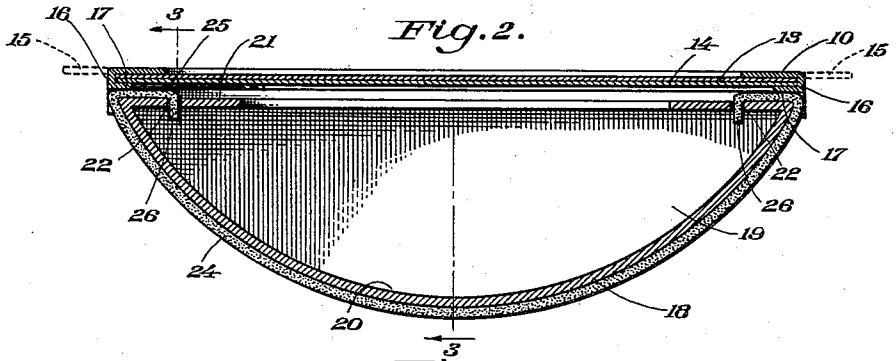


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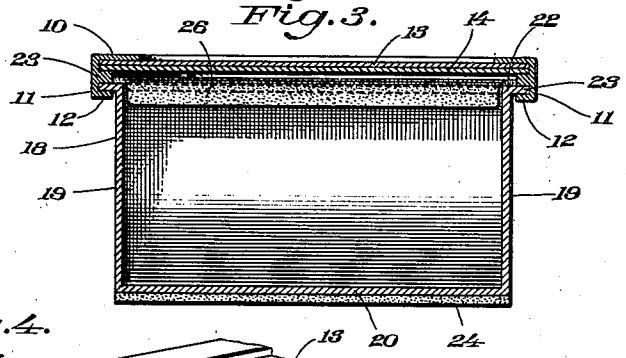
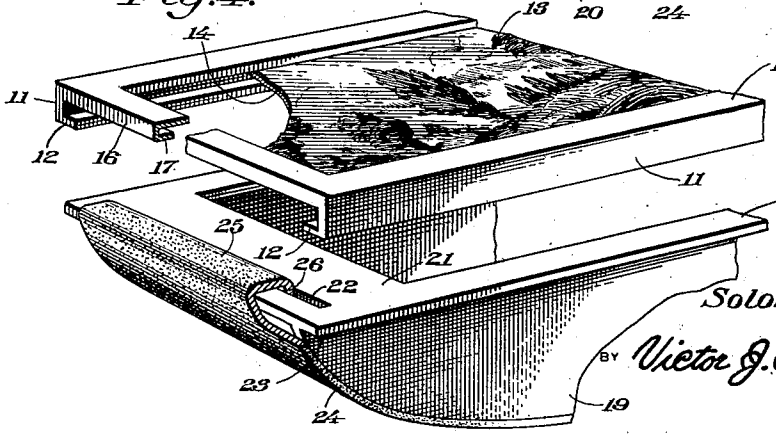


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to a blotter device, of the rocker type, and has for an object to provide a device of this character including an upper frame adapted to receive a picture and to clamp the ends of the blotting paper firmly against the top of the rocker member in such manner that the blotting paper may be rapidly removed and replaced when necessary, by simply sliding the frame off of the rocker member and disengaging the ends of the blotting paper from slots in the top of the rocker member.

A further object is to provide a device of this character which will be formed of a few strong, simple and durable parts, which will be inexpensive to manufacture, and which will not easily get out of order.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, it being understood that various modifications may be resorted to within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a blotter device constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the blotter device shown in Figure 1 and indicating in dotted lines one of the end flanges of the frame before it is bent into clamping position to secure the picture in the frame.

Figure 3 is a cross sectional view of the blotter device taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary perspective view of the blotter device, with the parts separated, and with parts broken away.

Referring now to the drawing in which like characters of reference designate similar parts in the various views, 10 designates an open frame having its longitudinal edge portions turned downwardly as shown at 11, and then inwardly, as shown at 12, to form longitudinal grooves on the bottom, at either side of the frame. The open center of the frame is provided with a transparent cover 13, formed of glass or other material, and is adapted to receive and display a picture 14, photograph, advertising matter or other material. One or both end edge portions of the frame may be initially in the plane of the frame, as indicated by dotted lines at 15, and may subsequently be bent downwardly, as shown at 16, and then inwardly, as shown at 17, to provide grooves for coacting with the grooves on the longitudinal edges of the frame to receive the cover 13 and the picture 14. When an end edge portion is initially straight, as shown at 15, the picture and cover may be easily inserted in the longitudinal grooves of the frame. It may also be pointed out that an end edge portion may be straightened out to the dotted line position to permit changing the picture or advertising matter, when desired.

The rocker member 18 of the blotter device is semi-oval in longitudinal section and comprises side walls 19, an arcuate bottom wall 20 and a top wall 21 which is open at the center and is provided at the ends with transverse slots 22. The top wall extends outwardly from beyond the side walls to form flanges 23, which are received in the grooves formed by the downwardly and inwardly bent end portions 16 and 17 of the frame 10.

A sheet of blotting paper 24 is placed around the exterior of the bottom wall 20 of the rocker member, and the ends 25 of the sheet are directed along the ends of the top wall 21 and thence are directed downwardly, as shown at 26, through the slots 22. When the frame 10 is assembled with the rocker member 18, the frame clamps the ends 25 of the sheet of blotting paper firmly against the top 21 of the rocker member. By simply sliding the frame endwise, the blotting paper may be quickly detached at the ends from the slots 22 and replaced with a clean sheet of blotting paper. Since the top 21 of the rocker member is open for the most part, the rocker member forms a convenient receptacle for pen points, paper clips, postage stamps or other desired materials, access to which may be conveniently gained by simply sliding the frame 10 endwise off the rocker member 18.

From the above description it is thought that the construction and operation of the invention will be fully understood without further explanation.

What is claimed is:

1. A blotter device comprising an upper open frame having its side edges turned downwardly and inwardly forming longitudinal grooves on either side of the frame adapted to hold a transparent cover and a picture secured at the edges in said grooves, the ends of the frame being turned downwardly and then inwardly to form grooves on the ends of the frame receiving the cover and the picture, a lower member semi-oval in longitudinal section having a flat top wall provided with an opening and extending at the

longitudinal edges outwardly to provide flanges received in said longitudinal grooves of the frame, the top wall being provided at the ends with transversely disposed slots, and a blotting paper sheet disposed on the bottom member having the end portions bent over said top wall and thence bent downwardly and received in said slots, said bent end portions being clamped against said top wall by said upper member, the lower member forming a receptacle which is closed by the upper member.

2. The structure as of claim 1 and in which one of said end portions of the upper member is initially in the plane of the upper member and is adapted to be bent downwardly and inwardly after insertion of the transparent cover and picture in the longitudinal grooves of the frame.

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