

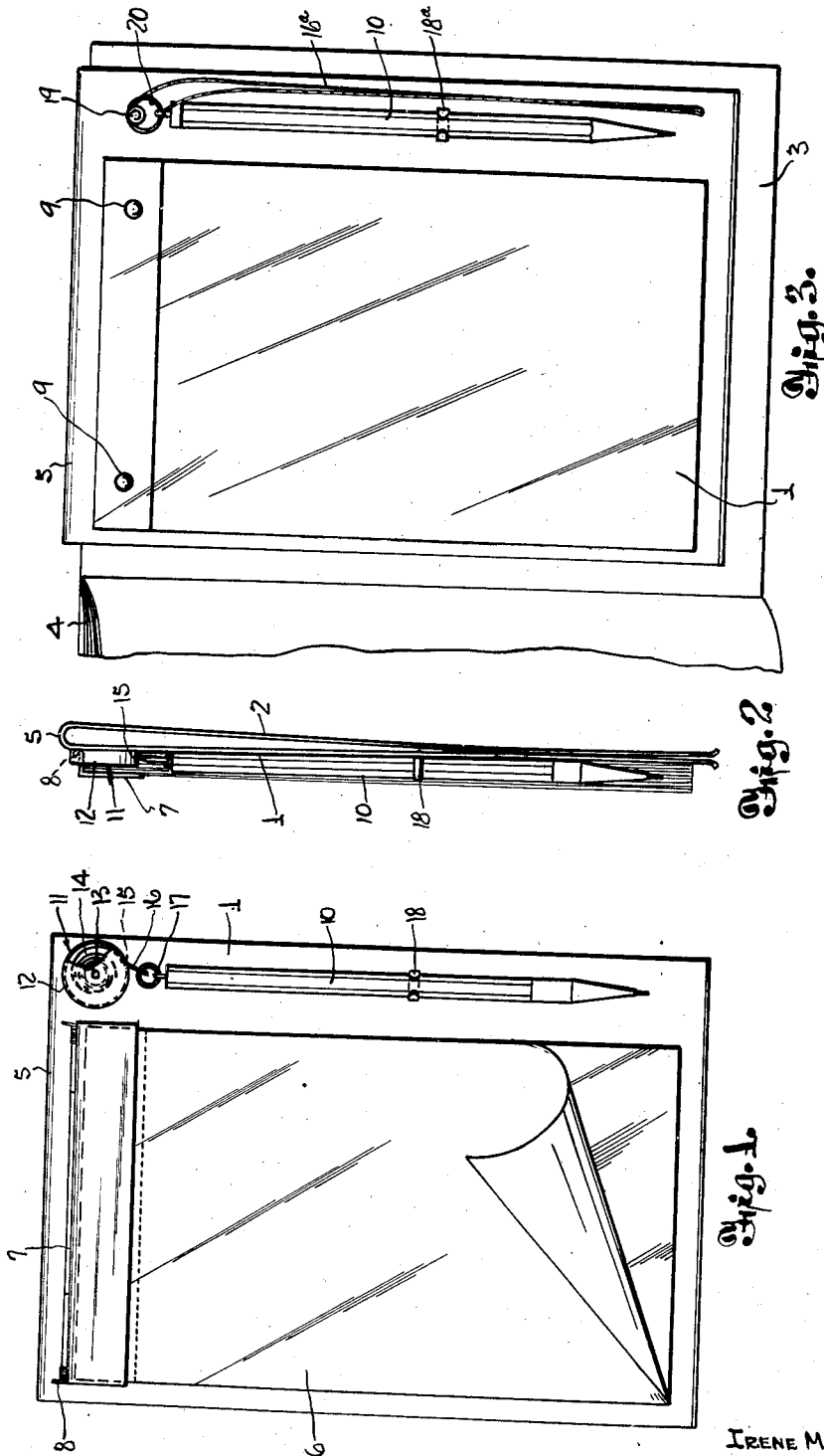
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This invention relates to attachments for books, designed for holding a pad of writing paper, together with a pencil co-operatively located and ready for use by a reader as he may require, for instance for jotting down words to be looked up, or for noting down comments on the book itself, or for any similar purpose.

The chief object of the invention therefore is to provide a frame of suitable material and dimensions, arranged for detachably positioning one of the covers of a book, preferably the back cover, with means provided upon the inner face of the frame for removably supporting a pad of writing paper and a pencil for use thereon.

Another object is to provide a frame for removably mounting upon a book cover, the same including a pair of thin plates of suitable dimensions, resiliently connected at their predetermined upper ends and thus adapted to yieldably engage a book cover in such manner as to be frictionally held thereupon, the inner plate having means for removably supporting a pad of writing paper and for operatively supporting a pencil in convenient position for use upon the pad.

With the foregoing and such other objects and advantages in view as may appear from the following specification, attention is directed to the accompanying drawing as constituting a part of the specification, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a preferred form of the invention, including a pad of writing paper and a pencil conveniently mounted adjacent the pad, in position for ready use.

Figure 2 is an edge view of the assembly shown in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the invention in modified form, including modified means for holding the writing pad and the pencil.

As illustrated in the drawing the invention comprises a pair of thin, rectangular plates 1—2, of a size convenient for mounting upon a cover 3 of a book 4 of usual or standard dimensions. These plates may be made of any desirable or suitable material, such as Bakelite, Celluloid or sheet metal, and they are resiliently connected at their predetermined upper ends, so as normally to close with a clamping action upon the cover of the book and be there frictionally but removably retained in place. In the embodiment shown in the drawing this resilient connection of the two plates is conveniently secured by merely forming the plates integrally of some suitably resilient material such as Celluloid or spring sheet metal, and then doubling the elongated strip back upon itself to provide the connecting

bight 5 at the predetermined top of the device. This bight serves also to space the plates apart sufficiently to nicely receive the book cover 3 between them, after which they press inwardly upon this cover and are thus frictionally held in place thereon.

The inner plate 1 is provided with means for detachably engaging and holding a pad 6 of writing paper. Any desirable means may be employed for this purpose, such as a hinged flap 7 shown in Figures 1 and 2, the flap being spring-set as shown at 8, so as to normally press the flap down upon the pad; or in lieu of this flap, removable fasteners 9 may be used, as represented in Figure 3, same being in the nature of split paper fasteners, or the like.

Upon the outer margin of the inner plate 1 means are provided for holding a pencil 10 in convenient and operative association with the writing pad. As shown in Figures 1 and 2, this is accomplished by means of a conventional form of automatic winder 11, which includes an outer casing 12, mounted at the top of the plate, a smaller drum 13 rotatably mounted within the case, and a clock-spring 14 wound around the drum within the case and having its inner end fastened to the drum in a conventional manner. The case is pierced through its under side by an aperture 15. A slender cord or chain 16 is attached at one end to the outer end of the spring 14, the other or free end of the chain being attached to the pencil, as shown at 17. A small, spring jawed clamp 18, is mounted medially upon the outer margin of the plate, below the winder 11 and in vertical alignment therewith, as means for positively holding the pencil in place upon the plate when not in use. The chain or cord 16 is of such length that the pencil may be released from the clamp and drawn out as required for use, and then returned again when it has served its purpose. As shown in Figure 3 and in lieu of the automatic winder 11, a small nail or screw 19 may be seated in the top of the plate 1, on the outer margin thereof. The head of the pencil 10 is here provided with a small ring 20 adapted for engaging the head of the screw so as to hang thereupon, and the cord or chain 16a is then connected at its ends to the screw and ring respectively. By this arrangement the pencil is retained against chance of loss, and when not in use it may be hooked onto the screw by means of the ring, as explained. A clamp 18a is here also provided.

The device here described furnishes a neat and convenient holder for a memorandum pad and

1 pencil, excellently adapted for removably mounting upon a book cover for the ready use of the reader, as stated, and while I have herein set forth and shown special forms and structures
5 well adapted to carry out the purposes of the invention, I reserve the right to vary these forms and structures in minor details so as to best provide a practical device of the kind contemplated, not departing however from the spirit of
10 the invention as defined in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In a device of the kind described, a plate arranged for positioning at the inner face of a book cover, means for removably holding the
15 plate in position on the cover, said means being of an area substantially co-extensive with the plate so that an interposed book cover will be maintained against distortion, means upon the
20 plate for removably holding a memorandum pad, and separate means for supporting a pencil upon the plate against movement relatively to the pad.

2. In a device of the kind described, a plate for positioning at the inner face of a book cover, means for removably holding the plate in position
25 on the cover, said means being of an area substantially co-extensive with the plate so that an interposed book cover will be maintained against distortion, a spring set clamp at the top of the

plate for detachably engaging a writing pad, and an automatic winder on the plate adjacent the clamp arranged for engaging a pencil and supporting same in co-operative relation to the pad
5 and means on the plate to hold the pencil against movement relatively thereto.

3. In a device of the kind described, a flat plate adapted for positioning at the inner face of a book cover, resilient means arranged at one side of the predetermined upper end of the plate for
10 releasably engaging the book cover, said means being of an area substantially co-extensive with the plate so that an interposed book cover will be maintained against distortion, and resilient
15 means arranged at the opposite side of the said upper end of the plate for releasably engaging a memorandum pad.

4. In a device of the kind described for mounting upon a book cover, a pair of thin, substantially co-extensive rectangular plates of resilient
20 material connected by an integral bight portion and thus adapted to frictionally engage the book cover between them in a clamping like action, and means upon one of the plates adjacent the
25 said bight portion for releasably engaging a memorandum pad.

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