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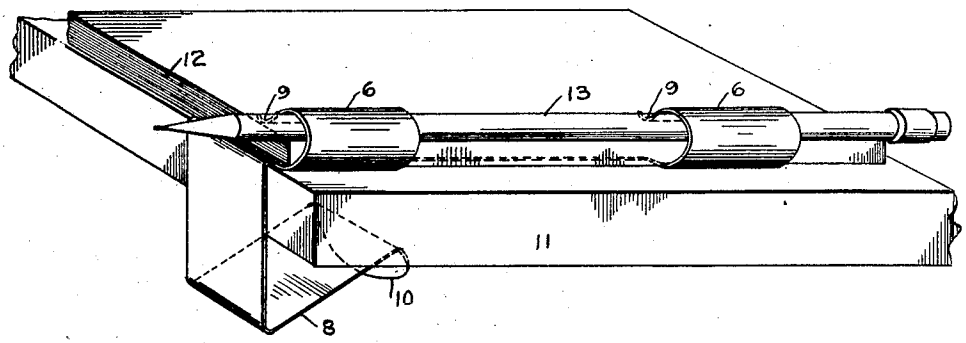


Fig-1

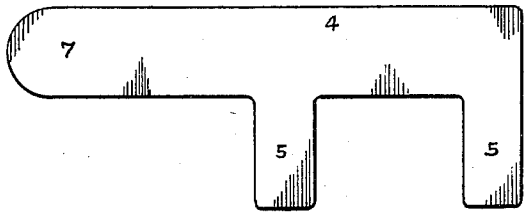


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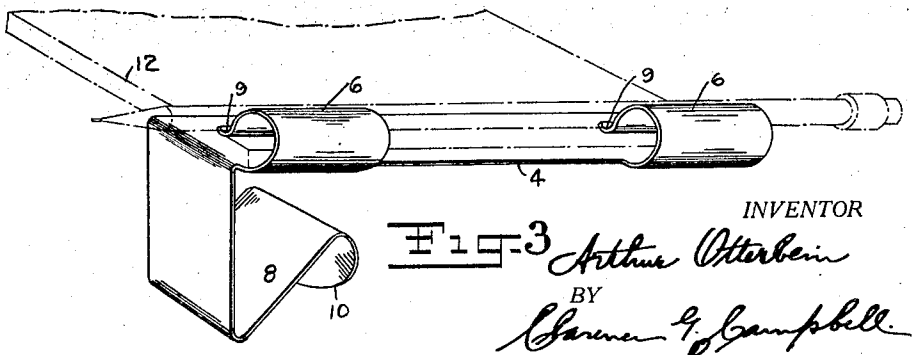


Fig-3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR OTTERBEIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Middletown, in the county of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pad Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in a pad holder, and the novelty consists in the adaptation and arrangement of the parts, as will be more fully hereinafter pointed out.

There have been many devices invented to keep a pad and a pencil together so that the pencil will be ready when it is needed for use in connection with the pad of paper. But none of these provided any means for quickly securing a pad with a pencil to the place where the pad is to be used.

My device solves this problem by furnishing a pad holder which not only is adapted to carry a pad or a number of sheets of paper in a firm but readily removable manner, together with a pencil likewise readily removable, but also furnishes a quick and simple means of securing the holder to a table or to any place where the pad and pencil are to be used. A typical use for which my device is completely adapted is in connection with a bridge score pad, which is usually used on a card table, and as the card table is often of the collapsible type which is folded up and put away when not in use the pad holder can only be used on the table while the table is set up. My device is adapted to fill that requirement in that it can be quickly snapped on to or removed from the table and carries the score pad and pencil therein, which are also both readily removable. My device is adapted to be made of a single piece of sheet metal, and therefore can be made at a slight expense, and has nothing to get out of order as it is of such a simple construction.

Referring to the drawings Figure 1 is a perspective of my device attached to a table which is broken away for convenience in illustration; Figure 2 is a top plan view of the single flat piece of material from which my pad holder is made; and Figure 3 is a perspective of my device showing a pad therein and a pencil thereon in dotted outline.

In the drawings 4 is a single piece of sheet metal having tabs 5 which are adapted to be turned up so as to form spring gripping members 6, and having a long tab 7 at one end adapted to be turned down and in so as to form a spring gripping member 8 of substantial gripping power. The spring gripping members 6 are adapted to be turned up slightly at their outer ends so as to form grooves 9, the spring members 6 being in substantial alignment and the grooves 9 also being in substantial alignment. The spring gripping member 8 has a downturned lip or handle 10 at its outer end adapted to facilitate the operator in releasing the spring gripping member 8.

My pad holder is adapted to be secured to a table 11 by means of the spring gripping member 8, which is opened sufficiently to slip over the edge of the table 11 so that the lower portion of the spring gripping member 8 is under the edge of the table and grips the table thereby securely. A pad or number of sheets of paper 12 are adapted to be inserted into the spring gripping members 6 so that 12 is thereby firmly held by said spring gripping members 6, and a pencil 13 is adapted to be pushed through the open end of the spring gripping members 6, thereby being held firmly between the top of the pad 12 and the spring gripping members 6, but being readily removable by withdrawing the same as desired. These positions are all clearly shown in Fig. 1, and in Fig. 2 we see the pencil 13 which has been withdrawn laid in the grooves 9 so that it is more readily accessible for use in scoring during the playing of the game, but which can be readily returned to the position shown in Fig. 1 when the game is terminated. Thereupon the operator on taking hold of the tab 10 can readily release the spring gripping member 8 so as to slide the pad holder off the table 11, but leaving the pad 12 and the pencil 13 securely held in the pad holder by means of the spring gripping members 6.

It is apparent that certain modifications may be made in the construction of my device without departing from the spirit and intent of the invention herein disclosed.

I claim:

1. A pad holder formed from a single piece of sheet metal having a relatively long and narrow body portion, one end of said

body portion being bent at right angles thereto with a relatively spaced free end projecting toward said body portion to provide a spring gripping member for attachment to the edge of a table top, and spring tabs formed on the side edge of said body portion overlying the body portion to provide gripping members for holding a pencil and pad.

2. A pad holder formed from a single piece of sheet metal, said holder having a longitudinal body portion with one end bent back upon itself in spaced relation to said body portion to provide a spring gripping member for attachment to the edge of a table top, and relatively curved gripping members extending from the side edge of the body portion and overlying said body portion in spaced relation thereto to provide spring gripping members for holding a pencil and pad.

3. A pad holder formed from a single piece of sheet metal having a relatively long and narrow body portion with a spring gripping end for attaching the holder to the edge of a table top, and side tabs relatively curved and overlying said body portion to provide gripping members for holding a pencil and pad.

4. A pad holder formed from a single piece of sheet metal having a relatively long and narrow body portion with a spring gripping end for attaching the holder to the edge of a table top, and side tabs on the body portion being relatively curved and overlying said body portion to provide gripping members for holding a pencil and pad, said tabs being further turned up at their ends to provide an aligning groove for supporting a pencil.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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