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Fig. 1.

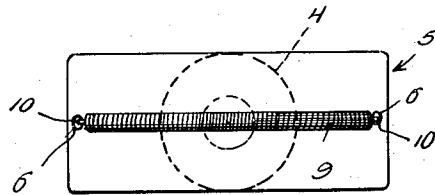


Fig. 2.

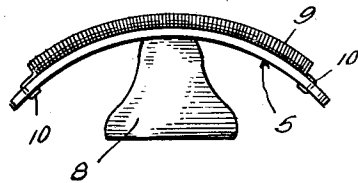
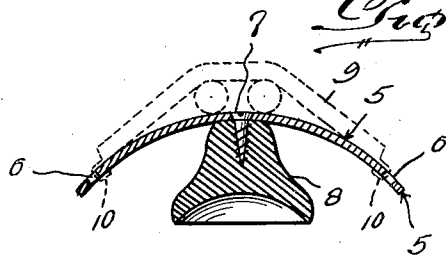


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to holders for pencils or pens, and has for the primary object the provision of a portable device of the above stated character which may be conveniently moved from place to place and when applied to a support, such as a desk surface, wall or the like, it will be firmly held against displacement and will permit pencils or pens, or both, to be easily and quickly applied and removed therefrom and when supported thereby will be kept from contacting the support or its surface and also against accidental displacement.

With these and other objects in view as will become more apparent as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

For a complete understanding of my invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, in which

Figure 1 is a top plan view illustrating a holder constructed in accordance with my invention.

Figure 2 is a side elevation illustrating the device.

Figure 3 is a vertical sectional view showing the device with pencils or the like applied thereto and shown in dotted lines.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the numeral 5 indicates a base in the form of an elongated arcuately curved plate provided adjacent its ends with openings 6 and a centrally arranged opening to receive a screw or like fastener 7 for securing the base to a vacuum cup 8 employed in the mounting of the device on a support, such as a surface of a desk or the like or on a wall. It is preferable that the head of the fastener 7 be countersunk in the base, as clearly shown in Figure 3, so as not to interfere with pencils or pens that may be placed on the base.

A coil spring 9 provided with end portions of hook shaped formation, as shown at 10, has the hook shaped portions engaged in the openings 6 arranging the coil spring on the base under tension. It is preferable that the coil spring have the convolutions thereof tightly wound, that is, the convolutions lying substantially in engagement with each other when under slight tension as applied to the base prior to a pen or pencil being arranged between said spring and the base.

A pencil or pen can be easily inserted between the spring and the base or withdrawn therefrom. Pencils or pens when supported on the base by the spring will be firmly held against accidental

displacement and away from the surface on which the device is mounted. Due to the base being of elongated and arcuately curved formation permits a relatively large number of pencils or pens to be accommodated thereby and held in place by the spring. Also will permit any one of the pencils or pens to be easily withdrawn for use when desired. Further, the base being arcuately curved will assume less space upon the surface to which the device is applied, without reducing the number of pencils or pens which may be conveniently accommodated thereon.

The vacuum cup will permit the device to be quickly applied to any smooth surface of a support and removed therefrom when desired.

From the foregoing description, when taken in connection with the drawing it will be seen that a very compact, durable and efficient holder has been provided for pencils or pens or both and its construction is such that a number of pens or pencils may be accommodated thereon and any one removed when desired without disturbing the others and further it will be seen that the pencils or pens will be supported in such a way that their contact with the surface of the support will be prevented, consequently providing a device extremely useful for offices or home use.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it will be understood that minor changes in construction, combination and arrangement of parts may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. In a holder for writing instruments, an arcuately curved elongated base having openings adjacent its ends, a vacuum cup secured to the base intermediate the ends of the latter, and a coil spring having hook shaped ends engaged in said openings and contacting the base under tension for removably retaining instruments thereon.

2. In a holder for writing instruments, an elongated arcuately curved base having a convex face and a concave face, a vacuum cup secured to the concave face of the base substantially intermediate the ends of the latter to permit the attachment thereof to a surface of a support with the ends of the base lying substantially close to the surface of the support, and a yieldable coil spring connected to said base at the ends thereof for removably retaining on the convex face of said base a plurality of instruments.

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