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WRITING TABLET.

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Fig 1.

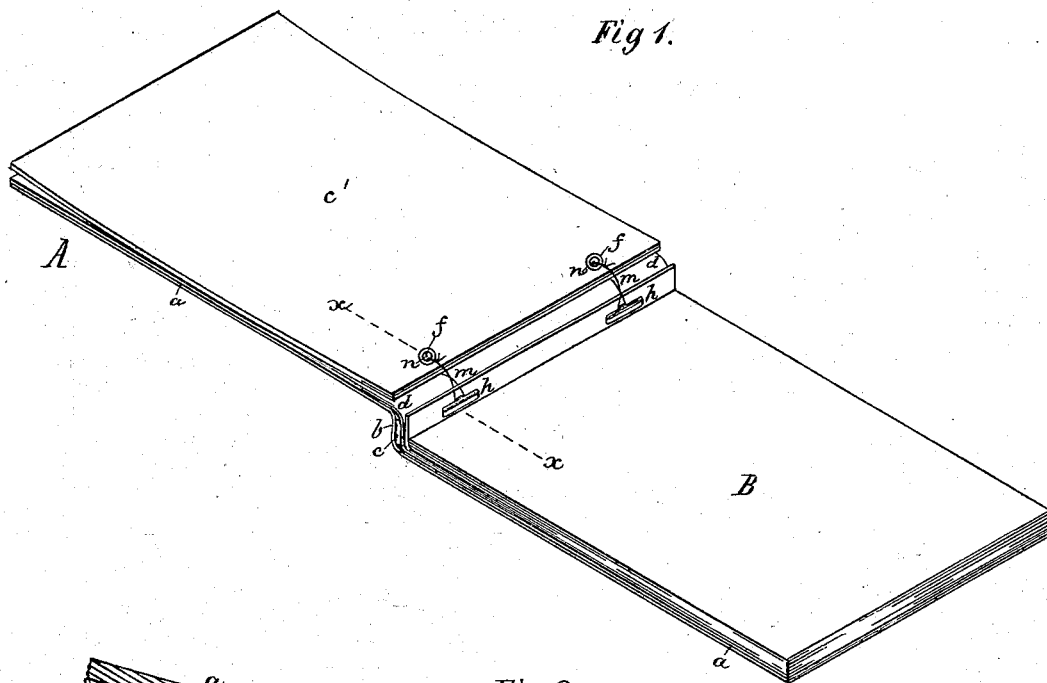


Fig 2.

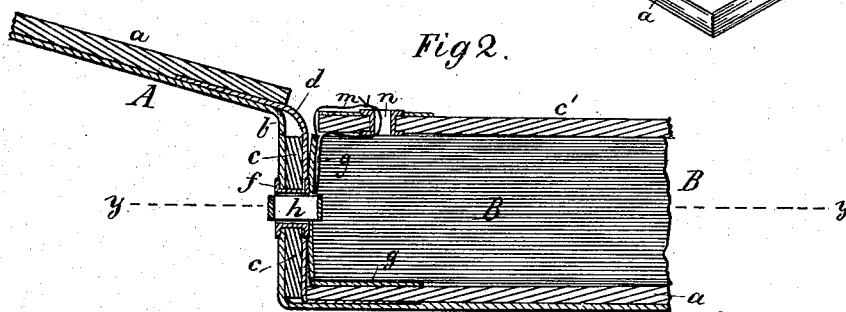
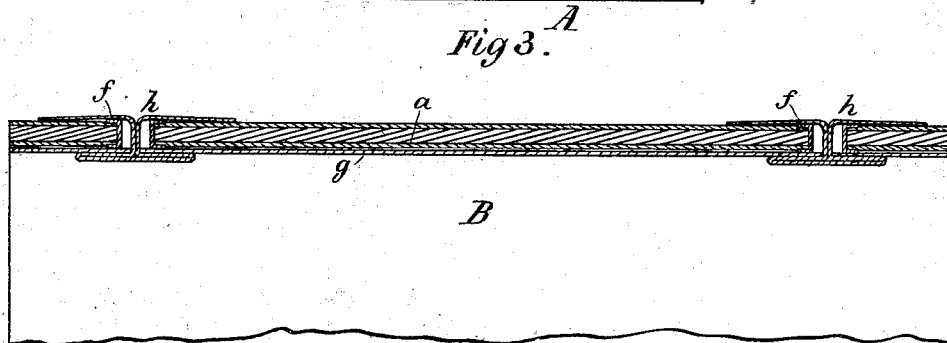


Fig 3.



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WRITING-TABLET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SCOVEL C. STACY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tecumseh, in the county of Lenawee and State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Writing-Tablet, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists in the writing-tablet hereinafter described, comprising a blotter, writing-sheets, gluing-strip, fastenings, pieces of twine or equivalents, and a cover with eyelet-holes in its back; also, in a tablet of writing-sheets glued together by a strip and provided with a cover having eyelet-holes in its back edge, and tined fastenings in the back edge of said tablet, securely fastened thereto by means of the strip.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved tablet and cover, one leaf of the cover and the blotter-sheet of the tablet being thrown open, and a little more than half the sheets composing the tablet being removed. Fig. 2 is a broken vertical longitudinal section on an enlarged scale in the line *xx* of Fig. 1, one lid or leaf of the cover being shown thrown open. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section in the line *yy* of Fig. 2.

To make my tablet-cover, A two pieces of tag-board, heavy cloth, or other flexible material, are glued or pasted upon the inner surface of a material known to the trade as "leatherette." The pieces of tag-board or cloth are so attached as to leave uncovered a small portion, *b*, of the leatherette. This portion *b* forms the flexible back edge of the cover. To this uncovered portion of leatherette a strip of stout pasteboard or other similar material, *c*, is attached. This strip is made narrower than the uncovered portion *b* of the leatherette, so as to leave a thin margin of leatherette free and uncovered between the rear edges of the tag-board and the upper and lower edges of the strip *c*. This strip *c* is confined in position by a flexible strip of cloth, *d*, secured in place by having its ends passed beyond said strip *c* and pasted or glued between the leatherette and tag-board lining thereto. This construction forms a durable and flexible cover. Through the rear edge of the leatherette, and also through the pasteboard filling *c* and the cloth strip *d*, eyelet-holes are cut, and into these holes eyelets *f* are inserted.

Sheets of stationery or writing-paper form the tablet B. The rear edges or ends of these sheets are united and confined in position by a strip of tag-board, cloth, or other suitable material, *g*, securely glued against the back edges or ends of these sheets, and extended over upon the last or bottom sheet of the tablet, and not upon the first or top sheet. Through this piece *g*, and before it is glued upon the tablet-sheets, fastenings *h*, having two tines, are pierced, passing from the inside through the strip *g*, which fastenings are securely held in place by the strip *g* when glued against the ends of the tablet sheets. Pieces of twine or wire *m* are passed around the necks of these fastenings and their ends carried up an inch or so above the top sheet of the tablet and tied in eyelet-holes *n* of a blotter or blotting-paper sheet, *c'*, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings. After these fastenings are pierced through the strip *g* and the pieces of twine or wire are passed around them the strip of tag-board *g* is then glued against the back edges or ends of the sheets composing the tablet, and around upon the last or bottom sheet of such tablet, but not over upon the first or top sheet, thus holding the sheets of the tablet securely together and holding the tined fastenings and pieces of twine in their proper positions. The blotter-sheet of the tablet is stiffened at the points where the eyelets are inserted by a strip of leatherette or flexible material, so that the twine or wire by which the blotter-sheet is attached to the tablet will not tear out the eyelet-holes.

The above description describes the tablet and cover as two separate articles. By inserting the tined fastenings which project from the rear end of the tablet through the eyelet-holes in the back edge of the cover, and by turning down said tines in opposite directions closely against the outside surface of the back edge of the cover, the tablet and cover are firmly and perfectly united together as one article. The blotter-sheet has a flexible connection with the tablet and can be adjusted readily for use. The tablet of writing-sheets also has a flexible connection with the cover by means of the strip *g* and fastenings *h*, while the lids of the cover are also flexible and perfectly independent in their movements from the tablet of writing-sheets, and at the same

time all the parts are securely united together as one article. When all the sheets of the tablet shall have been used by straightening the tines of the fastenings at the back edge of the cover the skeleton of the tablet may be removed and a new tablet inserted in the cover, as before, thus rendering the cover susceptible of continued and indefinite use.

I have described the tablet as having a back edge, the same as an ordinary book; but as the sheets of the tablet are placed with their upper edge against the portion of the cover known as the "back edge" said back edge becomes, in the use of the tablet, the top edge.

If desirable, the blotter-sheet may have a calendar or business-card, or both, printed upon the upper side; and in some cases the paste-board strip or filling at the back edge of the cover may be dispensed with without departing from my invention.

In the above description and drawings I have made use of two tined fastenings in the tablet and two corresponding eyelet-holes in the cover; but a less or greater number of said fastenings and eyelet-holes may be used without departing from my invention.

The cover and tablet may also be constructed so that the upper lid of the cover and the sheets composing the tablet will open at the side toward the left hand, instead of upward and over back, as above described and shown, without departing from my invention.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The writing-tablet herein described, as a new article of manufacture, comprising a blotter, *c'*, writing-sheets B, gluing-strip *g*, fastenings *h*, pieces of twine *m*, and cover A, with eyelet-holes in its back *b*, the whole constructed and operating as described.

2. A tablet of writing-sheets glued together by a strip, *g*, and provided with a cover having eyelet-holes in its back edge, and tined fastenings in the back edge of said tablet, securely fastened thereto by means of the strip *g*, substantially as described.

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