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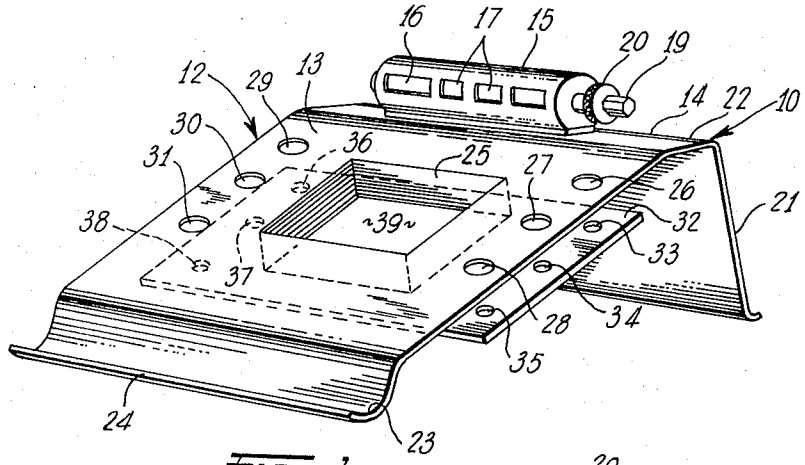


Fig. 1

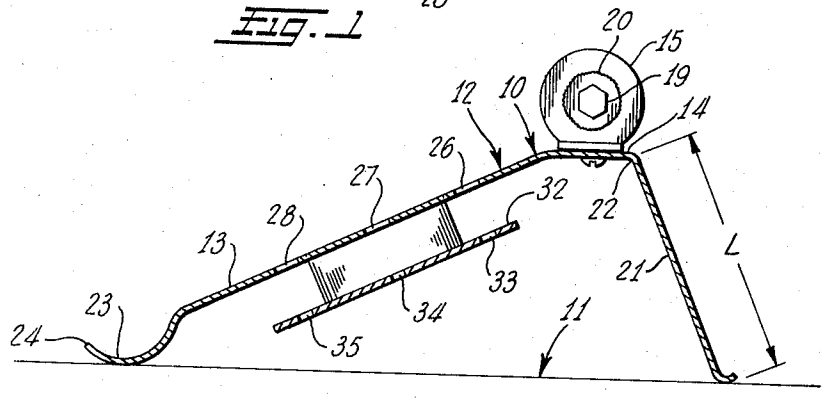


Fig. 2

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This invention relates to a device for holding a limited supply of essential office supplies, e.g. pens, pencils, paper clips and fasteners, etc.

The convenience of office supplies such as pens, pencils, paper clips, etc., is a problem not easily solved in the busy office world of today. Certainly, it is impractical to have a large supply of such articles stored in individual desks, as the needs of various individuals are sporadic and varied. It is important, however, for an individual to have on hand, a limited supply of the essential office supplies which he or she will need. This supply should also be within easy reach of the user. Otherwise, much time is lost rummaging around looking for the necessary article or articles. This invention is directed to solving this particular problem.

Briefly stated, this invention is in a device for holding miscellaneous office supplies such as pens, pencils, etc. In accordance herewith, there is provided a support which rests on a flat surface such as a desk top. The support has a surface which is sloped in relation to the flat desk surface. A well for holding paper clips and like dimensioned articles, is provided in the sloped surface of the support. The support is also provided with means for holding pens and pencils adjacent the well in a position such that their axes are angularly disposed to the plane of the sloped surface. A hollow is provided in the sloped surface adjacent the desk surface for holding pens and pencils laying flat in relation to the desk surface. Also provided is a desk calendar which is mounted on the support.

The following description will be better understood by having reference to the annexed drawings, wherein:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the embodiment of this invention; and

FIG. 2 is a side view of the embodiment of FIG. 1, showing the pen and pencil support in cross section.

Referring more particularly to FIGURES 1 and 2 of the annexed drawings, there is shown a device, generally indicated at **10**, for holding miscellaneous office supplies. The device **10** is designed to be placed on a flat surface such as a desk top, generally indicated at **11**.

The device **10** comprises a support or holder **12** which is formed from any suitable material, e.g. plastic or metal. The support **12** has a flat surface **13** which is sloped relative to the flat desk surface **11**. The device **10** has a ledge **14** adjacent the sloped surface **13**. The sloped surface **13** and ledge **14** are, preferably, integrally formed. The ledge **14**, preferably, lies in a plane parallel to the plane of the desk surface **11**.

A conventionally designed roll calendar **15** is mounted on the ledge **14**. The calendar **15** is of the permanent type, i.e. the day Monday, Tuesday, etc., the date 1, 2, 3, etc., and the month October, November, etc., are adjustable in the calendar windows **16**, **17** and **18**, respectively. The calendar **15** is adjusted by rotating individual cylinders containing the necessary indicia printed thereon. The cylinders are rotated by any suitable means, e.g. handles **19** and **20**.

A leg **21** is secured to the free edge **22** of the ledge **14**, and extends in a direction towards the desk surface **11**. The length L of the leg **21** may be varied depending on the slope of the surface **13** desired.

A hollow **23** is formed in the sloped surfaces marginal edge **24** adjacent or in contact with the desk surface **11**.

The hollow **23** is designed to hold pen or pencils laying flat relative to the desk surface **11**.

A recess, or well **25** for holding paper clips, paper fasteners and the like, is disposed in the sloped surface **13**. The well **25** is dimensioned to hold any of the previously mentioned articles.

A plurality of apertures, e.g. apertures or holes **26–31** are formed in the sloped surface **13** adjacent the well **25**. The apertures **26–28** are, preferably, aligned on one side of the well **25**, and the apertures **29–31** are, preferably, aligned on the other side of the well **25**.

A plate or surface is secured to the support **12** in, preferably, spaced parallel relation to the sloped surface **13**. A plurality of smaller diametered apertures or holes are disposed in the plate **32** in aligned relation to the corresponding apertures **26–31** formed in the sloped surface **13**. For example, the plate apertures **33–38** are aligned with the corresponding surface apertures **26–31**. As indicated, the apertures **33–38** in the plate **32**, are relatively small compared with the apertures **26–31** in the sloped surface **13**. The spaced apertures form a holder for the pen or pencils, the body of the pen or pencil passing through the relatively large apertures **26–31** in the sloped surface **13**, and the point of the pen or pencil passing through the relatively small apertures **33–38** in the plate **32**. In this manner, the pencils or pens are held in a position which is angularly disposed to the plane of the sloped surface **13**, i.e. the axis of the pen or pencil is, preferably, normal to the plane of the sloped surface **13**.

The plate **32** is, preferably, coextensive with the flat surface **13** in one direction only, and forms the bottom **39** of the well **25**. The plate **32** and well **25** are preferably integrally formed and secured to the surface **13** by any suitable means, e.g. welding as when the support **12** is made of metal. The support **12** when formed from metal, may be bronzed or silvered or given a wood-grained finish, e.g. walnut or oak, to match various desk surfaces. Thus, there has been provided a new and novel device for holding pens, pencils and miscellaneous office supplies such as paper clips and fasteners. The device is also designed to have a conventionally designed calendar mounted on it.

Other modes of applying the principle of this invention may be employed instead of those specifically set forth above, changes being made as regards the details herein disclosed, provided the elements set forth in the following claim, or the equivalent of such, be employed.

It is, therefore, particularly pointed out and distinctly claimed as the invention:

A device for holding miscellaneous office supplies, comprising:

(a) a support for resting on a flat surface such as a desk top, the support having a surface sloped in relation to the flat surface;

(b) a well disposed in the sloped surface of the support, for holding paper clips and like dimensioned objects;

(c) a hollow formed in the sloped surface adjacent the flat surface, for holding pens and pencils laying flat in relation to the flat surface;

(d) a ledge formed in the support adjacent the sloped surface, the ledge lying in a plane which is substantially parallel in the plane of the flat surface;

(e) a calendar for telling the month, day and date mounted on the ledge;

(f) a leg secured to the ledge and extending towards the flat surface for holding the sloped surface in sloping relation to the flat surface; and

(g) means coacting with the support for holding pens and pencils adjacent the well and in a position such

that their axes are angularly disposed to the plane of the sloped surface, said means including:

(1) a plurality of apertures formed in the sloped surface adjacent the well;

(2) a plate secured to the support in spaced parallel relation from the sloped surface and in closer relation to the flat surface, said plate having a plurality of smaller diametered apertures correspondingly aligned with the larger diametered apertures in the sloped surface, the spaced apertures holding the pens and pencils in angularly disposed position relative to the flat surface.

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