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Fig. 1.

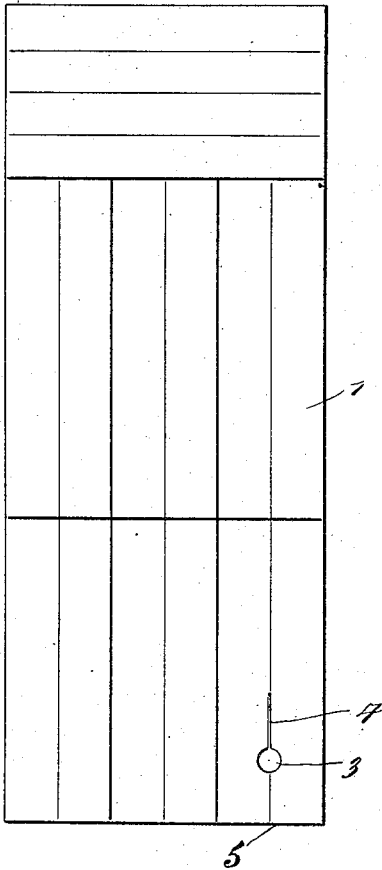


Fig. 2.

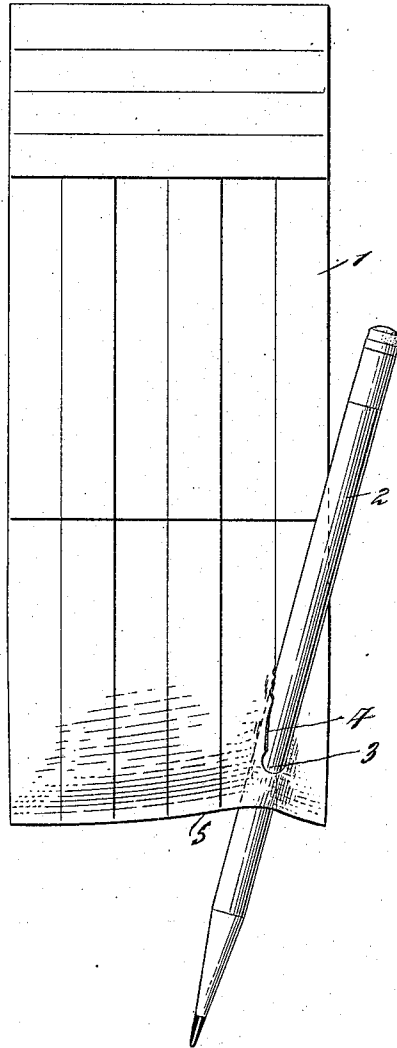
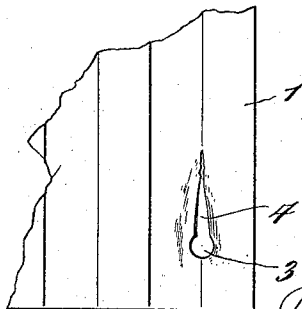


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAUL W. PETERSEN, a subject of the King of Denmark, residing at Copenhagen, Denmark, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stationery, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to stationery and more particularly to score sheets and similar sheets of stationery upon which it is necessary to frequently record indications.

The object of the invention is to provide a hole or aperture in a sheet of stationery which is adapted to receive a pencil or pen and which is so shaped that it may be located adjacent the edge of the paper without danger of the pencil or pen tearing the portion of the sheet lying between the hole and the edge of the sheet which would destroy its function as a holder.

The invention will be clear from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, and will be particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 shows a sheet of stationery provided with a hole or aperture of a shape which is in accordance with the principles of the invention;

Fig. 2 shows the same sheet of stationery with a pencil pushed through the hole or aperture; and

Fig. 3 is a detail showing the shape of the hole after a pencil of larger size has been pushed through the same.

The sheet of stationery which has been indicated 1, may be of any suitable size and shape, as for example, in the embodiment shown a sheet of stationery which is suitably ruled for keeping the score of a game of bridge-whist, is utilized, but the invention is not limited for use with a sheet of this character, but is capable of being utilized wherever it is desired to retain a pen or pencil 2 in a readily accessible position for marking upon a sheet. The hole or opening 3 in the sheet through which the pencil is inserted to hold it in position, is circular in shape and has a slit 4 extending therefrom. The hole or aperture 3 is,

in most instances, located adjacent one edge of the sheet, as for example, adjacent the edge 5 of the sheet, and the slit 4 extends in a direction away from this edge. When, therefore, the pencil is inserted through the hole or aperture as shown in Fig. 2, to attach the pencil to the sheet until it is desired to use it again, the slit 4 will open up and if the pencil or pen, which is pushed through the hole is of a relatively large size, this slit will be extended by tearing the paper. It has been found that since the slit 4 extends away from the edge 5, this tearing of the paper, since it follows the slit 4 which is apparently the weakest point of the sheet, will prevent in every instance the pencil from tearing the portion of the sheet lying between the hole and the edges of the sheet which would destroy the closed hole or aperture, so that it would not retain the pencil in place. This will be clear from Fig. 3 of the drawing, in which the hole, as it appears after a pencil has been pushed through the same, is shown.

It will, therefore, be seen that this hole or aperture may be of a standard size in sheets of stationery and yet will permit pencils and pens of different sizes to be inserted therethrough without destroying the closed opening, which is the important feature of the invention, since it insures that the hole or opening will always remain closed and serve to hold the pencil attached to the sheet when it is not in use. After the pencil has been once inserted through the hole and withdrawn, it may then be placed again in the hole and removed any number of times without further mutilating the sheet.

It will also be clear from the drawing that while the insertion of a pencil of a larger size than the circular hole 3 will elongate the slot 4, nevertheless no portion of the paper is entirely torn away. Therefore when it is desired to write upon the portion of the paper adjacent the hole, as is sometimes necessary upon a score sheet, the portions of the sheet adjacent the edges of the slot 4 may be pressed back into place after the pencil is removed and this surface utilized for writing purposes.

I claim:

A sheet of flexible writing paper having a round aperture therein located adjacent one edge of the sheet and from which a slit
5 with a closed pointed end leads in a direction away from said edge.

In witness whereof I subscribe my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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