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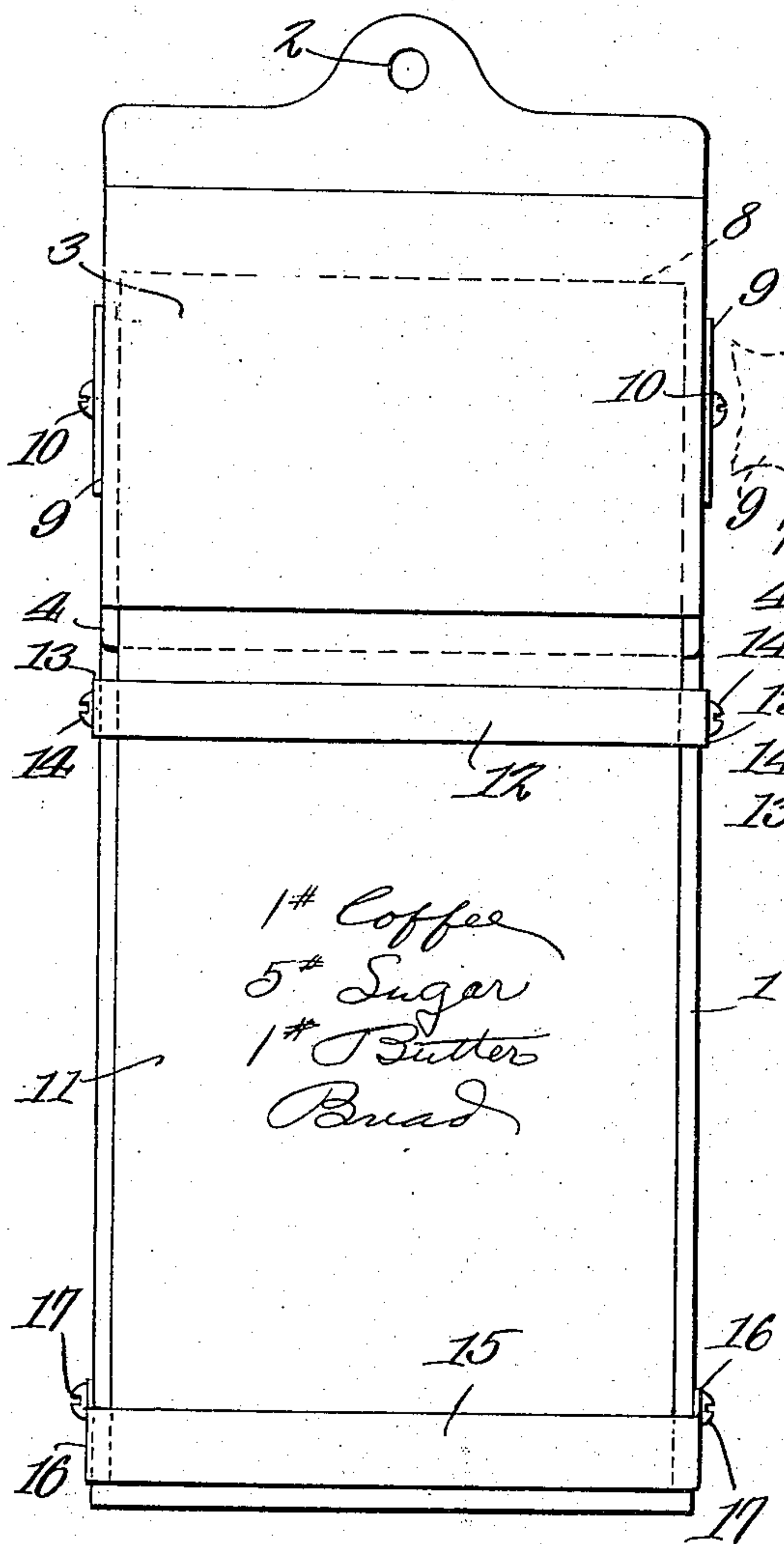


Fig. 1.

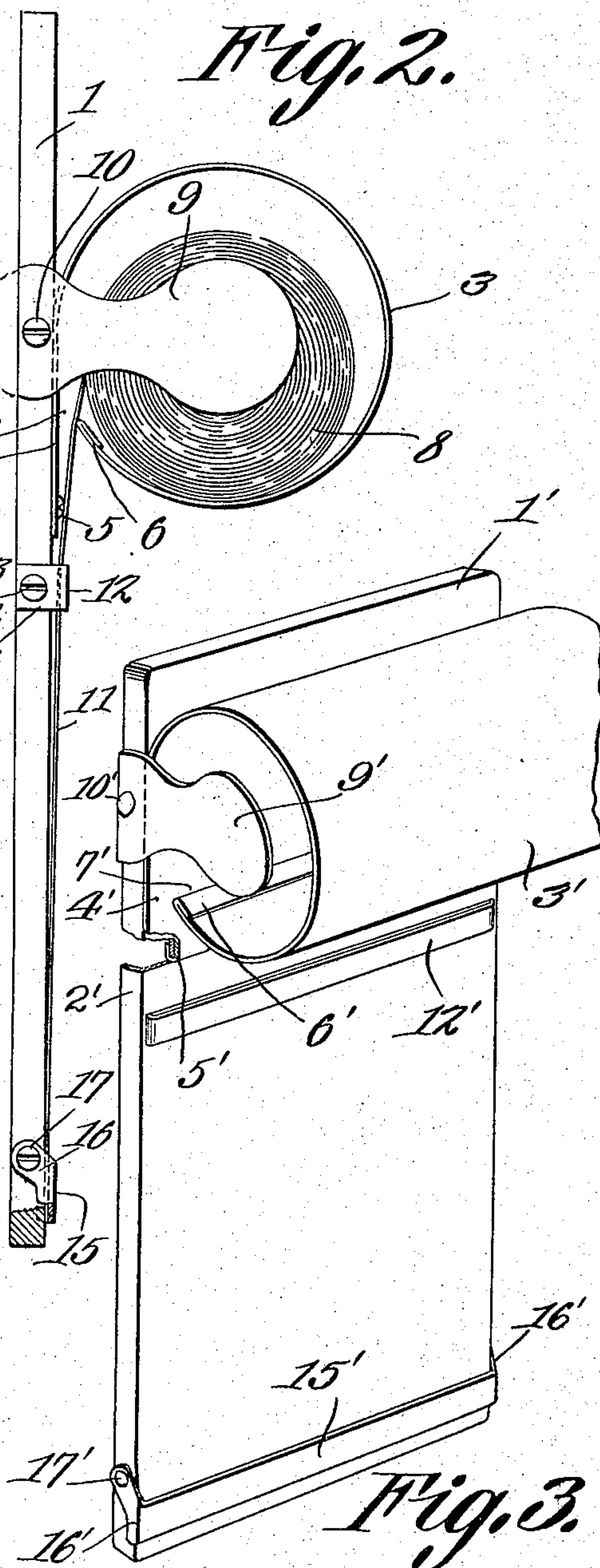


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, REUBEN D. WIRT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Note-Paper Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention is a note paper holder, and aims to provide a novel and improved device of that character which is extremely simple in construction and which can be manufactured and sold at a very low cost, the device, at the same time, fulfilling its office in a thoroughly convenient, practical and admirable manner.

The improved note paper holder embodies a base or back having novel means for holding a roll of paper, and for guiding the paper across the base to be written upon, the paper being properly held upon the base and being readily withdrawn and cut off as it is used.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the improved paper holder. Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof, portions being shown in section. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a modified form of paper holder, portions being broken away.

In carrying out the invention, there is employed a rectangular or elongated base or back 1 of wood or other suitable material, which may be laid upon a desk, table or other surface, or which may be hung or secured upon a wall or other support, according to the use to which the device is put. In order to enable the base 1 to be hung upon a wall, one end thereof has an aperture 2 for engaging a nail, hook, or other element secured to the wall or support.

Disposed upon the base of the back 1 adjacent said end thereof is a roll holder 3, said roll holder having open ends and being disposed transversely across the face of the base. The roll holder is formed from a plate

or blank of sheet metal which is partly curled or bent. The end portion of the roll holder which is not curled rests flatly against the face of the base 1, as at 4, and projects toward the remote end of the base, and the end portion 4 of the roll holder is fastened by means of screws or other suitable securing means 5 to the base for holding the roll holder in place. The other end of the roll holder is free, and projects toward and adjacent the end portion 4 which is secured to the base, and the free end of the roll holder is bent back or reflexed inwardly, as at 6, to provide a rounded edge. A transverse slot 7 is provided between the free end of the roll holder and the end portion 4 thereof, and the roll holder 3 is adapted to receive a roll of paper 8, said roll being inserted into the roll holder 3 from one side of the holder. The free end of the roll holder projects in a direction approximately opposite to the direction in which the end portion 4 projects, so that the paper passes from the roll around the free end of the roll holder and thence across the face of the base 1 toward the remote end thereof.

In order to hold the roll of paper within the receptacle 3, a pair of arms 9 constructed of sheet metal or other suitable material are pivoted by means of screws or other pivotal elements 10 to the side edges of the back 1 and project partially across the ends of the receptacle 3. One of the arms 9 can readily be swung toward the rear of the back 1, to allow a roll of paper to be inserted within the receptacle, in which event said arm is again swung back to hold the roll in place, the other arm being fixed or stationary, if desired. The lower ends of the arms 9 are straight and normally flush with the lower surface of the base, to hold the arms in place when the base is seated on a support.

From the reflexed end of the roll holder, the paper is extended longitudinally across the face of the base 1, as at 11, so that the paper pulled across the face can be written upon for purpose of making notes, recording memoranda, and the like. In order to guide and hold the exposed portion 11 of the paper upon the base 1, a transverse strip 12 extends across the base 1 adjacent the roll holder 3 and has angularly extending ends or ears 13 overlapping and secured to the side edges of the base 1, by means of screws or other suitable securing elements 14. The

strip 12 is spaced slightly from the base to allow the paper to pass underneath the strip 12, so that said strip holds the paper snugly upon the base.

5 The free terminal of the strip of paper is guided and held upon that end of the base 1 remote from the roll holder 3 by means of a transverse cutter blade 15 extending across the base adjacent the respective end there-
10 of, and having angularly extending ears 16 at its ends overlapping and pivoted to the side edges of the base 1 by means of screws or other suitable pivot elements 17. When the blade 15 is swung flatly against the
15 base, the cutting edge of the blade projects away from the roll holder 3 and the blade serves to guide the paper thereunder. The blade 15 may normally be swung against the paper for assisting the strip 12 in holding
20 the portion 11 of the paper snugly upon the base, so that the paper can be written upon without difficulty.

In use, it is evident that after the exposed portion of the paper between the blade 15
25 and strip 12 has been written upon, the note may be withdrawn by pulling the paper past the cutter blade, the cutter blade being swung so that the end of the strip can be grasped by the thumb and fingers. Then
30 when a sufficient length of paper has been withdrawn, the cutter blade 15 is swung against the base, and the note may then be torn off along the edge of the cutter blade, as will be obvious. A clean portion of the
35 paper in the meantime, is drawn onto the base 1. Instead of detaching the notes, a series of notes may be written upon the strip of paper, and the paper can be with-
40 drawn in a long strip containing the various notes, when this is desired. The device may be used adjacent a telephone, in the kitchen, and elsewhere, for the taking of notes, recording of memoranda, and the like.

The paper is prevented from unrolling too
45 easily, due to the friction provided by the travel of the paper around the free end of the roll holder, and when the free end of the strip of paper is held by the blade 15, the paper is held taut upon the base.

50 The device is very simple in construction, and can be manufactured cheaply, so that the device can be sold at a low price within the reach of all. The device may also be used as an advertising medium or novelty
55 for gratuitous distribution by dealers and others.

In the modified form illustrated in Fig. 3, the base or back 1' is constructed of sheet

metal, and has a marginal downwardly or rearwardly extending flange 2'. The roll
60 holder 3' is constructed the same as the roll holder 3 above described, the end portion 4' of the roll holder being engaged through a transverse slot 5' with which the base 1' is
65 provided, and the respective end of the roll holder being bent back behind the base to secure the cylinder in position. The free end of the roll holder is bent back, as at 6', and there is a slot 7' between the free end
70 of the roll holder and the end portion 4' thereof. Arms 9' are pivoted by means of rivets or other securing elements 10' to the flange 2' at the opposite side edges of the back for holding the roll of paper within the
75 roll holder 3'. The base 1' has a transverse strip 12' struck therefrom to provide a guide under which the paper is adapted to pass from the roll holder 3' onto the face of the base 1'. A transverse cutter blade 15'
80 extends across that end portion of the base 1' remote from the roll holder 3' and has the terminal ears 16' pivoted by means of rivets or other pivot elements 17' to the flange 2' at the side edges of the base. The
85 modification has practically the same advantages as the first form above described, it being noted that there are slight changes due to the formation of the back or base from sheet metal instead of wood.

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

A paper holder comprising a base, and a plate having one end portion secured upon the base, the plate being curled to provide a
95 roll holder for holding a roll of paper, there being a slot between the free end of the plate and the base for the passage of the paper across the base from the roll holder, and arms attached to the edges of the base
100 and extending across the ends of the roll holder for holding the roll of paper therein, one of said arms being pivoted so that it can be swung out of the way to allow a roll of paper to be inserted into the roll holder,
105 said arm having its lower end normally flush with the lower surface of the base to hold the arm in place when the base is seated on a support.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature
110 in the presence of two witnesses.

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