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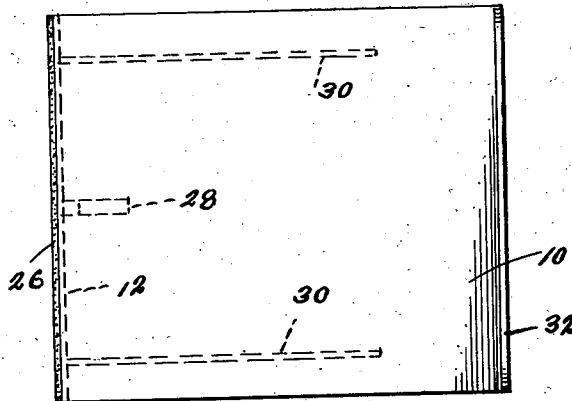


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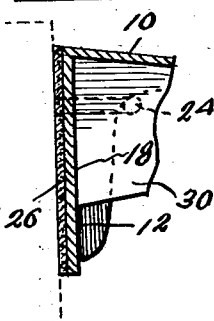


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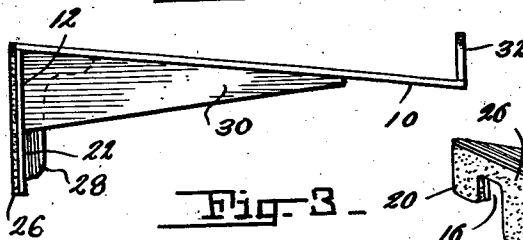


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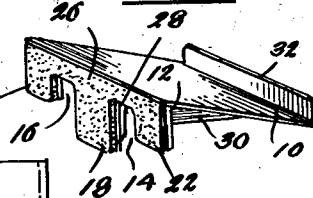


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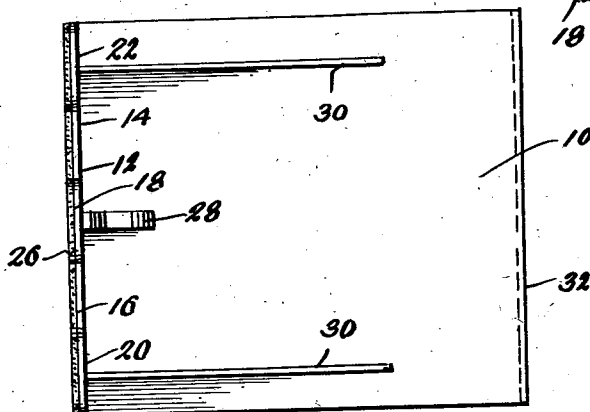
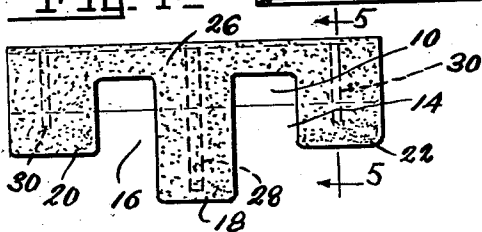


Fig. 4.



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1 Claim. (Cl. 211—90)

This invention appertains to improvements in office and display equipment and particularly relates to a novel filing device in the nature of a platform or board which is releasably attachable to various types of supports and which is adapted to hold articles of various natures in such attached position.

Particularly, though not exclusively or restrictively, this invention relates to a novel platform or board which can be releasably attached to the handle of a filing drawer to hold papers, files and the like in a convenient and accessible place while they are being removed or replaced in the drawer or adjacent drawers.

Thus, the primary object of this invention is to provide a one-piece simply constructed board which is formed with hook-like means that is adapted to fit on a handle of a drawer and retain the board in a position, projecting outwardly from the front of the drawer.

The present invention, therefore, contemplates the provision of a flat board which has a front edge formed with a depending front wall or flange, the front wall being arranged at an acute angle to the board and being formed with means that can hook on a drawer handle so as to position the board in an inclined plane relative to the front wall of the drawer. The board also has a rear edge which is formed with an upstanding flange or lip, which parallels the front wall and which retains papers and the like on the sloping or inclined board.

It can be appreciated that, ordinarily, a file clerk has to hold a number of papers while she is filing them in various drawers of a bank of filing cabinets and also has to constantly return to a desk to either place a number of removed papers thereon or pick up a number of papers to be filed, since she cannot hold a large number of papers. With the present invention such tiresome procedures are eliminated, since the board can be attached to the handle on the front wall of one of the drawers and can hold all of the papers. The file clerk can then pick up the papers one by one as she is filing them or, if she is removing the files or papers, can place them on the board as they are removed from the drawers.

The foregoing and ancillary objects are attained by this invention, the preferred embodiment of which is set forth in the following description and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the board;
Figure 2 is a side elevational view thereof;
Figure 3 is a bottom plan view thereof;
Figure 4 is a front elevational view thereof;

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Figure 5 is a detailed, vertical sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Figure 4 and showing how the front wall or flange of the board fits on a drawer handle, and,

Figure 6 is a perspective view of the board.

With continued reference to the drawing, the filing device, which is also equally well adapted for use as a display device, includes a flat platform or board 10, which can be formed from wood, plastic or any other light-weight but sturdy and durable material. The board has a front edge which is formed with a depending front wall or flange 12 that is arranged at an acute angle to the platform or board, preferably at an angle of slightly less than ninety degrees. The front wall has two transversely spaced, vertically formed cut-outs 14 and 16 which define a center leg 18 and side legs 20 and 22. The center leg 18 is longer than the side legs, which terminate in the same horizontal plane. The center leg 18 is of a width to fit inside a regular U-shaped handle 24, as shown in Figure 5. The outer surface of the entire front wall is covered with a felt strip 26 so as to prevent the legs from marring the front wall of a drawer and to give the front wall a frictional contact with the front wall of the drawer.

An inverted L-shaped webbing 28 is connected to the back of the center leg 18 and the front portion of the underside of the board 10 to rigidify the structure. Also, for such reason, triangular gussets 30 are provided between the back faces of the side legs and the board.

The platform or board has a rear edge which is provided with an upstanding flange or lip 32 which is disposed parallel to the front wall or flange 12.

In use, the center leg 18 fits within the U-shaped handle 24, which is conventional, and the right portion of the handle engages on the webbing 28. The platform or board is positioned in an inclined position relative to the drawer and papers placed thereon are held thereon by the upstanding lip 32.

While the device has been illustrated in connection with a filing cabinet and its use as an aid in filing has been described, the device is equally well suited and adapted for other uses in other environments, such as a display shelf. Therefore, while the best known form and environment have been disclosed herein, such is merely by way of example and the invention is only limited by the scope of the appended claim.

I claim:

A device of the character described comprising a flat platform, a front wall dependently attached to the forward end of said platform, an upwardly extending flange affixed to the rear end of said platform, said front wall having a pair of vertical cut-outs defining a center leg and a pair of side legs, an inverted L-shaped webbing centrally interconnecting the rear side of said center leg and the underside of said platform, and a felt covering affixed to the entire outer face of said front wall, said center leg and a portion of said webbing being snugly receivable in the handle of a conventional file drawer.

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