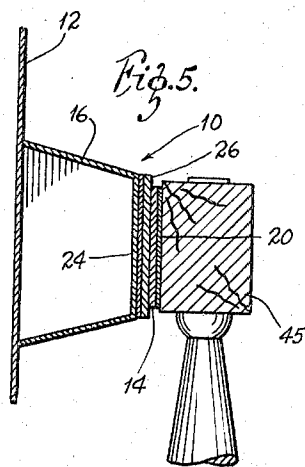
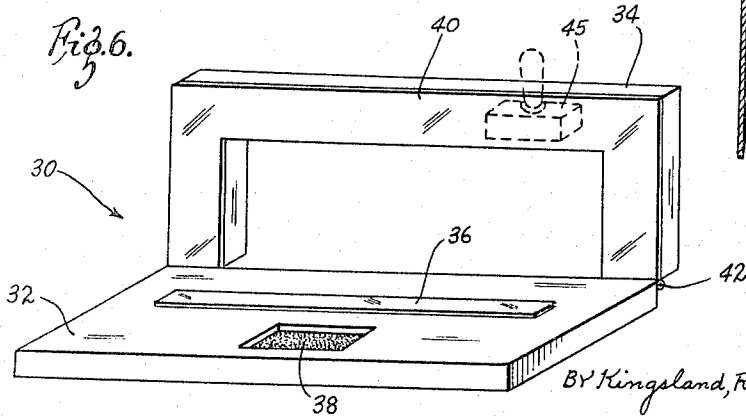
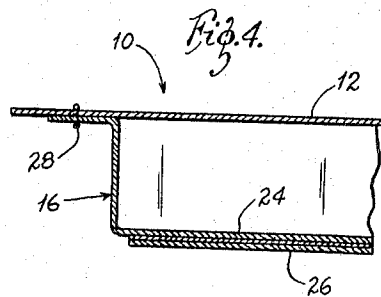
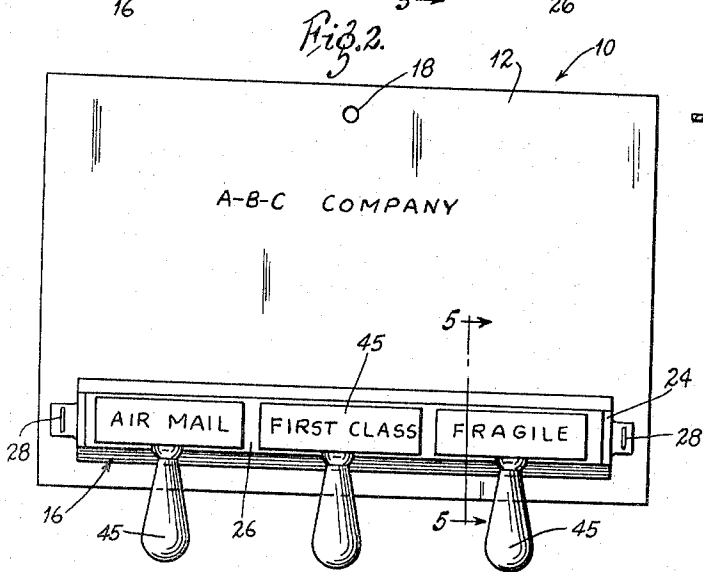
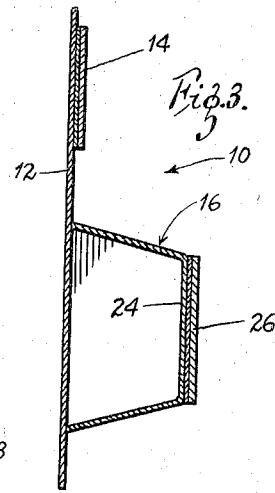
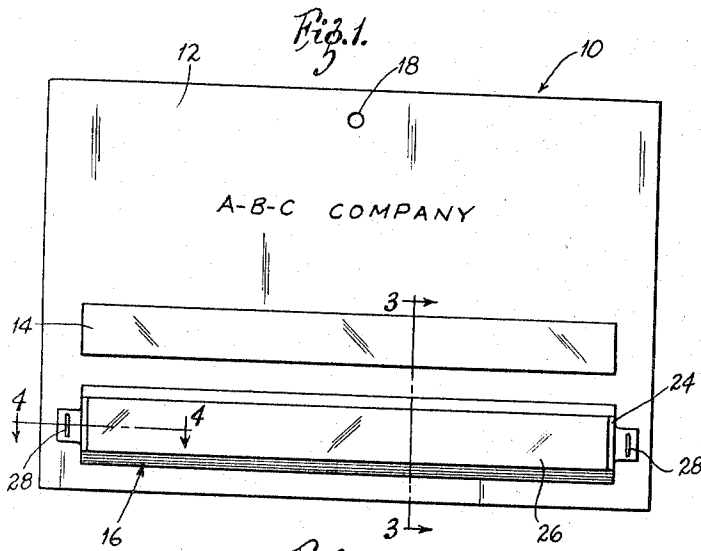


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The present invention relates generally to the art of office accessories, and more particularly to a novel magnetic stamp kit.

In the applicant's experience in visiting offices of various kinds and types over a wide area geographically, the rubber stamps, such as air mail, special delivery, first class, etc., are found scattered over a desk, dumped in a box, or otherwise disposed in a generally untidy disarray rendering time consuming the selection of the appropriate stamp. There are various devices on the market for holding rubber stamps of the aforesaid type, but, in the main, they offer little of convenience and are not long used by office personnel. There has long existed the need for a practical rubber stamp mount or holder which office personnel will find useful and will continue to employ, thereby saving innumerable valuable hours over the years.

Hence, an object of the present invention is to provide a novel magnetic stamp kit including a holder which fulfills the long-felt need.

In brief, the present novel magnetic stamp kit includes a base, a support for receiving and retaining rubber stamps, and a removable strip, or the like, of permanent magnetic material adapted to be secured to a part of the rubber stamps for retained engagement by the support.

Therefore, another object is to provide a novel magnetic stamp kit which can be converted into a rubber stamp holder which office personnel will find useful and will continue to employ.

Another object is to provide a novel magnetic stamp kit which can be readily employed by office personnel, which is inexpensive, and which will serve its intended functions for an extended period of time.

The foregoing and other objects and advantages are apparent from the following description taken with the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a front elevational view of a magnetic stamp kit incorporating the teachings of the present invention;

FIGURE 2 is a front elevational view similar to FIGURE 1, with the strip of magnetic material removed and applied to rubber stamps illustrated removably mounted on a supporting surface;

FIGURE 3 is an enlarged vertical cross-sectional view taken on substantially the line 3—3 of FIGURE 1;

FIGURE 4 is an enlarged horizontal cross-sectional view taken on substantially the line 4—4 of FIGURE 1;

FIGURE 5 is an enlarged vertical cross-sectional view taken on substantially the line 5—5 of FIGURE 2; and

FIGURE 6 is an isometric view of a modified magnetic stamp kit.

Referring to the drawings more particularly by reference numerals, 10 indicates generally a magnetic stamp kit construction to include the principles of the present invention. The kit 10 includes a base 12, a strip 14 of flexible permanently magnetic material, and a raised support 16.

The base 12 may be of any selected configuration and material suitable for hanging on the wall of an office, an aperture 18 being provided for this purpose. If pre-

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ferred, a simple foot stand may be provided which will extend forwardly and rearwardly thereof, such as is employed with calendars, and the like. An illustration of this commonplace support is not deemed necessary. As is indicated by the legend "A-B-C Company," advertising material may be applied to the base 12, suggesting premium use of the present novel kit 10.

The flexible strip 14 of permanently magnetic material includes the usual backing of adhesive material 20 protected by the usual tear-off cover sheet. A suitable cement, or the like, maintains the strip 14 against the base 12.

The raised support 16 may be of any desired configuration and construction. As illustrated, the elevated support 16 comprises a five-sided structure including a flat face 24 which receives an elongated ferrous metallic plate 26. The support 16 is shown secured to the base 12 by staples 28, although it will be understood that said support may be adhesively secured to the base if desired. The support 16 could take any other shape, the object being to support the plate 26 in spaced relation to the base 12 in order to receive rubber stamps having enlarged handles, beveled sides, etc., when disposed handle up.

In FIGURE 6, there is illustrated a modified magnetic stamp kit 30 which is adapted to be used on a desk top, cabinet, or the like. The kit 30 includes a base 32, a support 34, a flexible strip 36 of permanently magnetic material, and a stamp pad 38. The support 34 is illustrated as of U-configuration, as including a flat ferrous metallic facing 40, and as mounted on the base 32 by a hinge or hinges 42.

In use, the kits 10 and 30 find ready employment by office personnel. The strip 14 is removed from the base 12, is cut into required lengths, a protective covering over the adhesive 20 is removed, and the material applied to the sides of rubber stamps 45. With the base 12 hung on a nail, or the like, stamps 45 with the segments of the strip 14 applied thereto can be supported from the metal plate 26 in the manner illustrated in FIGURES 2 and 5, or at one hundred eighty degrees. So mounted, the stamps 45 are readily accessible and can be employed with minimum selection time. Thus, the kit 10 provides a great convenience.

Similarly, the strip 36 is removed from the base 32 and applied to the stamps 45. The stamps 45 may then be supported around the support 34 as indicated by broken lines in FIGURE 6.

It is manifest that there has been provided a novel magnetic stamp kit which fulfills the objects and advantages sought therefor.

It is to be understood that the foregoing description and the accompanying drawing have been given by way of illustration and example. It is also to be understood that changes in form of elements, rearrangement or reversal of parts, and substitution of equivalent elements, which will be obvious to those skilled in the art, are contemplated as within the scope of the present invention which is limited only by the claims which follow.

What is claimed is:

1. In combination, a magnetic stamp kit comprising a base, a support mounted thereon including magnetically attractive material for receiving and releasably retaining rubber stamps and the like when the latter include magnetic material, and permanently magnetic material removably mounted on the base for attachment to rubber stamps and the like.

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2. The combination of claim 1 in which said support includes a flat surface of magnetically attractive material adapted to receive a magnetized flat surface applied to a rubber stamp.

3. The combination of claim 1 in which said permanently magnetic material is in the form of a flexible strip which can be cut into strip segments of desired lengths.

4. The combination of claim 2 in which said magnetic support is of U-configuration and is hinged to said base as a cover.

5. In combination, a magnetic stamp kit comprising a base, a magnetic responsive support mounted thereon for receiving and releasably retaining rubber stamps when the latter include magnetic material, and magnetic material removably mounted on the base, one of said magnetic support and removable magnetic material being permanently magnetized.

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