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(54) **Theme diary with grid structure**

(57) Theme diary comprising indications of the months (1) and at least one theme (2) and further comprising a geometric grid structure divided into cells belonging to  $m$  lines and  $n$  columns, wherein the first line contains questions (3) relating to topics connected with

the general theme (2) of the diary and the first column contains the references (6,7) of the days of the month, wherein at least some cells of some columns have symbols (8) to be completed with graphic signs, the meaning of which has been previously defined by the user.

Fig. 1

| JANUARY                |   |   |   |   |                |                                                            |   |     |  |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----|--|
| FOR THE CURRENT COUPLE |   |   |   |   |                |                                                            |   |     |  |
|                        | P | C | K | S | WHERE<br>Place | Today is the first time that...<br>The most striking event | A | DAY |  |
| Tue 1                  | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Wed 2                  | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Thu 3                  | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Fri 4                  | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Sat 5                  | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Sun 6                  | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Mon 7                  | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Tue 8                  | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Wed 9                  | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Thu 10                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Fri 11                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Sat 12                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Sun 13                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Mon 14                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Tue 15                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Wed 16                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Thu 17                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Fri 18                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Sat 19                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Sun 20                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Mon 21                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Tue 22                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Wed 23                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Thu 24                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Fri 25                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Sat 26                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Sun 27                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Mon 28                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Tue 29                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Wed 30                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |
| Thu 31                 | ♥ | ✱ | ♥ | ♥ |                | ○                                                          | ○ |     |  |

## Description

**[0001]** The present invention concerns the stationery sector. More specifically, it relates to a specialist diary for noting in a guided manner events concerning a specific theme.

**[0002]** Traditional diaries are known which provide indications of the days of the year, generally reproduced one per sheet or shown as a week on two consecutive sheets. Corresponding to each day, further information can be provided concerning the year, month, the saint for the day, the time, etc....

**[0003]** Generally, however, the space for the notes is free and the user fills it as he likes, with all sorts of different topics and information that do not follow a common logical thread.

**[0004]** It is therefore difficult to recover information and events concerning a specific topic, or simultaneously monitor the time trend of one single aspect of a person's life.

**[0005]** The invention aims to overcome these limits and drawbacks, providing a theme diary containing pre-set questions on topics that concern the general theme of the diary, which must be answered with a previously defined criterion using single words or a brief text in boxes provided or by affixing colours and signs on pre-established icons or symbols.

**[0006]** The objects are achieved by a theme diary according to the main claim.

**[0007]** The secondary claims define further aspects of the invention.

**[0008]** The main advantages of the invention are the following:

the user is guided towards uniform compilation of the diary so that he/she can immediately view, easily read and directly compare the various answers provided to the various events that have occurred during the month or the year; the product can be easily specialised by the editor to deal with different themes by simply replacing the questions and icons or the symbols of the answers; the invention can be produced on paper or in electronic form and can be circulated via traditional publishing channels or IT channels.

**[0009]** The advantages of the invention are detailed below, in the description of a preferred embodiment, provided as a nonlimiting example, and with the help of the figures in which:

Fig. 1 shows a standard page of the theme diary according to the invention;

Fig. 2 shows a detail of Fig. 1 containing some examples of hatching on icons and use of boxes for notes.

**[0010]** With reference to Fig. 1, a standard page of the

theme diary is illustrated, comprising a geometric grid structure with cells, divided into m lines, equal at least to the number of days in the month, and n columns, equal at least to the number of questions to be answered.

**[0011]** Above the grid structure there can be general indications relating to the month 1 and to the recipient 2 of the question. The first line at the top of the structure comprises the menu bar of the questions referring to the various topics dealt with.

**[0012]** The questions are contained in the first cell of each column and are formulated not only in complete form by means of a simple written text 3, but also by means of keywords, initials or letters 4, symbols and icons 5, numberings, etc... with which the respective questions have been previously combined.

**[0013]** For example the letter P can indicate the Partner and the letter C the type of contact: the initials KC stand for kisses and cuddles, the letter S for sex, the letter A for arguments, etc.... The first column on the left indicates the monthly calendar, divided into m lines identified by the initials 6 and by the numbers 7 of the days of the week and month respectively.

**[0014]** For each line corresponding to a day of the month there are various columns relating to the questions contained in the question menu.

**[0015]** Each cell of the grid can be empty if the question presupposes a written answer, for example affirmative or negative, or a brief comment 9, or it can contain various types of signs or icons 8, numberings, letters, symbols etc... with which specific answers have been previously combined.

**[0016]** For example, as illustrated in Fig. 2, different colours and hatching of the icons 8 contained in the column marked by the letter P can mean a change of Partner; analogously, different colours or hatching of the other symbols below other questions can correspond to answers with pre-set meaning.

**[0017]** Use of the theme diary is illustrated in Fig. 2: the fields of the line corresponding to the day are filled in daily, via short answers 9, colours, hatching or affixing of symbols 8 in response to the questions defined for each column.

**[0018]** It is obvious to a person skilled in the art that the possibilities of variations of symbols and icons, or inclusion of other questions, are innumerable and fall within the scope of the present invention, for example the possibility of leaving columns or symbols blank for customisation or choice by the user, and combination between symbols and relative meaning.

**[0019]** It is furthermore evident that each page can contain several months and all the months can even be contained in one single sheet.

**[0020]** Lastly, for each month, several topics connected with the general theme can be dealt with, for example one in the lefthand page and one in the right-hand page of the theme diary.

**[0021]** In the personal sphere, for example, correlated topics could be relationships and friendships and relative

situations.

## Claims

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1. Theme diary comprising indications of the months (1) and at least one theme (2) **characterised in that** it comprises a geometric grid structure divided into cells belonging to m lines and n columns, wherein the first line contains questions (3, 4, 5) relating to topics connected with the general theme (2) of the diary and the first column contains the references (6, 7) of the days of the month, wherein at least some cells of some columns have symbols (8) to be completed with graphic signs, the meaning of which has been previously defined by the user. 10 15
  2. Theme diary according to claim 1, **characterised in that** each grid structure relates to a month of the year and is contained in a page of the diary. 20
  3. Theme diary according to claim 1, **characterised in that** a page of the diary contains a plurality of grid structures relative to the months of the year. 25
  4. Theme diary according to any of the preceding claims, **characterised in that** two adjacent pages of the diary each comprise a grid structure relating to the same month of the year and to two different situations. 30

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Fig. 1

**JANUARY**

FOR THE CURRENT COUPLE

|        | P | C | KC | S | WHERE<br>Place | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Today is the first time that...</li> <li>The most striking event</li> </ul> | A | DAY |
|--------|---|---|----|---|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----|
| Tue 1  | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Wed 2  | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Thu 3  | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Fri 4  | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Sat 5  | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Sun 6  | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Mon 7  | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Tue 8  | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Wed 9  | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Thu 10 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Fri 11 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Sat 12 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Sun 13 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Mon 14 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Tue 15 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Wed 16 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Thu 17 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Fri 18 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Sat 19 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Sun 20 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Mon 21 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Tue 22 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Wed 23 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Thu 24 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Fri 25 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Sat 26 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Sun 27 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Mon 28 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Tue 29 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Wed 30 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |
| Thu 31 | ♥ | ☀ | ♥  | ♥ |                | ○                                                                                                                  | ☀ |     |

Fig. 2

| JANUARY                |   |   |    |   |                |                                                                                                                    |   |     |
|------------------------|---|---|----|---|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----|
| FOR THE CURRENT COUPLE |   |   |    |   |                |                                                                                                                    |   |     |
|                        | P | C | KC | S | WHERE<br>Place | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Today is the first time that...</li> <li>The most striking event</li> </ul> | A | DAY |
| Tue 1                  |   |   |    |   |                | ◦                                                                                                                  |   |     |
| Wed 2                  |   |   |    |   | MILAN          | • LUNCH WITH ANGELO                                                                                                |   |     |
| Thu 3                  |   |   |    |   |                | ◦                                                                                                                  |   |     |
| Fri 4                  |   |   |    |   |                | ◦                                                                                                                  |   |     |
| Sat 5                  |   |   |    |   |                | ◦                                                                                                                  |   |     |
| Sun 6                  |   |   |    |   |                | ◦                                                                                                                  |   |     |
| Mon 7                  |   |   |    |   |                | ◦                                                                                                                  |   |     |
| Tue 8                  |   |   |    |   |                | ◦                                                                                                                  |   |     |
| Wed 9                  |   |   |    |   |                | ◦                                                                                                                  |   |     |
| Thu 10                 |   |   |    |   |                | ◦                                                                                                                  |   |     |
| Fri 11                 |   |   |    |   |                | ◦                                                                                                                  |   |     |



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