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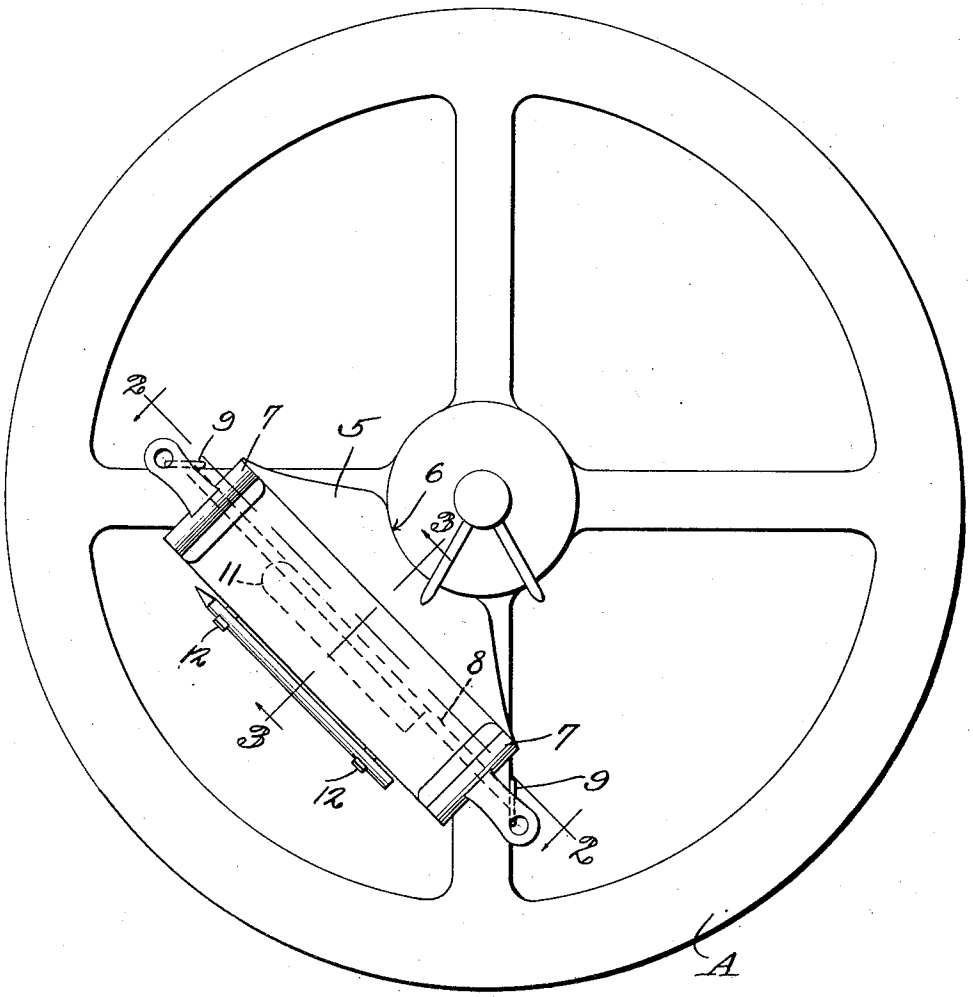


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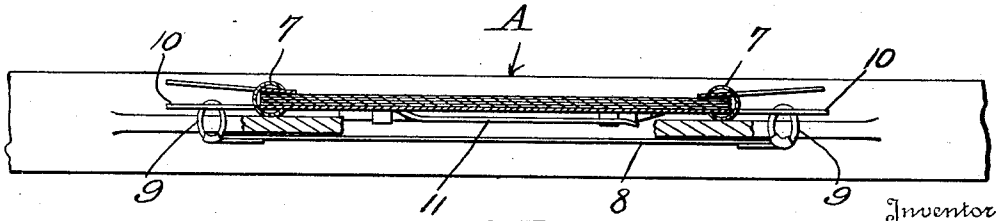


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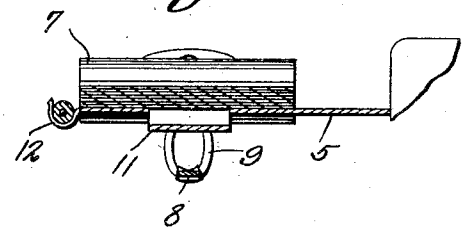
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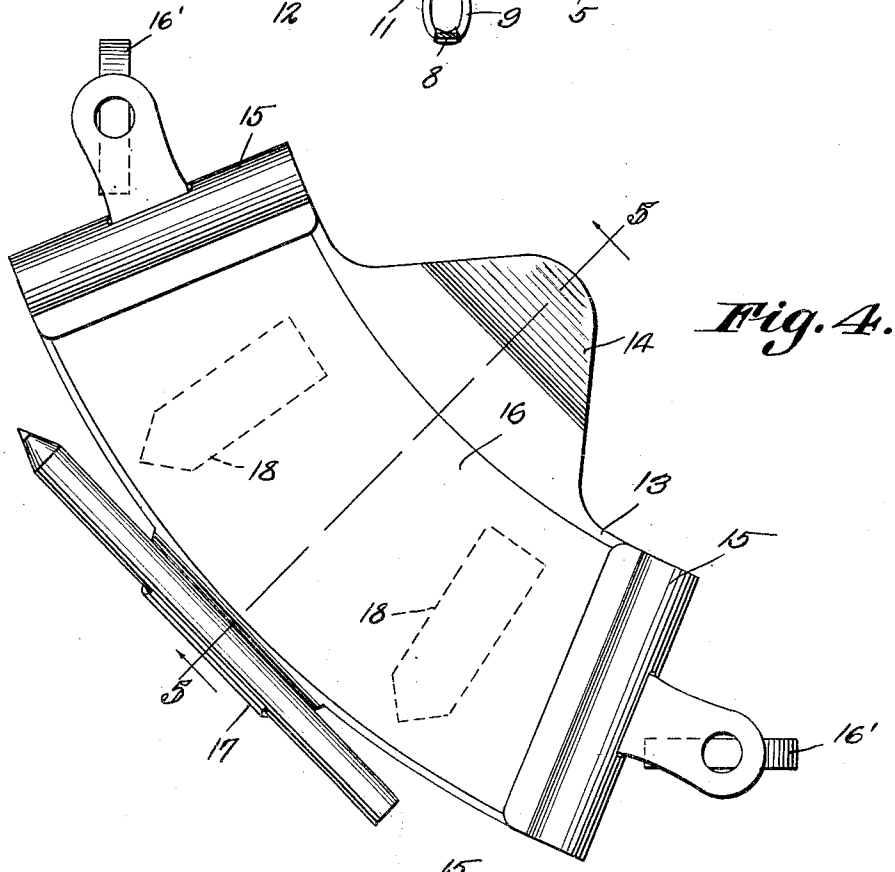


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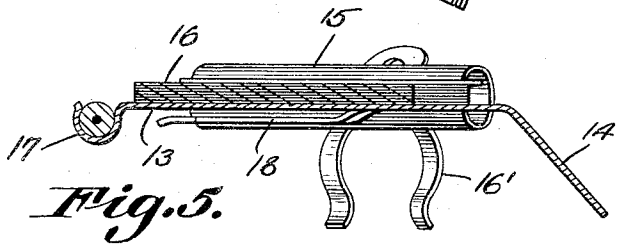


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This invention relates to a combined memorandum pad holder designed primarily for use on the steering wheels of motor vehicles.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a pad holder of this character which will be securely held in position within easy access of the operator of the vehicle.

An important object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which may be readily positioned, and one which will not interfere with the operation of the spark and gas control levers of the vehicle.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a holder so constructed that the pad may be readily removed and replaced, without the necessity of removing the holder from the steering wheel.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed, may be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a steering wheel equipped with a memorandum pad holder and pad, constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a plan view of a modified form of holder.

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Figure 4.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the memorandum pad holder as shown by Figure 1 of the drawings, includes a base or body portion 5 formed preferably of sheet metal material, the same having a curved cut out portion 6 so constructed that it will fit around the hub of the steering wheel, as clearly shown by the drawings.

Spring clips indicated by the reference character 7 are secured at the ends of the body portion 5, the jaws of the clips being extended inwardly to grip the ends of a memorandum pad to be supported by the body portion.

Thus it will be seen that due to this construction, the pad is removably held on the body portion and may be quickly removed and replaced.

The memorandum holder is secured in position by means of the elastic strip 8 which is formed with separable ring members 9 at its ends, which are positioned within the lower finger pieces 10 of the clips, the ring members contacting with the spokes of the steering wheel, which in the present showing is indicated by the reference character A.

Under the action of the elastic strip 8, the holder is drawn into close engagement with the hub of the wheel to insure against the holder rattling or becoming displaced.

Forming a part of the body portion 5, and extending downwardly therefrom, is a spring tongue 11, which provides means for securing an auxiliary pad to the holder, so that a fresh pad may be held in readiness for use at all times.

Spring fingers indicated by the reference character 12 extend from one edge of the body portion, the spring fingers being curved upwardly and inwardly to grip a pencil and support the pencil in a position for ready use.

In the modified form of the invention as shown by figure 4 of the drawings, the body portion which is indicated by the reference character 13, is curved to conform to the shape of the steering wheel.

Extending from the body portion 13 is a flange 14 that is bent downwardly to contact with the steering post.

Clips indicated by the reference character 15 are formed at the ends of the body portion and clamp the ends of the memorandum pad, which in the present showing is indicated at 16.

Spring fingers indicated by the reference character 16′ are secured to the lowermost finger pieces of the clips 15, and are so constructed that they may be fitted over the

spokes of a steering wheel to secure the body portion in position.

A pencil holder indicated at 17, forms a part of the body portion, and is curved upwardly to support a pencil in such a way that it cannot become displaced under ordinary conditions.

Stamped from the body portion, are spring fingers 18 that extend downwardly and cooperate with the body portion in gripping and holding a replacement pad, to be used with the holder.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:

A memorandum pad holder for motor vehicle steering wheels, comprising a body portion constructed of sheet material, clamps at the ends of the body portion for clamping a memorandum sheet thereto, a downwardly curved flange extending from one side of the body portion, and yieldable means on the body portion and engaging the spokes of the steering wheel for securing the body portion on the wheel, and said yieldable means adapted to urge the body portion laterally forcing the flange into engagement with the hub of the steering wheel to securely hold the body portion against movement.

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