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FIG. 1.

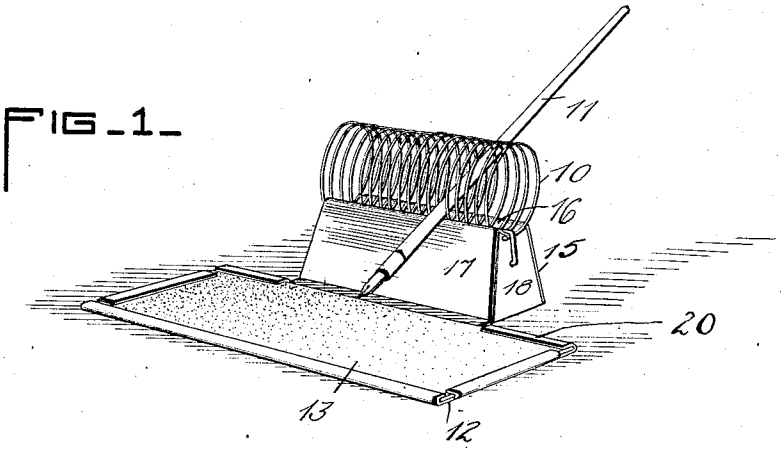


FIG. 3.

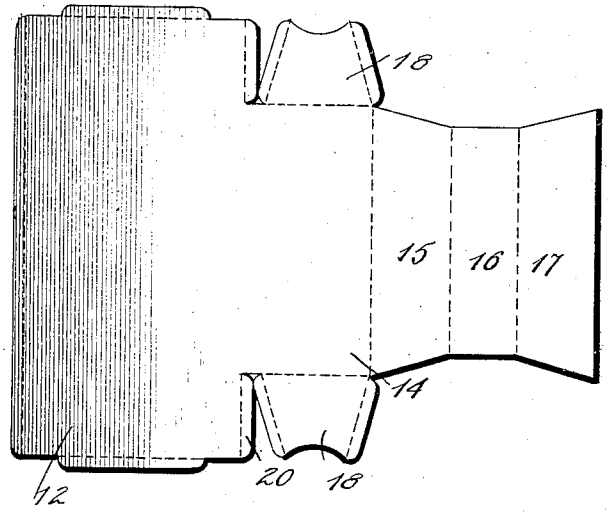


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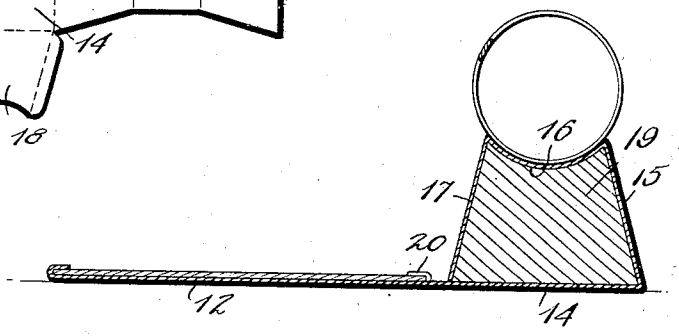


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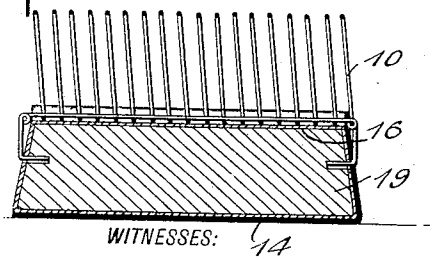
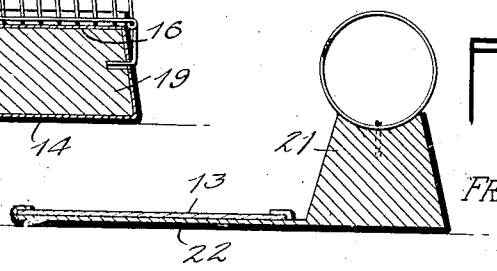


FIG. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED J. GROPENGIESER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Onida, in the county of Sully and State of South Dakota, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Pen-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates generally to pen holders, and more particularly to pen holders of that type including pen racks adapted to receive and frictionally hold pens in extended horizontal positions, as well known, and as now in common use, my object being to provide such pen holder with an extended base having means for holding a blotting pad or like absorbent member for catching and retaining ink spattering or dripping from pens immediately upon or after placing pens in the rack.

A further object of my invention is to so incorporate the construction of the extended base in connection with the construction of the pen holder itself, as to enable production of a complete device in a simple inexpensive manner, and to provide an arrangement which, in its completed form, will obviate practically all danger of ready displacement or shifting upon a suitable support, and by means of its enlarged area of contact with such support, defeat the usual tendency of such arrangements to tip over upon the support.

In the accompanying drawing which illustrates my improvements:

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the practical application of my invention.

Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the blank utilized in the formation of the arrangement shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

Fig. 4 is a vertical longitudinal section through the holder shown in the foregoing figures, and

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 2, illustrating a slightly modified form of the invention.

Referring now to these figures, the pen-holder to which my improvements are attached is, as shown, of that type including an elongated body having an upper concaved seat and outwardly tapering sides, together with a flexible wire rack, as seen at 10, in the several figures, seated in the concave top of the holder and secured at its ends thereto, this rack being formed of coiled wire the convolutions of which are spaced apart a suitable distance to receive and frictionally hold a pen, such as indicated at 11 in Fig. 1, and which it will be noted, projects beyond the rack in a horizontal position when supported thereby.

In accordance with my invention, I provide such a pen holder with a forwardly extended and preferably rectangular base 12, exceeding in length the length of the holder and provided with suitable means for supporting upon the upper surface of the base, a blotting pad or other suitable absorbent material, as indicated at 13, to catch and retain ink dropping or spattering from the pen 11.

As shown in Fig. 3, I preferably form the entire device exclusive of the wire rack 10, from a single piece of material having an intermediate section 14 forming the base of the holder, and of which the forwardly projecting base 12 forms an extension at one side, section 14 having relatively folding extensions 15, 16, and 17 at its opposite sides thereafter bent to form the tapering side walls of the body, and having lateral extensions 18 bent to form the ends of the body, the said extensions 15, 16, 17, and 18 being thus adapted, after bending into position, to inclose a sheet core 19 of suitable weighty material to avoid undue slipping, sliding, and displacement otherwise of the completed article upon a desk or other suitable support.

As seen further in Fig. 3, the forwardly projecting base portion 12 which with the base 14 of the body, forms a surface of considerable area for contact with the supporting surface, such as a desk or the like, has extended edge portions 20 bent upwardly and over the same to receive the edges of the blotting pad and the like 13, in order to hold the latter in position.

The body directly supporting the rack 10 may, however, be made in the form of a single integral block 21, as seen in Fig. 5, with the extended base 22 integral therewith for the same purpose as in the remaining figures.

It is obvious in either form, however, that the forwardly extended base 12 not only provides for the reception and retention of a blotting pad or like absorbent member, to receive the ink spattering or dripping from a pen held in the rack, but materially as-

sists in rendering the entire device more stable, less likely to tip, and likewise less likely to slide, shift, or otherwise become displaced upon the supporting surface on which it is disposed.

I claim:—

1. In a penholder, the combination with a penrack, including a body having lower flat face, of a base plate beneath said body having extensions at one side forming the side and top walls of the body, said base plate also having an enlarged rectangular extension at its opposite side projecting forwardly beyond the body, and provided with a plurality of free edges and with upturned flanges at said edges, and an absorbent member on said lateral extension and engaged by the upturned flanges.

2. A combined device of the present character including a pen rack having a body portion, a holder consisting of a plate having pad holding means and having an extension at one side on which the said body of the rack is seated, and having portions bent upwardly around and embracing the sides, ends, and top of the said rack body and a pad carried by said holder at one side of the said rack body and engaged by said holding means.

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