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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Lonnie A. Lahey, citizen of the United States, residing at Spokane, in the county of Spokane and 5 State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pad-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is a simple and efficient construction of holder for a note book or scratch pad and is designed particularly for use by waiters, the pad holder being so arranged that it may be easily secured to one's forearm near the wrist, so as to leave the hands free while at the same time holding the pad always in a convenient position for writing orders, or other memoranda thereon.

With this and other objects in view that will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain constructions and arrangements of the parts that I shall hereinafter fully describe and then point out the novel features of in the appended claims.

For a full understanding of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the application of my improved pad holder. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the device detached, the pad being omitted, and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section thereof.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawing by the same reference characters.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 designates the frame or base of this improved pad holding device, the same being constructed out of any desired metal, or other material, and being of any desired size according to the size of the pad which it is intended to hold. The frame or base 1 is provided with side retaining flanges 2 and with one returned end 3 which forms a pocket in which the bound end 4 of the memorandum or scratch pad 5 is designed to be slipped.

of designates a pad retaining band which is preferably endless, as shown, and which is constructed of rubber webbing or similar elastic material, the said band being designed to encircle the pad 5 at one end, as shown, and being held in place by being

passed underneath a tongue 7 which is formed by slitting the base or frame 1 in an evident manner. Preferably, the flanges 2 are formed with recesses 8 near one end, so as to accommodate the pad retaining band 6. 60

In order to secure the device to one's arm, for a convenient position in use, an elastic clasp 9 is provided, said clasp being composed of a strip of elastic webbing or the like of any desired width and length, the same being passed through slots 10 formed in the base 1, and being provided at its ends with separable fastener members 11, so that said ends may be secured together after encircling the arm.

From the foregoing description in connection with the accompanying drawing, the practical operation of the pad holder is obvious. In the practical use of the device, after the pad or memorandum book has been 75 slipped into the frame or base 1 and held thereto by means of the retaining band 6, the ends of the clasp 9 may be secured together around the forearm of a waiter or the like, so that the pad may be at all times 80 in convenient position for receiving notes, memoranda, or orders, while at the same time it will in no wise be in the way, but will leave both hands free at all times.

It is to be particularly noted that the recess 8 will permit the band 6 to spring inwardly nearer the bottom portion of the pad holder, than would be the case if these recesses were not provided. By this means the book or pad will be securely held at the end 90 opposite the face of the holder so long as there are any leaves on the pad or in the book, this being a particularly advantageous feature where the leaves of the book or pad are open at one end except as held by the 95 band 6.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new is:

1. The herein described pad holder, comprising a frame formed with laterally spaced 100 slots, a strip of flexible material passed through said slots and provided at its ends with fastening devices, and a pad retaining band secured to said base.

2. As a new article of manufacture, the 105 herein described pad holder comprising a base provided at one end with means for holding one end of a pad and also provided with side flanges and with recesses in said flanges between the opposite ends of the 110

base, and a pad retaining band secured to the base and extending across the upper face

thereof and through said recesses.

3. As a new article of manufacture, the herein described pad comprising a base formed at one end with means for holding one end of the pad and with side flanges formed at the opposite end of the base, with recesses, the base being formed in transverse alinement with said recesses with slots form-

ing a tongue and a pad retaining band encircling said base and passing through said tongue and recesses, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 15

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