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Fig. 1

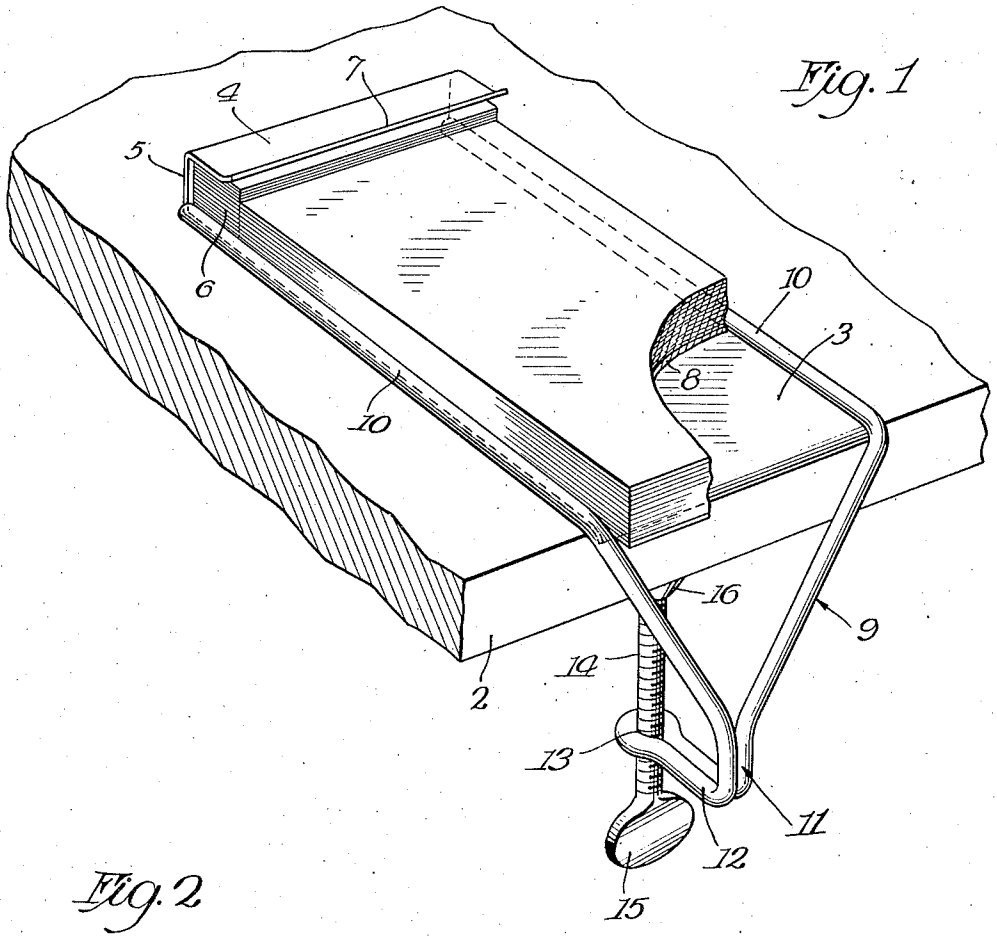
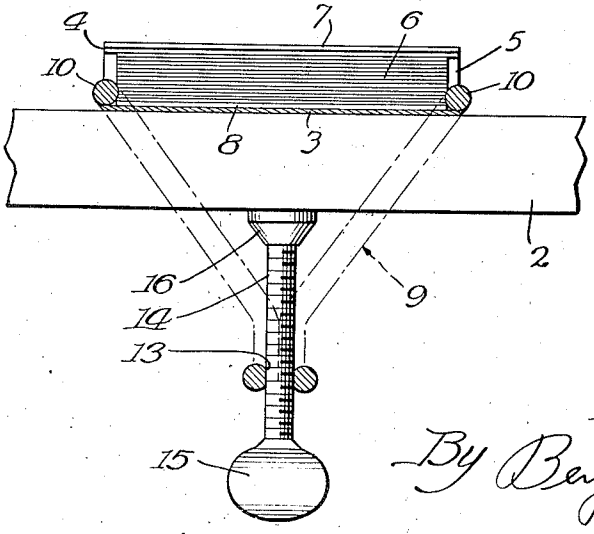


Fig. 2



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1 Claim. (Cl. 281—1)

This invention relates to a pad holder, and particularly to a holder of the type adapted to be secured to a table or counter. The pad holder is of particular advantage in connection with the dispensing of restaurant or sales checks.

It is an object of this invention to provide simple and inexpensive means for holding a pad of restaurant or sales checks in a convenient position for employees to write orders on said checks and to remove the checks from the pad individually with a minimum loss of time and effort. It is a further object of this invention to provide pad holding means that may be secured to a table or counter so as to prevent accidental displacement of the pad and yet permit removal of the pad holding means without the use of any tools of any kind. Other objects of this invention will become apparent upon reading the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a perferred embodiment of my invention secured to a suitable supporting base; and

Figure 2 is a cross sectional view through the device of Figure 1.

In the drawing, the reference numeral 2 indicates a suitable supporting base such as the top of a counter or table. The pad holder comprises a flat plate member 3 having one end bent to form a channel member 4. The upright wall 5 of the channel member 4 is of a height to snugly receive a pad 6 of restaurant or sales checks The front edge of the channel member 4 is flared slightly, as indicated at 7, to facilitate entrance of the end of the pad 6 into the channel member. The plate member 3 is preferably of slightly less length than the length of the pad so as to facilitate removal of the base 8 of the pad from the holder after the checks have been removed from the pad.

A wire supporting member 9 is provided with two parallel arms 10 extending the length of the plate member 3 and welded to the edges thereof to form side members for the pad holder. As shown in Figure 2, the side members 10 extend inwardly over the outer longitudinal edges of the base 8 of the pad to increase the security with which the pad is retained in the holder and to prevent displacement of the base 8 when the uppermost sheet is individually removed from the pad.

The arms 10 converge to form a doubled section 11 provided with an extension 12 lying in a plane parallel to the plane of the arms 10. The end of the extension 12 is provided with a loop 13 of a size to receive a threaded bolt 14. The inner surface of the loop 13 is threaded to engage the threads of the bolt 14. One end of the bolt 14 is flattened, as indicated at 15, to facilitate manual rotation of the bolt 14. A collar 16 having a flat surface of sufficient area to engage the underside of the supporting member 2 is rotatably mounted on the upper end of the bolt 14. From the foregoing it will be seen that I have devised a simple and efficient pad holding means that may be readily secured to a table or counter and is capable of retaining a pad of restaurant or sales checks in easily accessible condition so that the checks may be removed therefrom individually without waste of time or effort. Although I have described a preferred embodiment of my invention in detail, it will be understood that the description thereof is illustrative, rather than restrictive, as many details may be modified or changed without departing from the spirit or scope of my invention. Accordingly, I do not desire to be restricted to the exact construction described, except as limited by the appended claim.

I claim:

A pad holder comprising a substantially flat plate member, a wire rod permanently secured to said plate member above its surface along the opposite edges thereof, said wire rod adapted to engage the backing sheet of a pad to secure said backing sheet to said holder, and clamping means engaging said wire rod to secure said pad holder to a supporting base.

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