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Fig. 1.

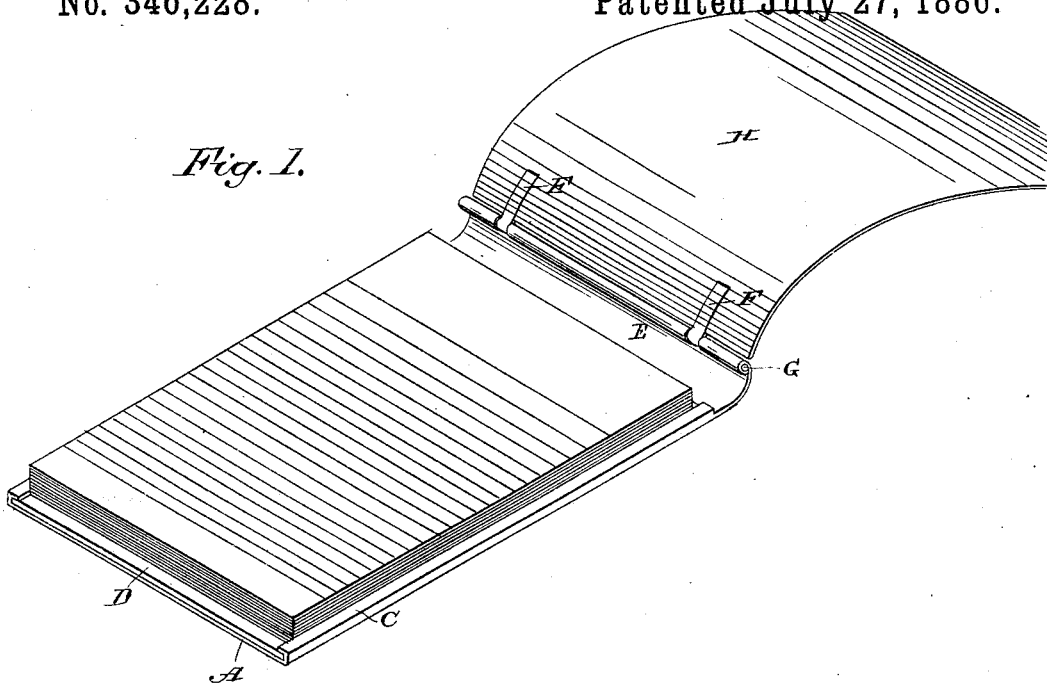


Fig. 2.

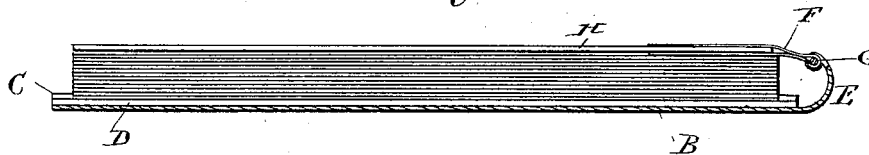


Fig. 3.

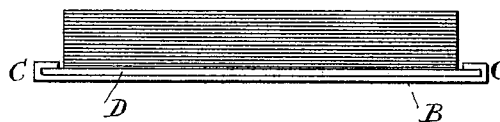
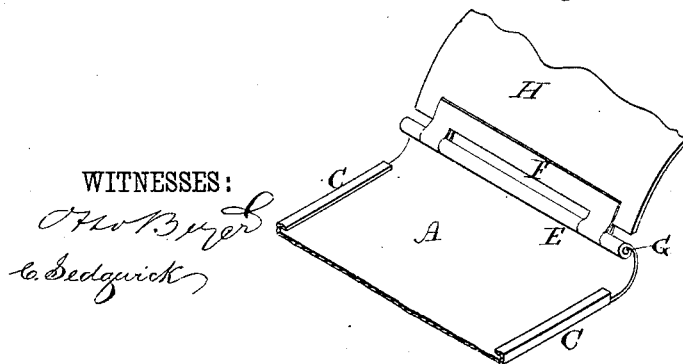


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARENCE SELAH, of Ewing, in the county of Holt and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful
5 Improvements in Writing-Tablets, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a tablet to receive and hold paper for writing purposes; and it
10 consists in a metallic back with folded sides to receive an inner lining or covering of paper or other suitable material, and to stiffen the back, one end of this back being turned to receive a wire, over which are looped spring-
15 hinges to clasp and hold a blotter, which is to serve the double purpose of blotter and cover to the writing-paper, the metallic back to be covered with leather or any other suitable fibrous material.

20 Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of
25 my improved tablet with the blotting-cover turned back and the outer fibrous cover removed. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal central section, showing the blotting-cover closed upon the writing-paper. Fig. 3 is a transverse section
30 of the metallic back, outer covering, and interior lining with writing-paper thereon, the blotting-cover being turned back, as in Fig. 1, and hidden from view. Fig. 4 represents a view in perspective similar to Fig. 1,
35 showing a single spring-hinge clamp to receive and hold the blotting-paper.

A in the accompanying drawings represents the back of a tablet, of metal, which is to be covered with leather or other suitable
40 fibrous material, B, as a finish, and to prevent the metal back from injuring furniture. The two edges C of this back are folded upward and inward, so as to form a U-shaped recess on either side, to receive and hold the edges of
45 an interior lining, D, of paper or other flexible material suitable for a pad to write upon

when a single sheet of paper is used, and upon which to place a quantity of paper, as represented. One end, E, of this metallic back is folded over and inward, so as to receive a wire, G, which extends across the end of the tablet, to stiffen it and to serve as a journal to receive the spring-hinge clamps F. These spring-clamps F consist of flat pieces of metal looped over the wire G on the end of the tablet at the proper distance apart, so as to receive and clamp between their spring ends the edge of a blotting-cover, H, the action of the said hinges being such as to adjust the blotter to the various thicknesses of paper from one to a number of sheets, as the case may be, the rounded end of the metallic plate A being slotted to permit the spring-clamps to operate therein to open and close the blotting cover H, as shown in Fig. 1.

In Fig. 4 the spring-hinge to clamp and hold the edge of the blotting-cover H is constructed of a single piece of suitable metal, with loops on either end thereof, to pass around the wire G. In this construction the blotting-cover is held more firmly in position and is less liable to become injured, as the entire edge is clamped by the spring part of the hinge resting thereon.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A writing-tablet constructed and arranged substantially as herein described, consisting of a metallic back having folded sides, an end turned inward and over and fitted with a stiffening-wire, which serves also as an axis for the spring-hinges, which clamp and hold the edge of a blotting-cover, as set forth.

2. In a writing-tablet, in combination with the metallic back having a rounded end and a wire therein, the bent spring-clamps F, as and for the purpose set forth.

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