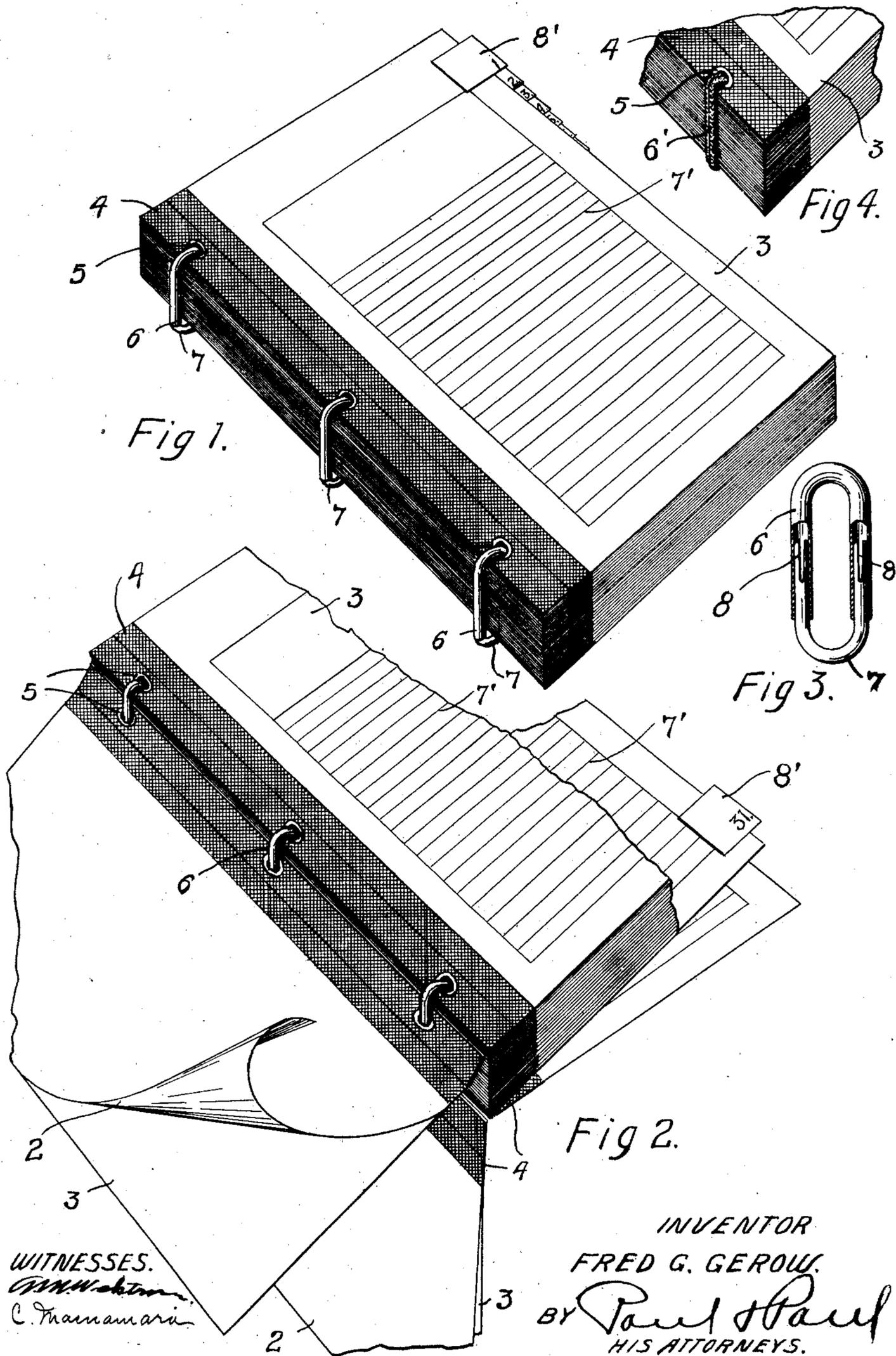


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED G. GEROW, of Minneapolis, Hennepin county, Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Perpetual Desk-Reminders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a device adapted to be placed on the desk or table in an office and composed of a series of pockets or folders, one for each day of the month, wherein letters, bills, or memoranda can be placed and the attention of the person in charge of such papers called to them on the day their disposition is required.

A further object is to provide a device having pockets for papers and blank spaces for permanent memoranda on certain matters to be attended to each month on the particular days for which the pockets are appropriated.

The invention consists generally in providing a series of pockets or folders suitably numbered to represent the days of the month and bound together on one edge, each pocket being adapted to be turned on its bound edge from the top of the series to the bottom thereof to expose the memoranda and pocket for the next day's business.

Further, the invention consists in various constructions and combinations, all as hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a book or reminder device embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view illustrating the manner of turning the pockets from the top to the bottom of the series. Fig. 3 is a detail of one of the binding links or loops. Fig. 4 is a detail view showing an elastic cord substituted in place of the metal binding-links.

In the drawings, 2 and 3 represent suitable leaves having a flexible binding 4, preferably on one longitudinal edge, and adapted to receive letters, memoranda, or other papers which it is desired to have convenient for ready reference. The binding is provided with eyelet-holes 5, through which metal loops or links, preferably of steel wire, are passed to bind the edges of the folders or pockets together. I have shown three eyelets in each binding and as many loops, but a greater or less number may be employed, as preferred. The loops are made in two parts, one consisting of a U-shaped tubing 6 and the other a correspondingly-shaped staple 7,

having split spring ends 8, which are adapted to slip into the ends of the tubing 6 and be adjusted therein to allow the expansion or contraction of the loop to provide for a variation in thickness of the device according to the quantity of papers in the pockets. The loops can be readily adjusted by moving the staple 7 in or out of the tubing, there being sufficient friction between the split ends and the walls of the tubing to prevent accidental or premature movement of the loop-sections. As shown in Fig. 1, one side of the loop is a sufficient distance from the edges of the pockets to allow each folder or pocket to be easily turned down beneath the others.

In place of the loops I may in some instances prefer to provide an elastic cord, which will stretch sufficiently to allow the expansion of the device when papers are placed therein. I prefer, however, to use the metal loops on account of their strength and durability and the neat finished appearance which they present to the bound edge of the device. I have shown the folders or pockets bound together on one longitudinal edge, but obviously they may be bound on one end, if preferred. The leaf 3 is provided with a series of cross-rulings on one side whereon a permanent memorandum may be placed, an extension-tab, bearing a number representing the day of the month, is provided on each leaf 3 on the longitudinal edge opposite the binding for the leaves. The tabs are numbered in succession from "1" to "31," and consequently there will be a leaf for memoranda and a pocket for every day of the month. Any matters that require attention on a certain day can be noted in the memorandum-space of the pocket or leaf for that day and any papers which require attention on the same day can be put in the pocket between the leaves, where they will be readily accessible to the person using the device. At the close of each day's business or the beginning of the next the top pocket of the series is swung round to a position at the bottom of the series and the next pocket beneath will be exposed and the attention of the person using the device will be immediately drawn to the memoranda, and if there are any papers in the top pocket he will know that they require attention on the day that the pocket comes to the top of the series. The binding will allow the bound edges of the pockets to separate as the papers accumulate therein, and also allow the pockets to be

swung outwardly away from the others while being transferred from the top to the bottom of the series. This device is perpetual in its nature, being capable of use from month to month and each day of the month until the leaves and pockets are worn out.

I claim as my invention—

1. A desk-reminder comprising a series of folders provided on one edge with a series of eyelet-holes, extensible metallic loops fitting within said eyelet-holes and binding said folders together on one edge, and said folders being adapted to be turned on said loops from a position at the top of the series to a corresponding position at the bottom of the series, substantially as described.

2. A desk-reminder comprising a series of folders consisting of two leaves having their longitudinal edges on one side secured together and provided with a series of perforations or eyelet-holes, metal loops passing through said eyelet-holes and binding the edges of said folders together and permitting them to be turned from a position at the top of the pile of folders to a corresponding position at the bottom of the pile, and said loops consisting of a U-shaped section of tubular

material and a staple having split ends to enter the open ends of said tubular section and slide therein, and said folders being adapted to contain papers and each bearing a number or character representing a day of the month, substantially as described.

3. A daily desk-reminder, comprising a series of leaves having blank spaces for memoranda, a pocket for loose papers and numbers representing the days of the month, there being as many leaves as there are days in the longest month, means for binding said leaves together on one edge and said binding permitting the upper leaf to be turned daily from the top to the bottom of the series, whereby the memoranda for each day will be exposed on that day during each successive month without turning back or reversing the movement of the leaves, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of August, 1905.

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