

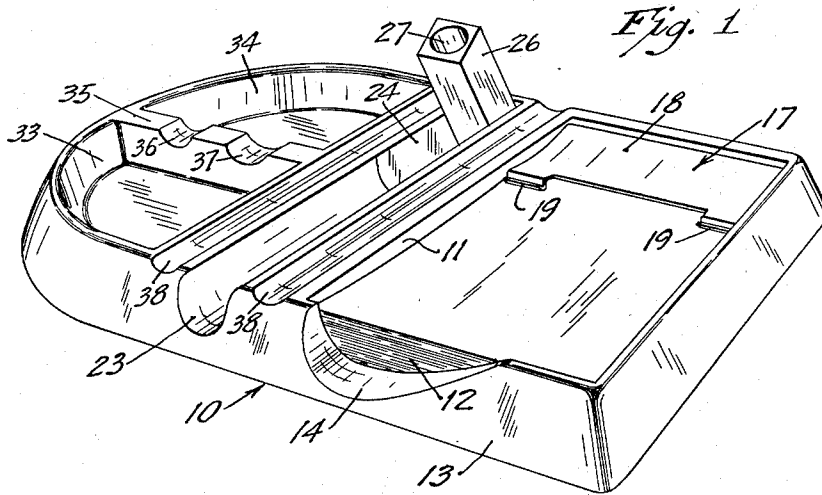
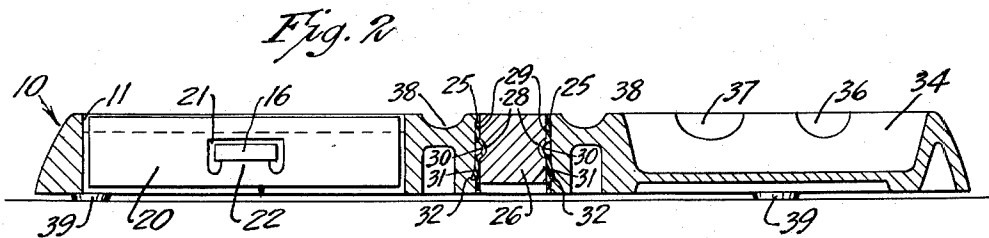
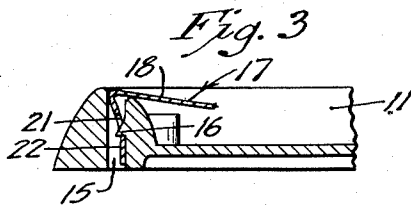
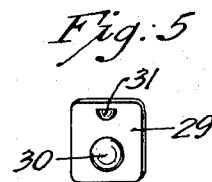
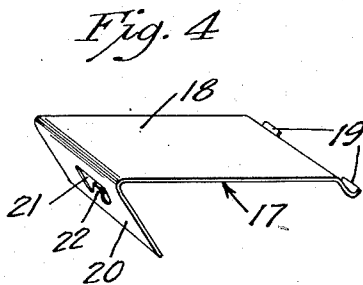
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This invention relates to an article such as a desk set and means for connecting an article or articles thereto, the particular desk set illustrated herein including a body having means for mounting a memo pad and/or a pen holder thereon.

It is an object of the invention to provide a desk set which can be conveniently built in a unit wherein most of the structure is in one piece and wherein an element or elements are connected thereto by means of spring clip structure, which is relatively simple but effectively holds or connects the article on the body.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved memo pad spring clip construction.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved pen holder which is pivotally connected to the body of the device and can be conveniently collapsed, particularly when the desk set is packed for shipment.

The above and other objects and advantages of the invention will more fully appear from the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein like reference characters refer to the same parts throughout the views, and, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged longitudinal vertical sectional view.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional detail of the memo pad clip arrangement.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the memo pad clip, and

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one of the pen holder retaining and pivotal mounting clips.

There is illustrated a body 10 which preferably is moulded from a suitable plastic. Formed in the body is a recess 11 which is adapted to receive a stack of memo sheets 12. The body 10 has a front wall 13 with a notched or cutaway portion 14 which exposes parts of the edges of the stack of memo sheets 12 to facilitate their successive removal.

Extending across the rear of the recess 11 is a vertical slot 15, one wall of which is provided with a projection 16. A spring clip 17 is provided to anchor the memo paper 12 in the recess 11. This clip includes a generally horizontal portion 18, which is adapted to lie upon the stack of paper 12 at the upper end thereof. The clip has a pair of spaced bent prongs 19 which assist in firmly engaging and holding the stack of paper 12.

The spring clip 17 also includes an angularly

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bent anchoring portion 20 which is received in the slot 15. The clip anchoring portion 20 is provided with an aperture 21, which is of such size that the projection 16 on one side wall of the slot 15 will fit into the aperture. The lower portion of the aperture 21 is defined by a tongue 22, which is bent inwardly at a slight angle to the remainder of the clip portion 20 and is adapted to lie in contact with the projection or abutment 16. The tongue 22 accordingly is offset relative to the anchoring portion 20, as best shown in Figs. 3 and 4 and may be referred to as an offset member.

It should be noted as in Fig. 3 that when the spring clip 17 is in position and bearing against a pad of paper, the angularly disposed portion 20 of the clip has spaced portions engaging opposite side walls of the slot 15. As a result, the clip, through its inherent resiliency, is capable of exerting considerable pressure on the stack of paper 12.

Located in the upper face of the body 10 is a channel or groove 23. This channel communicates with a slot or recess 24 which extends through the body vertically. Opposite side walls of the recess 24 are provided with stepped abutments 25. Fitted into the slot 24 is a pen holder 26, which is approximately square in cross section and provided with a pen receiving socket 27. The pen holder 26 has dimples or sockets 28 formed in opposite sides thereof and facing the side walls of the slot 24. Interposed between the dimpled or socketed side walls of the pen holder 26 and the side walls of the socket 24 are spring clips 29. Each of the clips is provided with a dome-like projection 30, which is received in the dimple 28 at each side of the pen holder. The clips 29 are also provided with outwardly struck portions 31, which are adapted to lie in recess 32 formed in the side walls of the slot 24. The adjacent edges of the clips 29 bear against the stepped abutments 25 formed in said side walls of the recess 24.

As a result the pen holder 26 is firmly retained in the recess 24 and is capable of vertical swinging movement to a vertical position or an angular position such as shown in Fig. 1 or to a horizontal position wherein the pen holder is flush with the top of the body 10, as indicated in Fig. 2. In the position of Fig. 2 a pen holder 26 will lie conveniently in the channel or groove 23.

One end of the body 10 is curved and is provided with a pair of recessed portions 33 and 34 which serve as ash trays. They are separated by a vertical wall 35 having cigarette and cigar rests

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36 and 37 formed thereon. If desired, pencil grooves 38 may be provided in the face of the body 10 beside the groove or channel 23 and the pen holder 26. Suitable cushioned feet 39 are also provided to prevent the article from scraping a highly polished surface.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that I have provided a desk set of relatively simple construction and yet which conveniently and firmly holds articles incorporated therewith, such as the memo pad 12 and the pen holder 26. They are held in place by highly efficient spring clip means so that the structure is for all practical purposes a complete unit.

It will, of course, be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, arrangement and proportions of the various parts without departing from the scope of my invention.

What I claim is:

1. A memo pad holder comprising a body forming a flat pad supporting portion and having a slot formed therein adjacent one end of said pad supporting portion, a projection formed on the wall of said slot adjacent said pad supporting portion in spaced relation below the top of said slot and extending into said slot, a resilient sheet metal pad holding clip bent to form an overlying pad holding portion and an anchoring portion disposed at an acute angle relative to said pad holding portion, the bend engaging the upper portion of the side of said slot remote from said

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pad supporting portion with a fulcrum action to urge the pad holding portion resiliently downwardly against the top surface of the pad supporting portion and to urge at least a part of the lower portion of said anchoring portion against the projection carrying wall of said slot and said anchoring portion having an aperture formed in the near wall engaging portion thereof of adjacent said projection to receive said projection and resiliently retain the anchoring portion in said slot and simultaneously apply downwardly exerted resilient pressure on the pad holding portion of said clip.

2. The structure set forth in claim 1, and an angularly offset tongue element at the lower portion of said aperture for engagement against the under side of said projection to insure positive locking contact therewith.

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