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FIG. 1

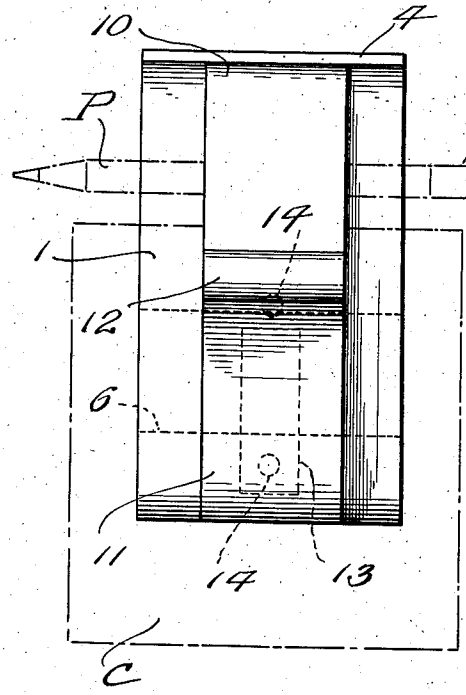


FIG. 2

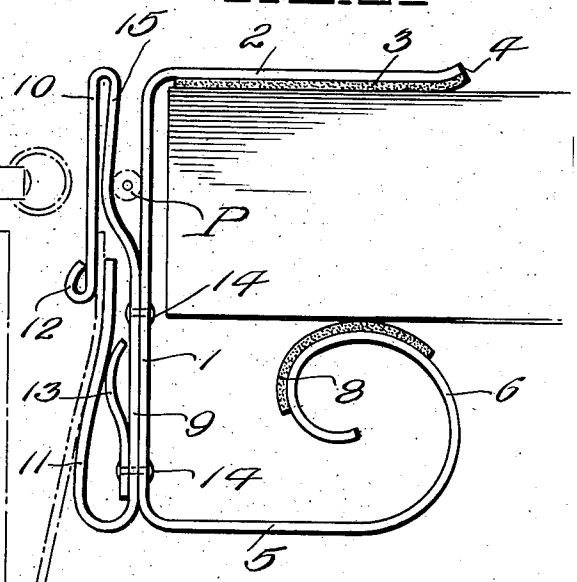


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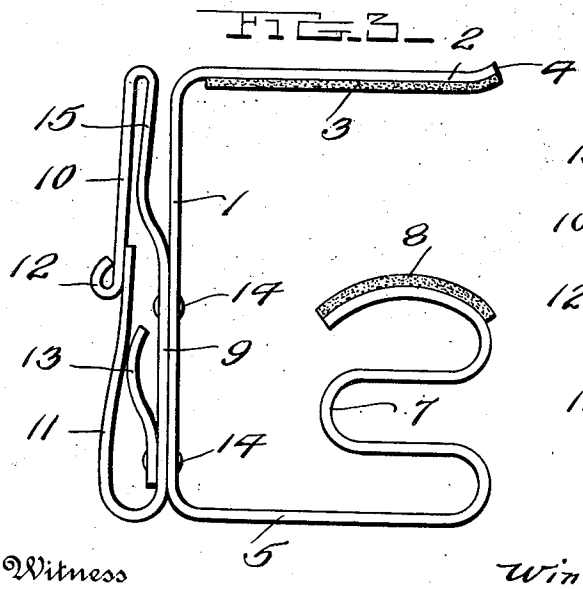
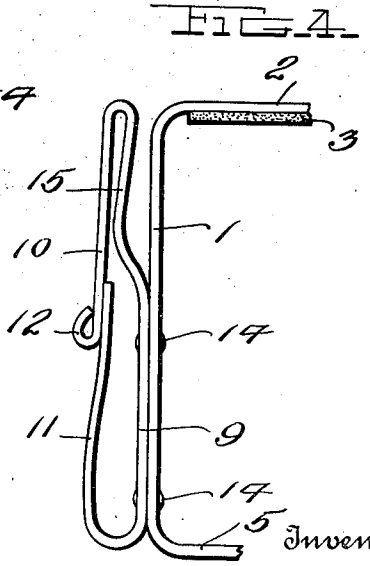


FIG. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WINNIFRED C. LYMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Southampton, in the county of Hampshire and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Score Cards and Pencil Holders; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in holding devices for cards, pencils and other small articles, and the present disclosure of such invention relates to a device for holding both a score card and a pencil for use in keeping the scores of card games.

One object of the invention is to provide an extremely simple and inexpensive device of the class described, yet one which will be very desirable and convenient.

Another aim is to provide a device which may be quickly and easily engaged with or disengaged from the edge of a table.

With the foregoing in view, the invention resides in the novel subject matter hereinafter described and claimed, the description being supplemented by the accompanying drawing.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the invention showing a score card and a pencil held therein, in dot and dash lines.

Figure 2 is an edge view of the device shown in Fig. 1, again illustrating the pencil and score card in dot and dash lines.

Figure 3 is and edge view showing a slightly different form of construction.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary edge view of another form of construction.

In the drawing above briefly described, the numeral 1 designates a support which is preferably in the form of a vertical plate formed of spring metal or other resilient material, such as compressed fibre. The upper end of this plate is bent laterally to provide an arm 2 for engagement with the upper side of a table, and this arm may well be provided on its lower side with a pad 3 of felt or the like, so that there is no danger of marring the finish of the table upon which the device is used. Also, if desired, the free end of the arm 2 may be curved upwardly to some extent as indicated at 4 to facilitate engagement of the device with the table. The lower end of the plate 1 is bent horizontally in the same direction as the upper end, to provide a second arm 5. The free end of this arm may be bent in any desired manner to yieldably engage the lower side of the table, and at 6 in Fig. 2, and 7 in Fig. 1, I have illustrated two of the many ways in which the bending may be accomplished. If desired, the bent end of the arm 5 may be equipped with a pad 8 having the same function as the pad 3, although this is not as essential in connection with the arm 5, in view of the fact that the lower side of a table top is very seldom highly polished. It will therefore be understood that the pad 8 may well be omitted if desired and also, the device may in some cases be constructed without the upper pad 3.

In completing the structure of the device, I make use of a strip of spring metal or other resilient material bent to form a body portion 9 and a pair of overlapping card-gripping arms 10 and 11 at the outer side of said body portion, the ends of the strip being bent inwardly into overlapping relation at the ends of the aforesaid body portion to form said arms. These arms are intended for gripping a score card which is indicated at C in the drawing, and to facilitate engagement of the card with said arms, the free end of the outermost arm is preferably curved outwardly upon itself as indicated at 12. In Figs. 1, 2 and 3, I have illustrated an auxiliary spring 13 secured to the body portion 9 and engaging the innermost of the arms 10 and 11 to force it constantly outward toward the other arm, but Fig. 4 will illustrate the fact that in all instances, this spring need not be used. It may be further explained that while a single strip metal spring is shown, it might well be of any other desired formation. It may also be stated at this point that while I have shown rivets 14 for securing the spring 13 and for securing the body portion 9 to the plate 1, any other any desired fastening means can be used and in fact solder is preferably employed.

In the present showing, only the lower part of the body portion 9 is secured to the supporting plate 1, and the upper end of said body portion is forwardly offset from said plate and preferably disposed in upwardly converging relation therewith, so that the plate and the offset portion 15 coact in forming a yieldable holder for a pen-

cil P, by means of which the scores may be written upon the score card C.

It will be seen from the foregoing that a very simple and inexpensive, yet a convenient and highly desirable device has been provided, and as excellent results may be obtained from the details disclosed, they may well be followed. However, within the scope of the invention as claimed, numerous minor changes may be made.

I claim:—

1. A score card and pencil holder comprising a resilient strip having an elongated body portion and having its ends folded inwardly into overlapping relation with each other at the ends of said body portion to provide spring arms to yieldably engage a score card, and a support against which said body portion is secured, one end of said body portion being outwardly offset from said support to co-act therewith in forming a yieldable pencil holder.

2. A structure as specified in claim 1; said support being in the form of a resilient plate having its ends bent laterally to yieldably engage the edge of a table.

3. A device of the class described comprising a spring clip to embrace the edge of a table or similar support, a resilient strip secured between its ends to said clip, the ends of said strips being bent inwardly into overlapping relation to each other to provide spring arms adapted to grip a card, and an auxiliary spring between the innermost of said spring arms and said body portion forcing said innermost arm toward the other arm.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

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