

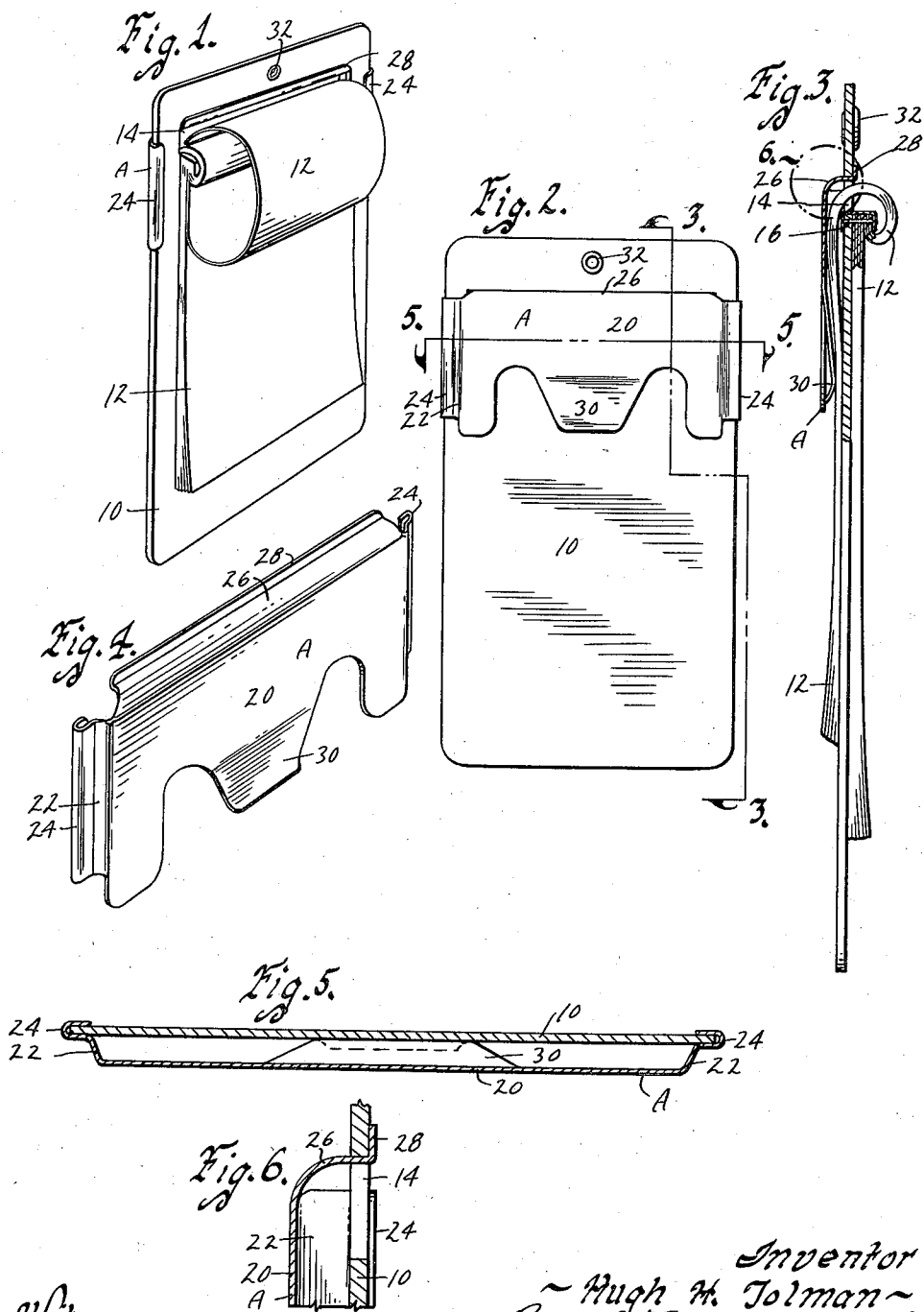
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An object of my invention is to provide a memorandum calendar or the like of simple, durable and inexpensive construction.

A further object is to provide an improvement in memorandum calendars or the like of the type employing a plurality of sheets, each of which may be blank or may have calendar data thereon, the used sheets of which are to be preserved.

Still a further object is to provide a memorandum calendar or the like having a base sheet and means on the back thereof for retaining the used sheets in position, the base sheet having a slot for the used sheets to be extended through, and a retainer normally retaining them in position against return through said slot to the front of the base sheet.

Another object is to provide the retainer so associated with the slot that it will guide the sheets to their retained position without any wrinkling or buckling thereof.

With these and other objects in view, my invention consists in the construction, arrangement and combination of the various parts of the device, whereby the objects contemplated are attained, as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in my claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a memorandum calendar or the like embodying my invention.

Figure 2 is a rear elevation of the same.

Figure 3 is an enlarged sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a rear perspective view of a retainer normally mounted on the back of a base sheet but removed from the base sheet in this figure.

Figure 5 is an enlarged sectional view on the line 5—5 of Figure 2; and

Figure 6 is a further enlarged sectional view of the base sheet and retainer contained within the circle 6 of Figure 3.

On the accompanying drawing, I have used the reference numeral 10 to indicate a base sheet. This is preferably formed of heavy cardboard or the like, and as shown is preferably formed with rounded corners to add to the attractive appearance of the device.

On the front face of the base sheet 10 I mount a calendar or other memorandum pad composed of a plurality of sheets of flexible paper 12. The base sheet 10 is provided with a transverse slot 14 immediately above the pad of sheets 12, and this slot is of slightly greater length than the width of the sheets to facilitate insertion of the free ends of the sheets therethrough, as illustrated on

the drawing. The sheets 12 are fastened together and to the base sheet by suitable means, such as staples or the like 16.

Fixed to the back of the base sheet 10 I provide a retainer A formed of a single piece of sheet metal or the like. The retainer A comprises a back wall 20 spaced rearwardly from the base sheet 10 as clearly illustrated in Figure 5. The sheet further includes side flanges 22 terminating in hooked flanges 24. The hooked flanges 24 frictionally grip the side margins of the base 10 for mounting the retainer in position, and thereby assembling the retainer A relative to the base sheet 10.

The retainer A is further provided with a top flange 26, which is preferably curved and terminates in a marginal flange 28. The flange 26 extends into the slot 14 and preferably through it, as shown in Figure 6, with the marginal flange 28 along its upper edge overlapping the front upper edge of the slot 14.

The retainer A has a leaf retainer element 30 which is formed of the back 20 and bent toward the base sheet 10 so that it resiliently engages the leaves 12 inserted through the slot 14, as shown in Figure 3. The retainer element 30 thereby provides an effective means to retain the sheets 12 against returning through the slot 14 to the front of the base sheet 10.

After a sheet 12 is used, it is lifted at its free end and inserted through the slot 14, a greater portion of the sheet then being behind the base sheet 10 and the sheet 12 being retained by the retainer element 30. The flanges 22 and the back 20 laterally enclose or extend across the sheets 12 throughout their width. The flange 26 extending through the slot 14 serves as an effective guide to guide the entering edge of the sheet 12 from its horizontally inserted position to a vertically retained position relative to the retainer A. The flange 28 prevents any possibility of the free edge of the sheet 12 engaging the upper terminal edge of the retainer A, and likewise serves to reinforce the upper edge of the slot 14 and strengthen the portion of the base sheet 10 above the slot therein.

The base sheet 10 may be provided if desired with an eyelet 32 for the purpose of hanging it on a nail or other support.

The device is also adaptable for lying at a slightly inclined position on a desk top or the like.

From the foregoing description it is obvious that I have provided a retainer for the type of memorandum that is mounted on a base having a slot to receive the used sheets, and the retainer is comparatively simple to cut and form,

as well as assembled relative to the base sheet. It operates effectively as a retainer without having to use a prohibitive amount of sheet metal for each memorandum.

- 5 Some changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of the parts of my device without departing from the real spirit and purpose of my invention, and it is my intention to cover by my claims any modified forms of structure or use of mechanical equivalents which may be reasonably included within their scope.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a device of the class described, a base sheet, a plurality of flexible sheets fixed at their upper margins thereto, said base sheet being formed with a transverse slot above the flexible sheets through which the free end portions thereof may be inserted, and a retainer mounted on the rear face of said base sheet to receive and provide a retainer for the inserted sheets, said retainer having a guide portion extending into said slot and being of sufficient size to extend laterally across the inserted sheets throughout the entire width thereof and having a resilient leaf retainer element bent toward said base sheet.

2. In a device of the class described, a base sheet, a plurality of flexible sheets fixed at their upper margins thereto, said base sheet being formed with a transverse slot above the flexible sheets through which the free end portions thereof may be inserted, and a retainer mounted on the rear face of said base sheet to receive and provide a retainer for the inserted sheet, said retainer having a guide portion extending through said slot and terminating in front of said base sheet and being of sufficient size to extend laterally across the inserted sheets throughout the entire width thereof and having a resilient leaf retainer element bent toward said base sheet.

3. In a device of the class described, a base sheet, a plurality of flexible sheets fixed at their upper margins thereto, said base sheet being formed with a transverse slot above the flexible sheets through which the free end portions thereof may be inserted, and a retainer mounted on the rear face of said base sheet to receive and provide a retainer for the inserted sheet, said retainer having a guide portion extending through said slot and having a flange lapping over the front upper edge thereof and being of sufficient size to extend laterally across the inserted sheets throughout the entire width thereof and having a resilient leaf retainer element bent toward said base sheet.

4. In a device of the character set forth comprising a base sheet, a plurality of flexible sheets fixed at their upper margins thereto, said base sheet being formed with a transverse slot above the flexible sheets through which the free end portions thereof may be inserted, and a retainer mounted on the rear face of said base sheet comprising a back wall spaced from the back of said base sheet, a leaf retainer element bent toward said base sheet, and an upper guide flange extending into said slot.

5. In a device of the character set forth comprising a base sheet, a plurality of flexible sheets fixed at their upper margins thereto, said base sheet being formed with a transverse slot above

the flexible sheets through which the free end portions thereof may be inserted, and a retainer mounted on the rear face of said base sheet comprising a back wall spaced from the back of said base sheet, a leaf retainer element bent toward said base sheet, and an upper guide flange extending through said slot and terminating in front of said base sheet.

6. In a device of the character set forth comprising a base sheet, a plurality of flexible sheets fixed at their upper margins thereto, said base sheet being formed with a transverse slot above the flexible sheets through which the free end portions thereof may be inserted, and a retainer mounted on the rear face of said base sheet comprising a back wall spaced from the back of said base sheet, a leaf retainer element bent toward said base sheet, and an upper guide flange extending into said slot and having a flange on its terminal end bent upwardly in front of said base sheet.

7. A device of the character set forth comprising a base sheet, a plurality of flexible sheets fixed at their upper margins thereto, said base sheet being provided with a transverse slot above the flexible sheets through which the free end portions thereof may be inserted, and a retainer mounted on the rear face of said base comprising a single sheet of stiff material bent to produce a rear wall and side walls, the free margins of said side walls being secured to the side margins of said base sheet, a portion of said single sheet intermediate the side edges thereof being bent toward said base sheet to provide a retainer for the portions of said flexible sheets inserted therethrough, said single sheet having an upper flange extending into said slot adjacent the top thereof.

8. A device of the character set forth comprising a base sheet, a plurality of flexible sheets fixed at their upper margins thereto, said base sheet being provided with a transverse slot above the flexible sheets through which the free end portions thereof may be inserted, and a retainer mounted on the rear face of said base comprising a single sheet of stiff material bent to produce a rear wall and side walls, the free margins of said side walls being secured to the side margins of said base sheet, a portion of said single sheet intermediate the side edges thereof being bent toward said base sheet to provide a retainer for the portions of said flexible sheets inserted therethrough, said single sheet having an upper flange extending through said slot and having a terminal flange bent upwardly in front of said base sheet.

9. A device of the character set forth comprising a base sheet, a plurality of flexible sheets fixed at their upper margins thereto, said base sheet being provided with a transverse slot above the flexible sheets through which the free end portions thereof may be inserted, and a retainer mounted on the rear face of said base comprising a single sheet of relatively stiff material bent to produce a rear wall, a top wall and side walls, said side walls having hooked flanges gripping the side margins of said base sheet and said top wall extending into said slot.