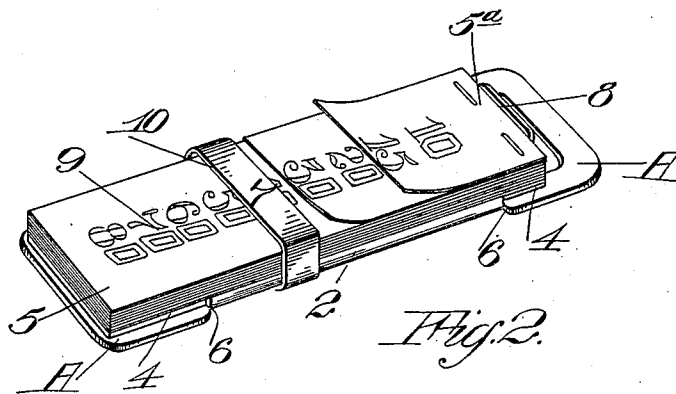
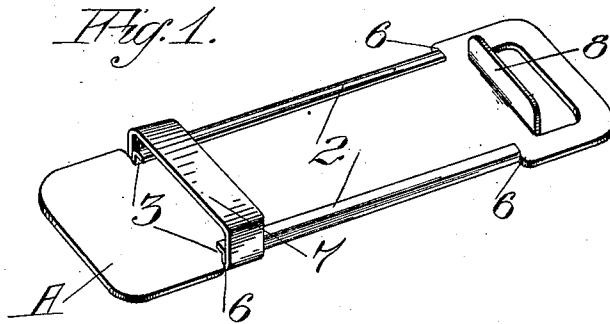


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK THUM, citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Restaurant-Pay-Check Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to book or pad holders, and pertains especially to holders for check pads.

The purpose of the invention is to provide a simple, cheap, inexpensive pad holder especially adapted for use in cafés and restaurants by waiters for holding counter check pads and by which holder a waiter can quickly and easily tear off the successive printed leaves of the pad; the torn off portion of the pad being given to the customer and presented by him at the counter when he pays; the untorn printed remnant being retained in the pad and later used for checking up the waiters' sales.

The invention consists of the parts and the construction and combination of parts as hereinafter more fully described and claimed, having reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder. Fig. 2 is a perspective of the pad and holder.

The illustrated embodiment of this invention comprises a stiff plate A, preferably of metal, having inturned angular, lateral guide flanges 2 along its longitudinal edges forming channels or slots 3 adapted to receive the backing 4 of a pad, as 5. The flanges 2 are preferably of such length as to leave shoulders 6 in the edges of the plate, between which shoulders there is slidably mounted a transversely disposed gage or knife 7. This gage has hook-shaped ends loosely gripping the back of the plate A and is freely movable lengthwise of the plate between the shoulders or stops 6. It is sufficiently deep to accommodate the full pad 5, over and between the leaves of which it may be adjusted quickly.

In order to prevent the pad from being displaced or lost the top end of the plate is provided with an upturned flange or ear 8 set back sufficiently from the ends of the flanges 2 to allow the backing 4 of the pad

5 to be slipped into and pushed along the channels 3. The hole 8' left by stamping up the lug 8 serves as a means for hanging up the holder if so desired. The flexibility of the backing permits the pad to be placed as shown in Fig. 2 so that its stub end 5^a abuts the flange 8 from which it cannot escape.

While the holder is adapted to pads of great variety, I have shown a waiter's check pad upon the leaves of which is printed a column of numerical, progressive figures 9. If the bill of sale is fifty cents the gage 7 is set between that figure and the next lower number so that the waiter has only to hold the gage upon the pad at that position and then sever the leaf along the edge 10 of the gage.

By this device the waiter has only to slide the gage 7 to the edge of the cost figure nearest the stub 5^a, tear off the free end of the leaf, and hand it to the customer, thus leaving a stub check in the pad.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters-Patent, is:

1. A pad holder formed of a plate having its side edges slitted and bent toward each other to form longitudinally extending flanges forming facing channels, said plate having an abutment transversely disposed of the plate and adjacent to the ends of said flanges.

2. The combination of a pad holder formed of a plate having its side edges slit and bent to form integral, lateral, inwardly facing flanges along its longitudinal edges forming parallel channels, an upturned stop member proximate to the ends of the flanges and spaced therefrom.

3. A pad holder comprising a plate made wider at the ends than at the intermediate portion, to form parallel channels along its edges and shoulders adjacent the terminals of the channels, and a gage slidable between the shoulders and limited in its sliding movement thereby.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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