

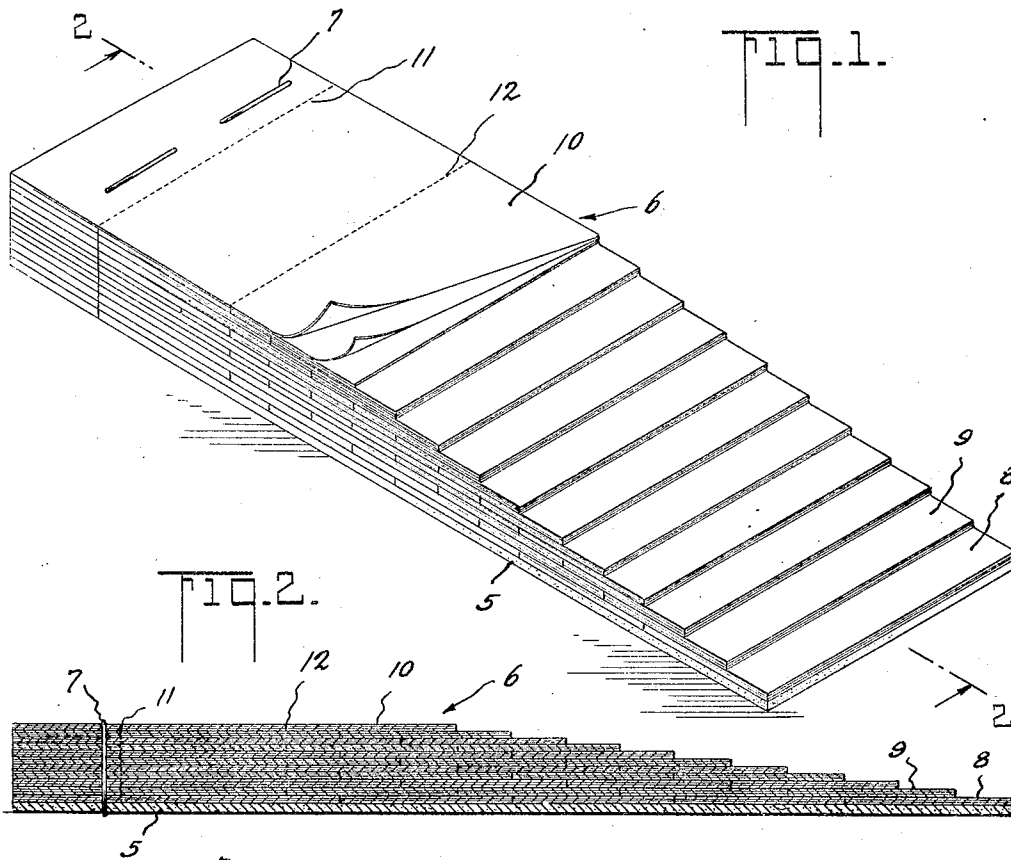
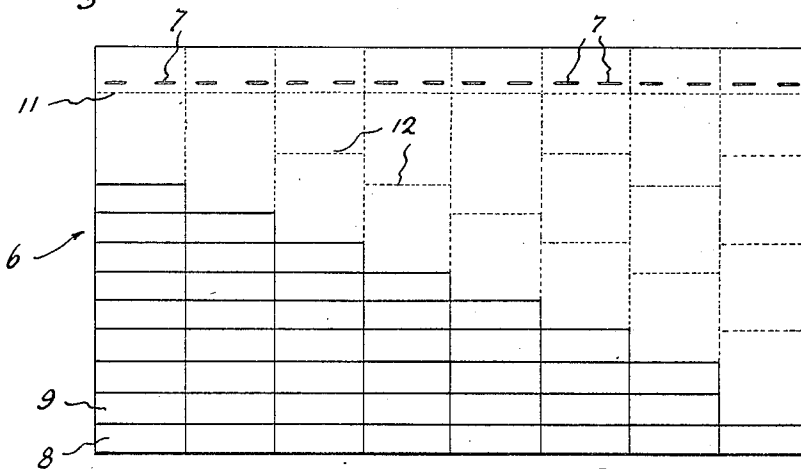
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MEMORANDUM PAD

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This invention relates to memorandum pads and has for its principal object the provision of a pad which will have groups or sections of sheets of varying lengths, the longer ones being at the bottom thereof and the shorter ones at the top, thus producing a stepped construction.

Another object of the invention is to provide a memorandum pad of this kind wherein the outer or free end of the top sheet in each section will be visible, thereby keeping in view many items for quick and constant reference until disposed of.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a memorandum pad, chiefly for temporary use, wherein the sheets will have a number of perforations, thus enabling one to readily tear out that part of the sheet which is used, thereby leaving additional sheets which may likewise be referred to instantly.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be hereinafter specifically pointed out, or will become apparent, as the specification proceeds.

With the above indicated objects in view, the invention resides in certain novel constructions and combinations and arrangement of parts, clearly described in the following specification and fully illustrated in the accompanying drawings which latter show embodiments of the invention as at present preferred.

In said drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the embodiment.

Fig. 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a top plan view showing the construction of several units of the embodiment, side by side; this really being a diagrammatic or development view, showing in laterally adjoining groups the new pad as more and more built up with additional sections as the vertical panels shown are examined from right to left.

Referring now more particularly to said drawings, the embodiment, as at present preferred, includes a base member 5, which may be made from cardboard or other suitable material, upon which are mounted the leaves or sheets 6, said sheets being bound to the base

member by means of wire staples 7, or in any other suitable manner. There are provided a plurality of sheets 8 which are adjacent to the base member and are of the same length as said base member. These sheets 8 constitute a "section". The sheets 9 in the section next above the first section are somewhat shorter as shown, thereby leaving the outer or free ends of the top sheet in the first section visible without raising the sheets in the next section thereabove.

Each succeeding higher section is likewise shorter, the top section 10 being somewhat less than half the length of the lowest section. All of the sheets are provided with a perforation 11 near the staple 7 in order that the entire sheet may be easily removed. The sheets are likewise provided with one or more intermediate perforations 12, in order that only a part of the sheet may be removed. Whereas the number of such intermediate perforations is optional it is preferred to have one in the first two top sections and two or more in the next succeeding lower ones, and in such manner that the intermediate perforations define sheet subdivisions such that when all the latter of the sheets of an upper section have been torn off, that section will be stepped down relative to the next below section and at the same time previously hidden intermediate perforations for the sheets of the last-mentioned section will be exposed. As a result the pad is gradually used up, but all the way down additional easily separable subdivisions are progressively uncovered and made available for use.

It will be appreciated that the number of leaves in each section as well as the number of sections may be increased or decreased to meet any special needs and purposes.

In manufacturing, two or more units may be constructed with intermediate perforations as shown in Fig. 3.

The binding of the sheets into tablet form may be done by wire stitching, crash padding, eyeletting, or through punched holes by fasteners.

The hereinbefore described construction admits of considerable modification without departing from the invention; therefore, it

is the wish not to be limited to the precise arrangements shown and described, which are as aforesaid, by way of illustration merely. In other words the scope of protection contemplated is to be taken solely from the appended claim, interpreted as broadly as is consistent with the prior art.

What I claim as new is:

A memorandum pad including a base member and a plurality of sheets of paper secured to one end of said base member, said sheets being arranged in groups each containing a number of sheets of the same length, the first group being adjacent to said base member and containing the longest, and each succeeding upper groups containing sheets of less length than the preceding group to provide stepped groups, the sheets of each of a plurality of said groups being perforated transversely to define matching sheet subdivisions in each of said groups, the perforations in one group being offset from the perforation in a contiguous group.

In testimony whereof I hereby affix my signature.

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