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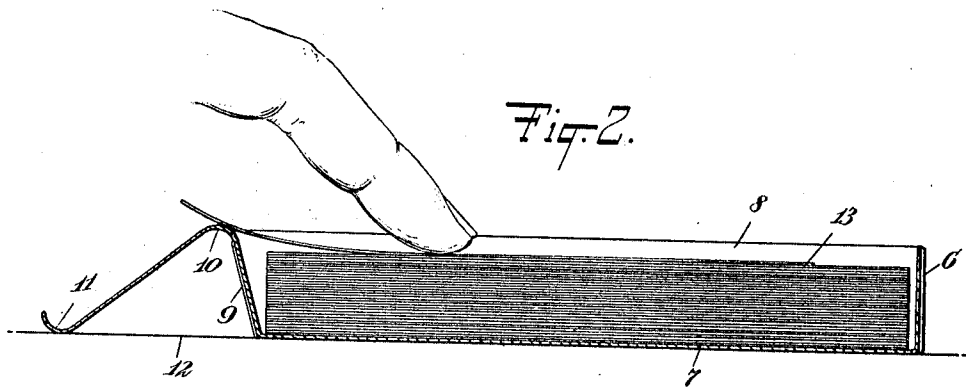
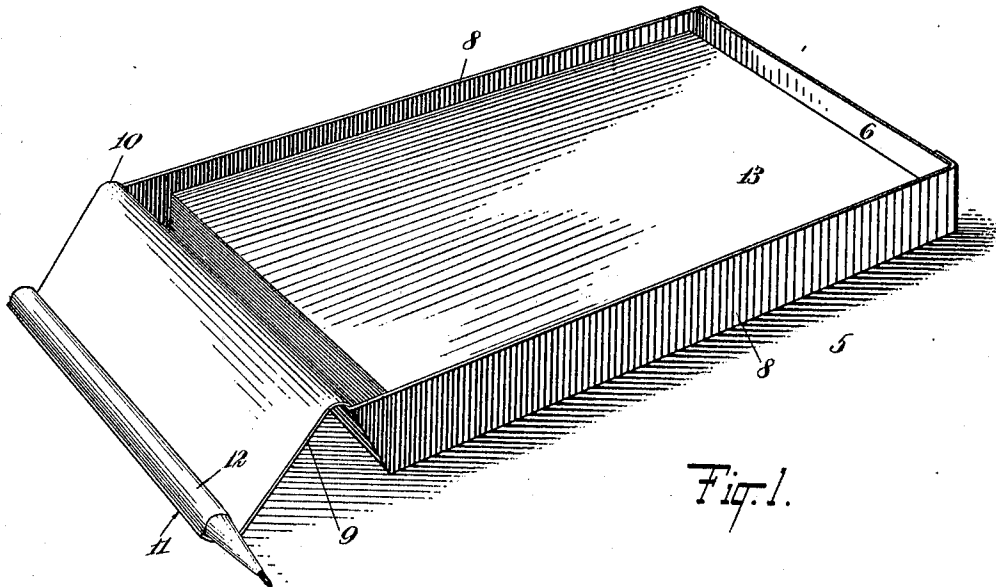
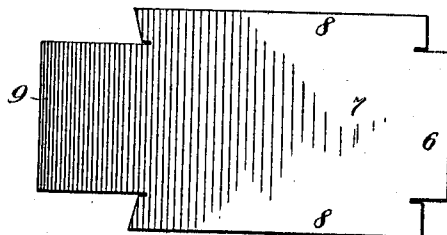


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. ANDERSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of East Orange, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Tray, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to trays, and it has for its object to provide one having its front end extending upwardly at an obtuse angle relatively to the bottom of the tray to form an abutment which will normally retain slips of paper in the tray, while readily permitting the user to slip the uppermost slip of paper over the inclined front end of the tray by placing his thumb against the extension of said front end formed to retain a pencil, and his first finger on the uppermost slip of paper.

Additional objects of the invention will appear in the following specification, in which the preferred form of my invention is disclosed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each of the figures, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the improved tray; Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the tray; and Fig. 3 is a view showing the blank piece of metal which is used to form the tray.

By referring to the drawings it will be seen that the tray 5 is formed by striking up a portion 6 of a flat piece of metal 7 to form an edge of the tray, the sides 8 of the tray being similarly formed by striking up portions of the flat piece of metal 7 at right angles to the rear member 6. The front member 9 of the tray is elongated and is struck up, and is disposed at an obtuse angle relatively to the bottom of the tray. This elongated front portion 9 being curved outwardly and downwardly at the upper front portion 10 of the tray, the outer end 11 of the front portion 9 of the tray nor-

mally rests on the desk 12 which supports the bottom of the tray and is curved upwardly to form a rack for retaining a pencil 12.

In using the invention, a plurality of slips of paper 13 are disposed in the tray, the said slips of paper under normal conditions being prevented from slipping forwardly over the front portion 9 of the tray, the said front portion 9 of the tray thus serving as an abutment, while also permitting the user to remove the slips of paper by placing his thumb against the outer end 11 of the front portion 9 of the tray and his first finger on the uppermost slip of paper. With his finger in this position, the user may readily move the uppermost slip of paper forwardly over the front portion 9 of the tray. The forward portion 9 of the tray prevents the displacement of any except the said uppermost slip of paper.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. In a tray, a blank the central portion of which forms the bottom of the tray, the blank having a struck up portion forming an end of the tray, two additional struck up portions at an angle to the first-mentioned struck up portion forming additional edges of the tray, and an elongated struck up portion forming a fourth edge of the tray, the last-mentioned struck up portion being disposed at an obtuse angle relatively to the tray to form an abutment to retain slips of paper in the tray under normal conditions, while permitting the uppermost slip of paper to be removed from the tray by a horizontal movement of the finger which engages the uppermost slip of paper, the elongated struck up portion being bent downwardly and having means for retaining a pencil.

2. A tray, having one of its walls inclined upward at an obtuse angle relatively to the bottom of the tray forming an abutment to retain slips of paper in the tray under normal conditions while permitting

the uppermost slip of paper to be removed from the tray by a horizontal movement of the finger which engages said uppermost slip of paper, said wall of the tray being
5 curved at the top and extending downward with a flange for receiving and retaining a pencil.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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