

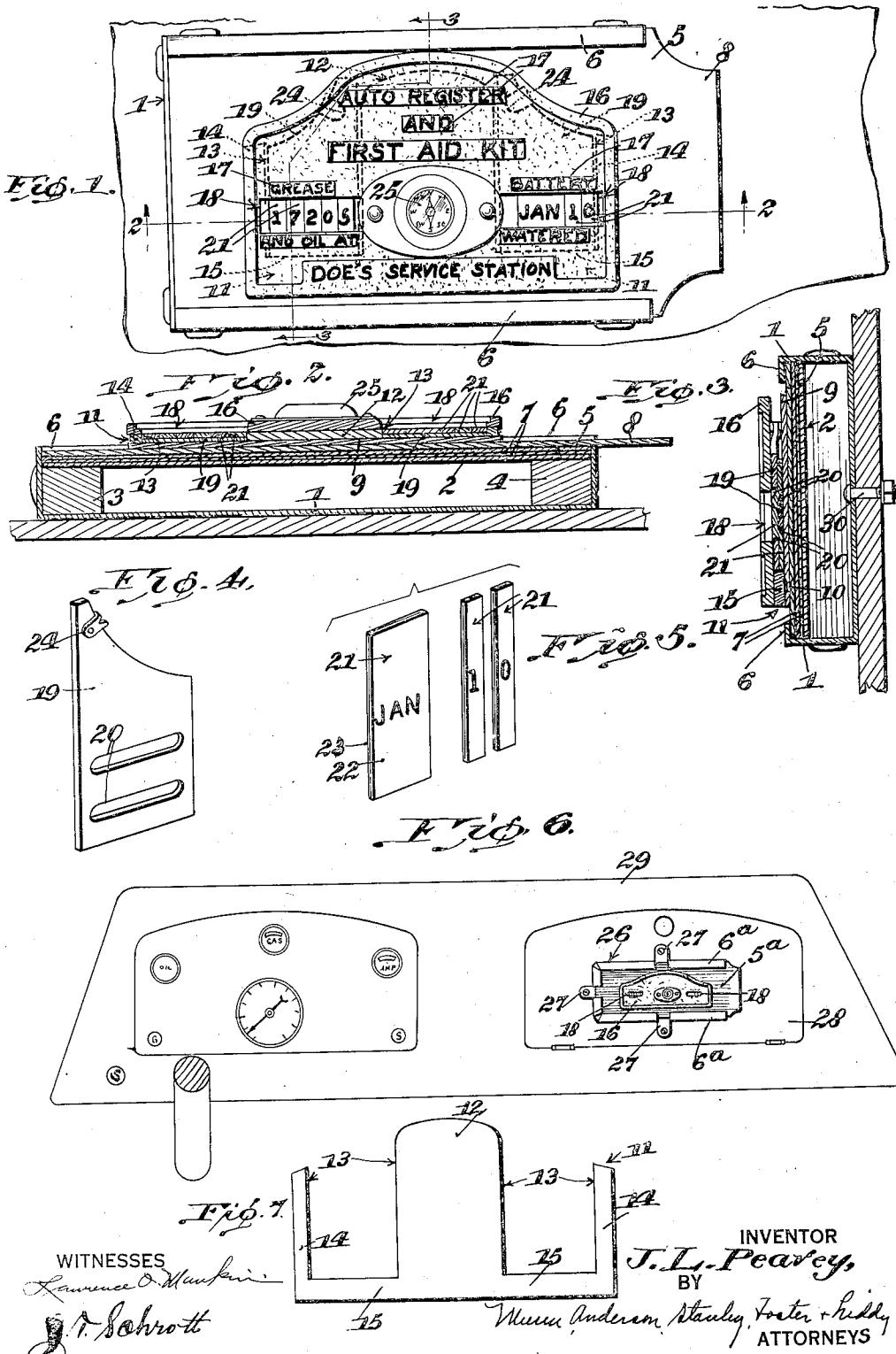
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This invention relates to improvements in motor vehicle accessories, and its objects are as follows:—

First, to provide an indicator for use in connection with motor vehicles for the purpose of visually indicating the periods of past lubrication, battery watering, etc., the indicator means comprising separate number and letter units and a normally hidden slide for carrying said units.

Second, to provide an indicator in which the number and letter units are accessible only to an informed person thereby making it improbable that a malicious or playful person may make a change in the reading.

Third, to provide an indicator in which the readings cannot be erased nor easily defaced.

Fourth, to provide a kit cover in the form of a removable slide, this cover comprising the mounting of a register attachment, the purpose of removal being ease in changing the foregoing units.

Other objects and advantages will appear in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing in which,

Figure 1 is a front elevation chiefly of the cover attachment.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal section taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a cross section taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a detail perspective view of one of the slides.

Figure 5 is a detail perspective view of several of the letter and number units.

Figure 6 is an elevation of the instrument panel of an automobile, particularly illustrating the application of the cover attachment to the door of a compartment.

Figure 7 is an elevation of the internal spacer hereinafter referred to.

This invention is an improvement specifically on the Combined register and first aid kit disclosed in the patent to Joseph L. Peavey, No. 1,817,706 of August 4, 1931. According to that patent there is a box arranged to contain a number of first aid articles. This box has a cover which closes off a compartment in which record cards are kept, these cards being for the purpose of writing down such events as the speedometer reading at the last greasing, battery watering, etc.

In the accompanying drawing the box 1 is to be regarded as the substantial counterpart of the box in the patent. This box includes a loose plate or closure 2 which, together with blocks 3

and 4 and the back of the box itself defines a compartment to hold the first aid articles. A cover 5 is slidable in guides 6 a short distance from the plate 2, and the space between the plate 2 and cover 5 is adapted to contain record cards 7 as in the patent. The cover 5 extends out at one end as at 8 (Fig. 2) to provide a fingerhold.

Instead of relying on the written record on the cards 7 use is made of the attachment shown in Figure 1. This attachment comprises the improvement and its construction is as follows:— a back plate 9 is secured to the cover 5 in any desired way, preferably by rivets 10 for permanency. A spacer 11 is secured to the back plate, usually by cement. The shape of the spacer is indicated in Figure 1 and specifically shown in Figure 7.

It comprises a center part 12 which is heavy when compared with the rest of the spacer. There are two cut-outs 13 providing spaces which ultimately become pockets and so constitute pocket means. The formation of these spaces leaves side arms 14 and bottoms 15. The bottoms limit the insertion of slides as presently appears. The spacer 11 is preferably composed of a rigid material.

By virtue of that fact the relatively heavy center part 12 reinforces the front plate 16 which is made of flexible rubber and has embossed on it certain indicia commonly designated 17. The front plate is cemented to the spacer 11 (Fig. 7) at all points of contact. The plates 9 and 16 therefore provide back and front closures converting the cut-outs 13 into pockets as already indicated.

These pockets are communicated with through openings 18 in the front plate 16. These are sight openings, and through them the operator can see certain lettering and numbering which indicate dates, mileage or whatever is chosen to be indicated.

A member consisting of a slide 19 (Fig. 4) is inserted in each of the cut-outs 13, now called pockets. They are inserted from the top because the pockets are open on top. The insertion is limited by the bottoms 15 (Fig. 7), and when the slide strikes the bottom the numbering or lettering which it carries registers with the respective opening 18 (Fig. 1) so as to be readable.

Parallel slots 20 (Fig. 4) carry the letter and number units 21 (Fig. 5). These are printed with lettering or numbering of any desired description, in any desired combinations of colors and in any preferred type. Each unit is preferably composed of a layer of rubberized cloth 22

on which the numbers or letters are printed. This layer is then secured to a layer 23 of strong stencil paper. This is only one mode of making the unit, and while other modes can be carried out 5 this particular one has the advantage of strength, durability and a sufficient amount of yieldability.

The latter quality makes it possible to readily insert the unit through the slots 20. The unit is held in place by its frictional grip. A pair of tweezers (not shown) will usually be used to insert the units 21 as well as to remove the slide 19 from its hidden location in the pocket 13. To aid in removal the highest part of the slide 10 (Fig. 4) has a roughened place 24 which, in this case, comprises a familiar type of paper clip marketed under the trade mark "O. K."

It is not always necessary to use tweezers for the removal of the slide 19. Inasmuch as the front plate 16 is flexible it is possible to bend it 20 forwardly a little in the region above the pocket 13 so as to reach in with the fingers. However, this will eventually break the cement bond, and therefore the use of tweezers is recommended.

Mounted on the front of the front plate 16 is 25 a compass 25. Should the driver lose his direction he may remove the cover 5 and by holding it horizontally will be aided in allocating himself by use of the compass. In Figure 6 the cover 5a, identical with the cover 5 of Figure 1, is removably attached to a base 26 which comprises nothing more than a metal plate having bent over 30 guides 6a as in the instance of the box 1.

This base has a number of ears 27 through 35 which it is secured to the door of a compartment behind the instrument board 29 of the motor vehicle.

The box 1, if used in lieu of the base 26, will be similarly secured to the door 28 by means of bolts 30 (Fig. 3). It should be understood that 40 the box 1 is not necessarily secured to the door. It may be secured anywhere in the vehicle within convenient reach of the operator.

The operation is readily understood. As long 45 as the attachment remains in the condition pictured in Figure 1 the slide 19 remains hidden and generally inaccessible to everyone excepting informed persons. The slides are secreted in such confined quarters that playful and even malicious persons will not bother themselves to make an attempt at removal. Tweezers are particularly essential for that purpose as already pointed out.

Should the necessity arise for a change in the indication, the operator will reach into the pocket 50 13 behind the front plate 16 by means of tweezers, pull out the slide and then change the letter and number units 21 as may be required. The slide is then reinserted. The same procedure will be followed with respect to the form in Figure 6.

The cover 5 is not necessarily removed for mak-

ing the foregoing changes. However, should it be desired to take out some of the first aid articles from the box 1 the cover 5 will have to be removed.

I claim:—

1. A cover attachment for first aid kits, the kit comprising a box and a cover, said attachment consisting of a slide, letter and number units and means for attaching them to the slide, and means on the cover constituting a pocket in 10 which the slide is insertable, said pocket means having an opening through which the letters and numbers are visible.

2. An indicator comprising separate number and letter units, a member to carry said units 15 and means in which the member is hidden, said last means having an opening through which the numbers and letters on said units are visible.

3. An indicator comprising a number unit, a slide by which the unit is removably carried, and 20 means constituting a pocket in which the slide is insertable, the pocket means having an opening through which the number of the unit is visible.

4. An indicator comprising a slide, said slide 25 having slots, a number unit insertable in the slots and thereby mounted on the slide, and means constituting a pocket in which the slide is insertable, said means comprising a back plate, a front plate with an opening, and a spacer be- 30 tween the back and front plates.

5. An indicator comprising a back plate, a spacer carried by the back plate having a cut-out, a front plate of flexible material and means including cement by which it is attached to the 35 spacer, said front plate having an opening communicating with the cut-out, a slide inserted in the cut-out and being required to be removed with tweezers to avoid flexing the front plate and loosening the attaching means, and a number unit removably mounted on the slide being registrable with the opening.

6. An indicator comprising a slide, a number unit carried by the slide and pocket means by 45 which the slide is carried, said pocket means comprising back and front plates, the front plate having an opening, and an intermediate spacer having a cut-out to receive the slide, there being a bottom to the cut-out to limit the insertion of the slide.

7. An indicator comprising a slide, a number unit carried by the slide, means constituting a 50 pocket in which the slide is inserted, said means having an opening through which the number of the unit is visible, and a roughened place including a clip attached to the slide for facilitating withdrawal of the slide from the pocket.

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