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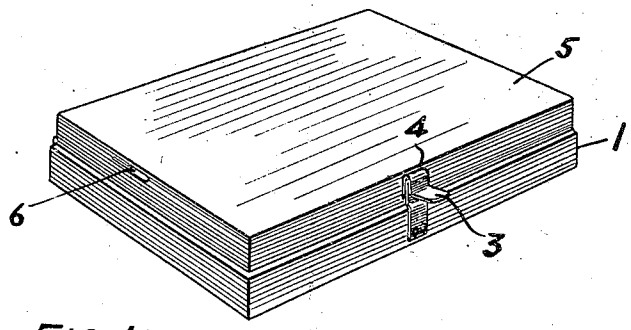


FIG. 1.

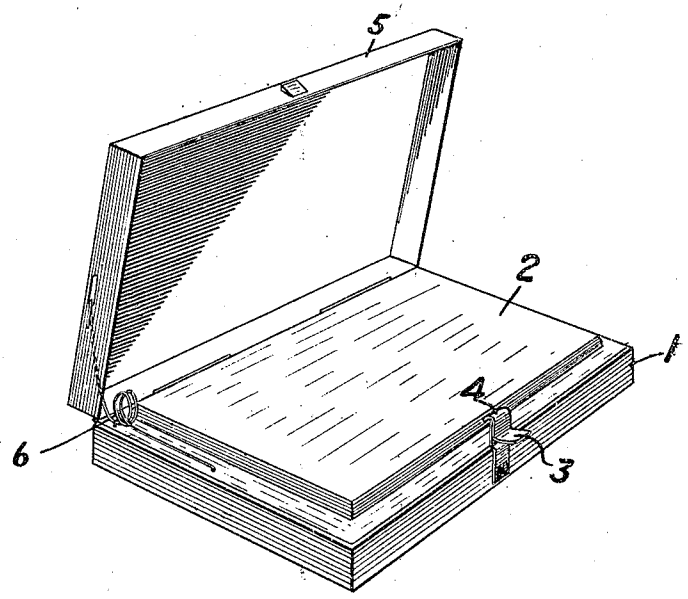


FIG. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CORNELIUS AMBRUSTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Ink-Pad Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The principal objects of the present invention are, first, to provide an ink pad holder which will normally protect and inclose the ink pad and which can be opened and closed with the same hand that is being used for operating the stamp while the other hand is free to hold the paper or the like which is to be marked with the stamp, and second, to provide an ink pad holder having a lid which can be opened by a downward pressure so that the lid can be satisfactorily opened with one hand and without moving or disarranging the holder which is of course comparatively light, and this because downward pressure or a force applied downwardly does not tend to move the holder and is taken up by the table, desk or support upon which the holder is placed.

The invention will be claimed at the end hereof but will be first described in connection with the accompanying drawings forming part hereof and in which—

Figure 1, is a perspective view illustrating one embodiment of the invention, and

Fig. 2, is a similar view showing the parts in open position.

In the drawings 1, is a box containing the ink pad 2. This box and its pad are extremely light and are therefore easily slipped or moved about. The lid of the box is opened by downward pressure and pressure applied in this way does not tend to move, shift or disarrange the box on its support and this pressure can be readily exerted by the hand of the operator which also holds the stamp. One embodiment of mechanism for this purpose chosen from other embodiments comprises a finger piece 3, which when pushed downward, releases the automatic or self-engaging catch 4, and frees the hinged lid 5, which opens by the action of a spring 6. The lid of course may be readily closed by the finger and will remain closed by the action of the self-engaging catch 4. Thus the lid may be opened and closed with one hand and furthermore it is opened by a downward pressure. By one motion of the arm and hand holding the stamp, the lid can be opened (without disturbing the holder and by a downward movement of one finger, if desired,) the stamp inked, and the lid closed; the latch holding it closed so that the necessary movements are reduced to a minimum. As shown in Fig. 2, the lid 5, is arranged when in open position to stand substantially at right-angles to the plane of the box, or more accurately as there shown, at slightly less than a right-angle. This contributes to the described mode of operation of the combination by which the lid can be opened and closed with one hand, even that holding the stamp, without shifting the ink-pad holder as a whole. Since the lid in open position is arranged substantially at right-angles with the box, it can be closed by a downward pressure of the hand without shifting the holder because if the angle were greater than a right-angle the lid would at first have to be lifted up to swing it through the vertical and this lifting up motion acting through the spring 6, would evidently result in shifting the holder bodily, which shifting would have to be opposed by the other hand so defeating the object of the combination. The fact that the catch is released by downward pressure on the part 3, and the fact that the lid when in open position is arranged to be closed by downward pressure make the holder capable of operation with one hand because there is no tendency to shift the holder bodily resulting from the operation of the catch or the closing of the lid.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. An ink pad holder capable of operation by one hand to expose and cover its ink pad and comprising in combination a box, a spring-pressed lid arranged to stand when open at substantially right angles with the box and closable by downward pressure, and a self-engaging lid catch operatable by downward pressure, whereby operating movements of the catch and lid are effected without tending to shift the holder, substantially as described.

2. An ink pad holder capable of operation by one hand to expose and cover its ink pad and comprising in combination a box, an ink pad in the box, a spring-pressed lid

arranged to stand when open at substantially right angles with the box and closable by downward pressure, and a self-engaging lid catch operatable by downward pressure whereby operating movements of the catch and lid are effected without tending to shift the holder, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name.

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