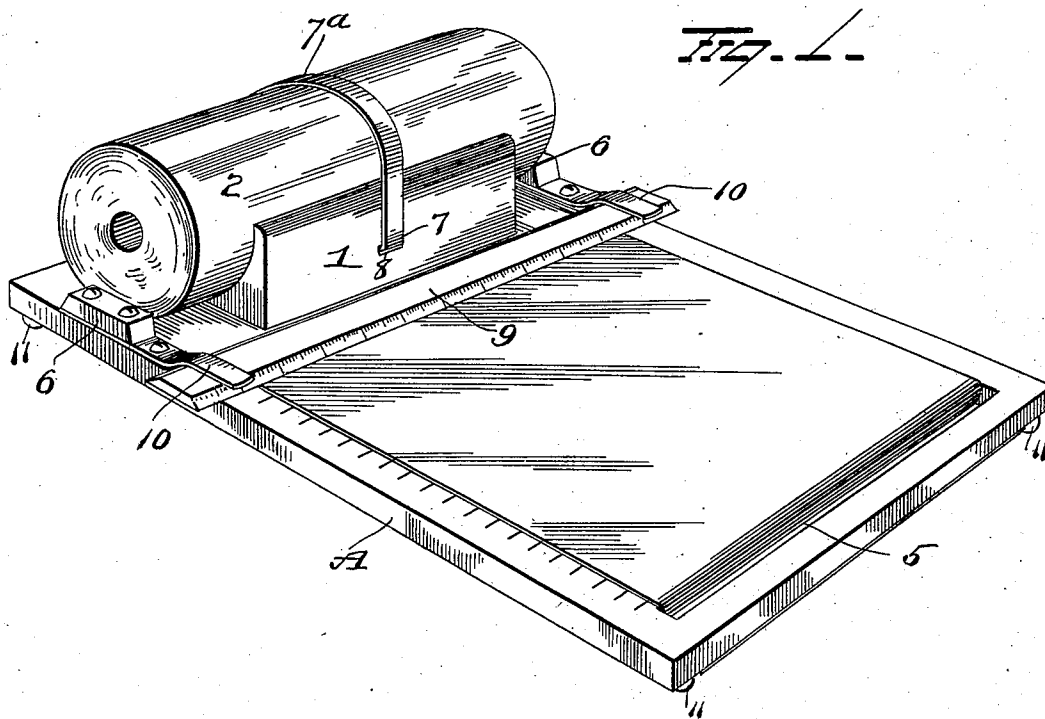
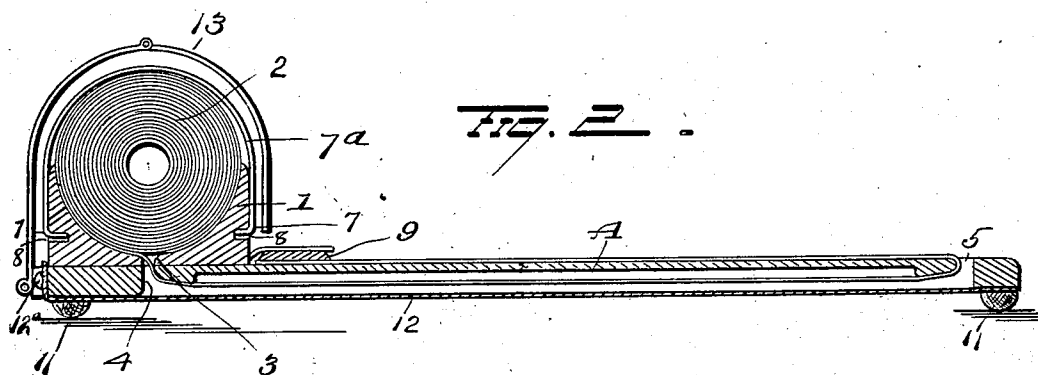


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN P. DORR, of Gardiner, in the county of Kennebec and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful
 5 Improvements in Writing-Tablets for Roll-Paper; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and
 10 use the same.

My invention relates to an improvement in writing-tablets for roll-paper, the object of the invention being to provide a writing-tablet which shall be so constructed and arranged as to admit of the paper being easily
 15 and quickly withdrawn from the roll, so as to present new surfaces for writing.

A further object is to provide a neat and attractive device which shall be simple in
 20 construction, cheap to manufacture, durable in use, and which shall be effectual in all respects in the performance of its functions.

With these ends in view my invention consists in certain novel features of construction
 25 and combinations of parts, as will be herein-after more fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improvement with
 30 the cover 13 removed, and Fig. 2 is a view in longitudinal section of the same.

A represents a rectangular writing-board, preferably constructed of wood or other suitable light material and provided at or near
 35 its upper end with a semicylindrical seat 1 for supporting the paper-roll 2. This seat extends across or practically across board A and is provided in its bottom with an opening or slot 3, extending lengthwise thereof, which
 40 alines with a similar opening or slot 4, formed in the body portion of said board, and through these alining openings or slots and the opening or slot 5, formed in and adjacent to the opposite end of the board A, the paper from
 45 roll 2 passes as it is reeled off the roll. This paper-roll is prevented from moving endwise on its seat by the stops 6 6, which may be fastened to the board A at points adjacent to the respective ends of the semicylindrical
 50 seat 1, as shown in the drawings, or, if desired, they may be secured across the open ends of said semicylindrical seat, or the lat-

ter might be made with closed ends, and thereby avoid the use of separate stops for preventing this endwise movement of the roll.
 55 The paper-roll is also prevented from riding over the sides of its seat while being rotated by the bail or clip 7^a. This bail or clip is practically U shape and is provided with inwardly-bent ends 7 7 for entering notches 8 8,
 60 formed in the sides of semicylindrical seat 1. This clip embraces or rests over the seat containing the roll and holds the latter in place, thus permitting the board to be moved and handled without danger of displacing the pa-
 65 per-roll.

In rear of semicylindrical seat 1 and adjacent thereto is located a combined presser-bar and cutter 9, which is firmly held in its normal or operative position by the spring-clips
 70 10 10. These clips are arranged on opposite sides of board A and are so constructed as to permit of the complete removal of the presser-bar and cutter whenever it is desired to adjust the paper held thereby. The side edges
 75 of this bar are beveled, so as to form cutting edges for severing the paper from roll 2, which operation may be conveniently accomplished when the bar is locked in the position shown in the drawings. This bar is also marked off
 80 after the manner of a rule and by securing it, as described, its removal, when to be used as a measuring instrument, can be quickly and easily effected.

The upper surface of the board is provided
 85 with a series of suitably-spaced lines for the purpose of guiding the writer while using the device, while the opposite side thereof, preferably at or near each corner, is provided with a rubber cushion 11 for elevating the pad
 90 above the object on which it is supported.

To adjust the paper from a new roll to a writing position upon the board, the free end thereof is first passed downwardly through the alining slots 3 and 4, formed in the semi-
 95 cylindrical seat and board, respectively, thence in a direction toward the opposite end of said board and upwardly through opening or slot 5, and finally along the upper surface of the board, terminating at or adjacent to
 100 the semicylindrical seat 1, and at this point it is engaged and held against accidental movement by the combined presser-bar and cutter 9.

With this device and by the employment of a roll of paper articles of any length may be written on a single sheet or, if desired, the article may be written on sheets of any pre-
 5 determined length, the latter being severed from the roll by using the bar 9 as a cutter. After a sheet has been severed from the roll the bar 9 is removed out of engagement with
 10 clips 10 10, and by then exerting a pull upon the free end of the paper, this movement will cause the paper-roll to rotate on its seat and feed the length of paper desired.

This device is particularly adapted for use by editors, reporters, students, school children,
 15 and others where the saving of time and paper is an object.

The paper from its passage through slots 3 and 4 to slot 5 is protected against injury as well as from being soiled by a flexible bot-
 20 tom 12, one end of which is permanently secured to one end of board A, while its opposite end is adapted to be hooked or otherwise removably attached to the opposite end of said board, as shown at 12^a, whereby the flexi-
 25 ble bottom may be partially removed, so as to permit of and facilitate the feeding of the free end of a new roll of paper through the slots 3, 4, and 5.

If desired, a cover 13, as shown in Fig. 2, might be employed for completely covering
 30 semicylindrical seat 1 and the paper-roll seated therein. This cover may be constructed of any suitable material and ornamented in any desired manner.

It is evident that changes in the construction and relative arrangement of the several parts might be made without avoiding my in-
 35 vention, and hence I would have it understood that I do not restrict myself to the particular construction and arrangement of parts shown and described; but,

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

45 1. As a new article of manufacture, a tablet comprising a writing-board, a seat upon one end of said board for supporting a roll of paper, said board and seat having alined slots for the passage of paper from the roll, and a
 50 spring-pressed bar mounted on the board adjacent to the roll-seat for holding the unwound paper on the board.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a tablet, comprising a writing-board, a concave
 55 seat upon one end of the board for support-

ing a roll of paper, said board and seat having slots for the passage of the paper, means for securing the unwound section of the paper against accidental movement upon the board and a supplemental bottom or covering
 60 for protecting a portion of the unwound paper.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a tablet comprising a writing-board, a concave pocket upon one end thereof for supporting
 65 a roll of paper, said board and pocket having slots formed therein for the passage of paper from the roll, means located near said pocket for holding an unwound portion of the paper upon the board and a cover secured to one
 70 end of the board for inclosing the pocket and a roll of paper therein.

4. As a new article of manufacture, a tablet comprising a writing-board, a concave seat
 75 located upon one end of the board, said seat and board having slots for the passage of paper from a roll on said seat, means for holding unwound paper upon said board and a bail removably attached at its ends to said
 80 seat and adapted to embrace a roll of paper on the latter.

5. As a new article of manufacture, a tablet comprising a board, a concave seat located
 85 on one end of the board and having a slot in its bottom for the passage of paper from a roll on said seat, said board having a slot communicating with the slot in the seat, and said board having another slot near its other
 90 end for the passage of the paper and a clamp or holder on the top of the board adjacent to said seat for holding the paper in position upon the board.

6. As a new article of manufacture, a tablet comprising a writing-board, a concave seat
 95 on one end thereof for supporting a roll of paper, said board and seat having slots for the passage of the paper, a spring-retained bar for locking the unwound section of the paper against movement upon the board, means for preventing lateral movement of
 100 the paper-roll, and a bail for embracing the paper-roll to prevent it from riding over the sides of the pocket.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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