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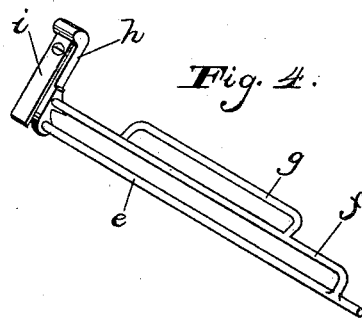
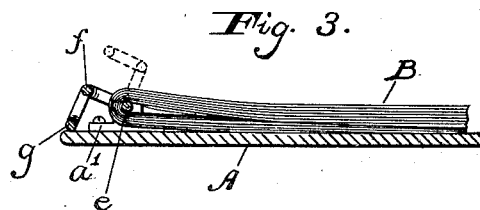
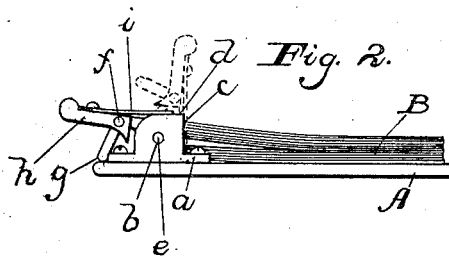
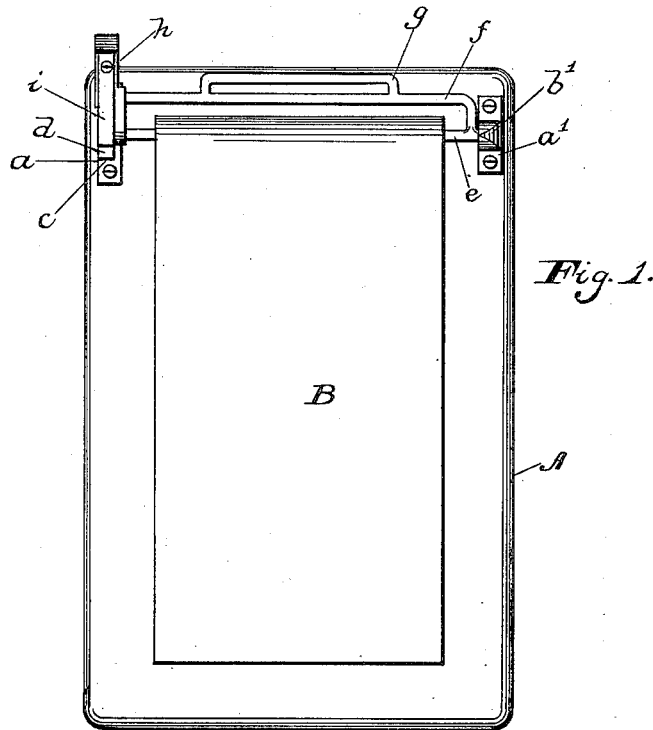
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. STOCKETT, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Writing-Tablets or Blank Books, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to temporary holders and hand-rests for writing-tablets and blank books; and its object is to provide a simple and cheap holder whose parts may be easily operated to replace one writing-tablet or blank book by another.

The invention consists in certain constructions and arrangements of the parts herein-after described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the device with a folded paper tablet held in position thereon. Fig. 2 is a side edge view of the top end thereof. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of same. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the book-retaining bar, its stop-frame, and operating-arm shown detached from the base-board.

Referring to the drawings, the letter A designates the base-board, which may be made of any suitable stiff material, such as wood or metal, and near each of its two upper corners the said board is provided with a bracket (designated, respectively, *a* and *a'*) secured to the board by screws or the like, and each provided with a hole or pivot-bearing *b* and *b'*. One of these corner-brackets, *a*, has a front edge *c* at right angles to the base-board A and a top edge *d* parallel with the same, as shown in Fig. 2, for a purpose hereinafter described.

The paper or book retaining bar *e* of my improved holder extends across the base-board A, slightly above the upper face of the same, and its journal ends are fitted to partly turn in the pivot-bearings *b* *b'*, whereby the said bar is mounted to rock about its longitudinal axis. Rigidly secured to said bar *e* is a stop in the form of a frame which consists of a bar *f*, parallel with and spaced from said rocking bar *e* and provided at its middle with a U-shaped stop-bar *g*, which projects at an angle with respect to the other two bars *e* and *f*. As the bar *e* turns back and forth

the said stop-frame oscillates so that it is raised and lowered, and its U-shaped stop-bar *g* is carried into or out of contact with the upper surface of the base-board A. In order to rock the bar *e* and raise and lower the said stop-frame, I have provided an arm *h*, which is rigidly secured to one end of the two bars *e* and *f* and projects at right angles thereto. Said arm is located contiguous to the inner side of the bracket *a*, and a plate-spring *i* is secured by one end to the front or upper face of said arm with its free end bearing upon the top parallel edge or the right-angled edge, respectively, of the said bracket, according to the position of said arm while holding the oscillating stop-frame in a raised or a lowered position. Figs. 2 and 3 illustrate in solid and broken lines the two different positions of the said arm and oscillating stop-frame.

In practical operation the stop-frame is first raised or tilted to the position shown in dotted lines in Figs. 2 and 3. The pad of paper or blank book B is opened, preferably, to the folded middle pages and inserted on the retaining-bar *e* and is then closed with said bar between said middle pages, and finally the stop-frame is lowered so as to bring its stop-bar *g* into contact with the upper surface of the base-board A, where it will prevent the paper or blank book from slipping upward and becoming accidentally disengaged from said bar *e*. When one side of each page of the blank book has been filled with memoranda or the like, it may be removed, turned over, and replaced on the bar *e* to present the reverse or blank sides of all the pages, which may then be written upon.

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

1. A holder for a paper pad, blank book or the like, comprising a base-board; a book-retaining bar extending across said base-board and mounted to partly turn thereon; and a stop secured to said bar and projecting at an angle and carried thereby so as to oscillate into and out of engagement with the base-board at one side of said bar, whereby to prevent the blank book or the like from slipping off said bar, as set forth.

2. A holder for a paper pad, blank book or the like, comprising a base-board; a book-re-

5 taining bar, *e*, extending across said board above the upper face of the same and mounted to partly turn about its longitudinal axis; a stop-frame rigidly secured to said bar, *e*, and provided with a stop-bar, *g*, projecting at an angle; and an arm, *h*, adapted to turn said bar and raise and lower said stop-frame, as set forth.

10 3. A holder for a paper pad, blank book or the like, comprising a base-board; a book-retaining bar extending across said base-board slightly above the upper face of the same, and mounted to partly turn about its longitudinal axis; a stop secured to said bar and
15 projecting at an angle and raised and lowered thereby out of and into contact with said base-board; and an arm secured to said bar to turn the latter and provided with means for locking said bar with its stop in a raised or lowered position, as set forth.
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4. A holder for a paper pad, blank book or the like, comprising a base-board provided with two brackets one of which has two adjacent edges, one at right angles with respect
25 to the board and the other parallel therewith; a paper or book retaining bar extending across said base-board and mounted to partly turn in said brackets, and provided with a stop projecting at an angle and adapted to
30 move into and out of contact with said base-

board at one side of said bar; an arm rigidly secured to said bar to turn the latter; and a plate-spring secured to said arm and bearing upon the said edges of the one bracket whereby to hold said bar when in either position 35 from turning, as set forth.

5. A holder for a blank book or the like, comprising a base-board; a book-retaining bar extending across said base-board; and an oscillating stop connected to said bar and
40 movable into and out of contact with the base-board at one side of said bar, as set forth.

6. A holder for a blank book, writing-tablet, or the like, comprising a base-board; a book-retaining bar mounted on said base-board and
45 extending thereacross above the upper surface of the same; a stop also mounted on said base-board and capable of being raised and lowered out of and into contact with said base-board at one side of said bar, whereby
50 to prevent the blank book or the like on said bar from slipping off the latter; and means for holding said stop in either a raised or lowered position, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 55 in the presence of two witnesses.

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