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㉓ Improvements in or relating to calendars.

㉔ A calendar which comprises a plurality of leaves. Each leaf comprises an upper date displaying portion (14) and a lower detachable portion (16). The leaves are held together at the upper portions, and the calendar is mountable on a suitable support member by the upper portions for the purpose of display. When the lower portion has been detached, it can be used as a greetings card.



It is well known to have calendars which comprise a leaf for each month and a picture on each leaf. An example of such a calendar is formed of twelve leaves each of which comprises three portions, namely an upper portion which enables the calendar to be mounted upon a wall, a middle portion which comprises, on the outward facing side, a picture, and, on the inward facing side, appropriate spaces for use as a postcard. The bottom portion displays the dates.

The disadvantage of these calendars is that it is necessary to wait until the end of each month before using the postcard.

It is an object of this invention to obviate and/or mitigate these and other disadvantages.

According to this invention there is provided a calendar comprising a plurality of leaves, each leaf comprising an upper date displaying portion and a lower detachable portion, the leaves being held together at said upper portions and the calendar being mountable on a suitable support member by said upper portions for the purpose of display, whereby when the calendar is so mounted on the support member, the upper portions of the leaves define an upper region of the calendar.

The calendar may also comprise mounting means to mount the calendar on the support member. The mounting means may extend along a top region of said upper portions to hold the leaves together. The mounting means preferably comprises a coil extending along said top region; each turn of the coil may extend through the leaves.

Each leaf may be formed with a line to define the upper and lower portions. The line may be perforated to facilitate detaching the lower portion from the upper portion. In the preferred embodiment the lower portion can be detached from the upper portion by tearing along the line.

The lower portion may be provided with a fold line so that the lower portion can be folded therealong. In the preferred embodiment, the fold line divides the lower portion into two halves. Thus, the lower portion can be used as, for example, a greetings card; a suitable pattern or picture is preferably provided on the lower portion.

An embodiment of the invention will now be described, by way of example only, with reference to the accompanying drawing, in which:-

Fig. 1 is a front view of the first leaf of a calendar; and

Fig. 2 is a side view of the calendar.

The drawings show a calendar generally designated by the numeral 10 which comprises twelve leaves 12 each of which relates to a separate month. Each leaf 12 comprise an upper portion 14 and a lower portion 16. A perforated line 18 extends between the upper and lower portions 14,16. The upper portions 14 of the leaves 12 define an

upper region 15 of the calendar 10, when the calendar 10 is mounted on a wall (see below).

The lower portion 16 is detachable from the upper portion 14 at the perforated line 18. The lower portion 16 can be detached by tearing along the perforated line 18.

As shown in Fig. 1, the upper portion 14 displays the dates of the calendar, and the lower portion 16 is in the form of a greetings card which, in the embodiment shown, has a picture of a nesting thrush on it.

A fold line 20 extends between the top and bottom of the lower portion 16. The lower portion 16 can be folded about the fold line 20 to form the greetings card. The pictures shown in Fig. 1 are intended to form the outside of the greetings card leaving the inside blank for the sender to write his or her own greeting.

The leaves 12 are held together by a coil 22 comprising a plurality of turns 26 which extends along a top region 24 of the upper portion 14. Each turn 26 of the coil 22 extends through the top region 24 as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The calendar 10 can be mounted upon a wall 28 by hanging the calendar 10 on a pin 30 which has been pressed into the wall 28. The pin 30 extends through a member 32 mounted in the coil 22.

It will be appreciated that it is possible to use the lower portion 16 at the beginning of each month and still retain the upper portion 14 in place which displays the dates for that month. Also, by removing the lower portion on a particular leaf 12, the lower portion of the next leaf 12 is visible. Thus, even if several of the lower portions 12 are used in one month there will still be a picture visible.

Various modifications can be made without departing from the scope of the invention. For example, the perforated line 18 could be replaced by a score line and the lower portion would be detached from the upper portion by cutting with a knife or scissors. Also, the coil 22 could be replaced by glue provided on the tops of each of the leaves 12 to hold them together. Further, the calendar 10 can be mounted upon the wall 28 using a ribbon instead of the member 32.

Whilst endeavouring in the foregoing specification to draw attention to those features of the invention believed to be of particular importance it should be understood that the Applicant claims protection in respect of any patentable feature or combination of features hereinbefore referred to and/or shown in the drawings whether or not particular emphasis has been placed thereon.

Claims

1. A calendar comprising a plurality of leaves, characterised in that each leaf comprising an upper date displaying portion and a lower detachable portion, the leaves being held together at said upper portion and the calendar being mountable on a suitable support member by said upper portions for the purpose of display, whereby when the calendar is so mounted on the support member, the upper portions of the leaves define an upper region of the calendar. 5

2. A calendar according to claim 1, characterised by mounting means to mount the calendar on the support member, the mounting means extending along a top region of said upper portions to hold the leaves together. 15

3. A calendar according to claim 2, characterised in that the mounting means comprises a coil extending along said top region. 20

4. A calendar according to any preceding claim, characterised in that each leaf is formed with a line to define the upper and lower portions. 25

5. A calendar according to claim 4, characterised in that the line is provided with perforations therealong. 30

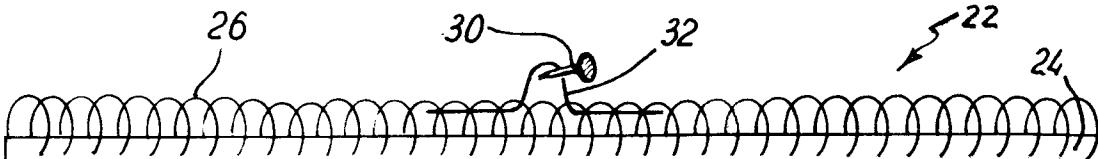
6. A calendar according to any preceding claim, characterised in that the lower portion is provided with a fold line so that the lower portion can be folded therealong. 35

7. A calendar according to claim 6, characterised in that the fold line divides the lower portion into two halves. 40

8. A calendar according to claim 7, characterised in that the fold line extends between the top and bottom of the lower portion.

9. Any novel subject matter or combination including novel subject matter disclosed in the foregoing specification or claims and/or shown in the drawings, whether or not within the scope of or relating to the same invention as any of the preceding claims. 45

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4 THURSDAY
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Song Thrush

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Repetitive phrases distinguish the glorious song of this thrush, which seeks worms from lawns and snails from flower beds and shrubberies.



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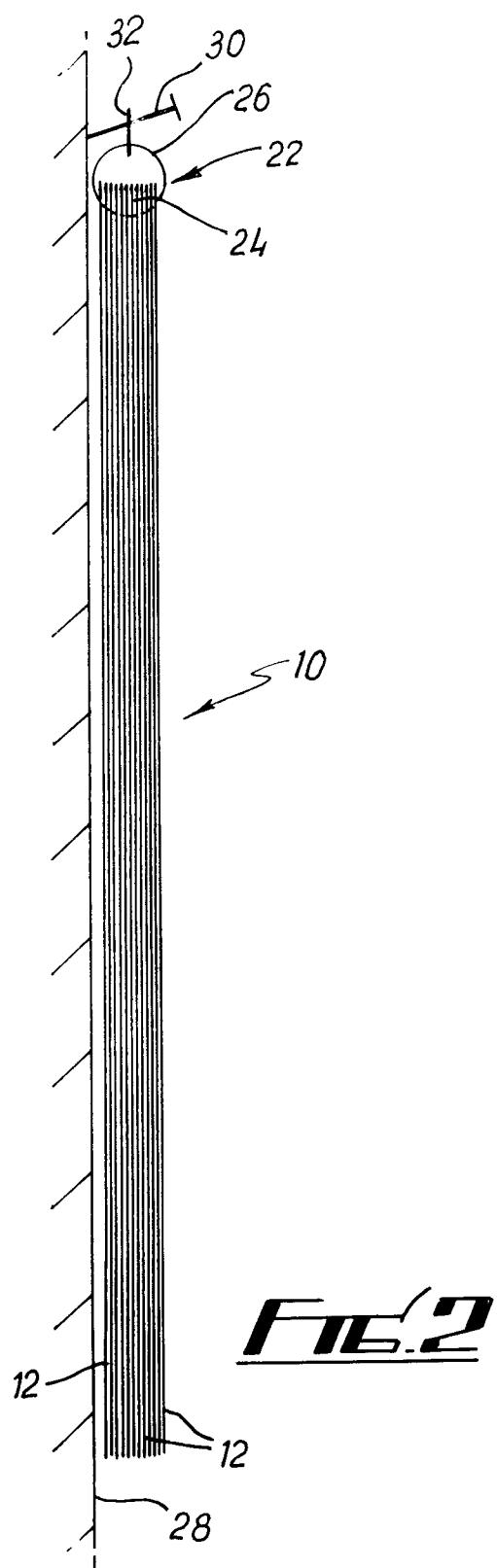
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FIG. I





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