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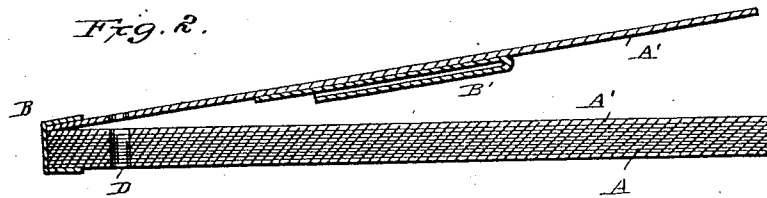
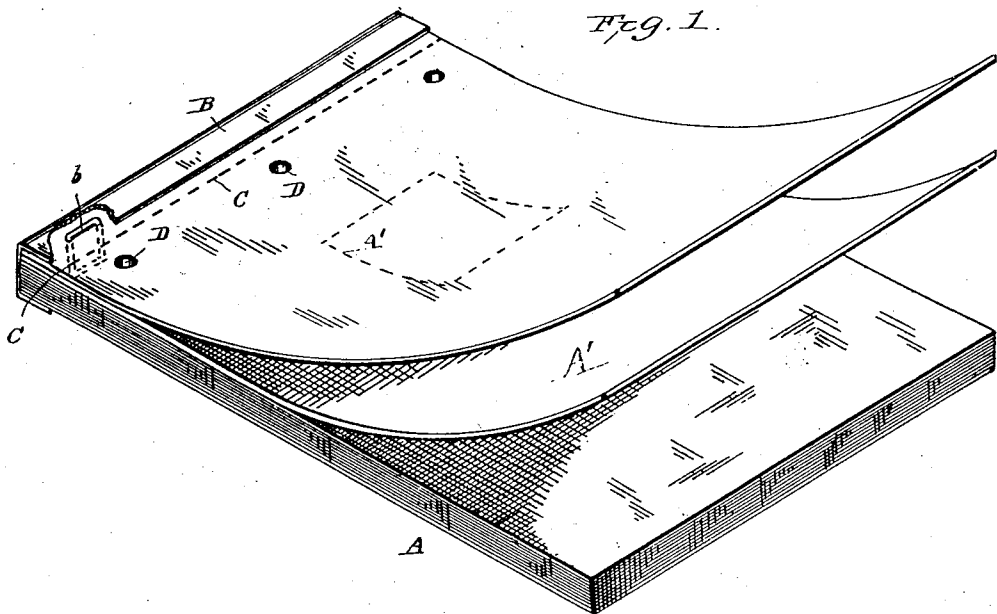
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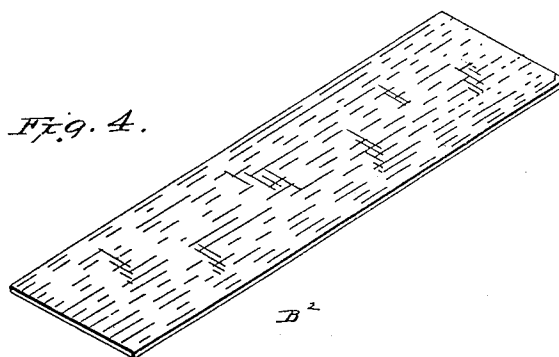
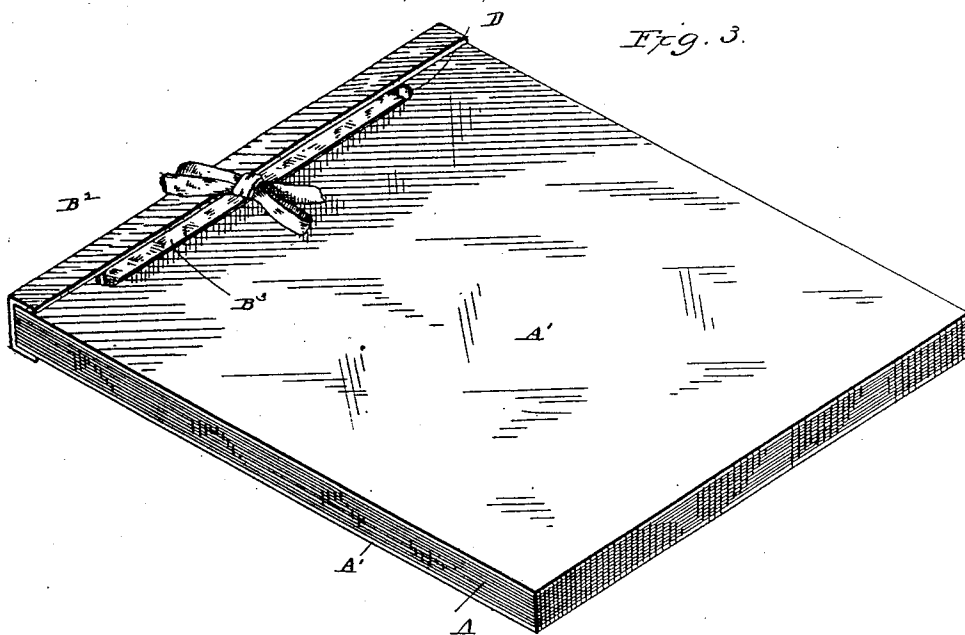
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BLANK OR COMPOSITION BOOK.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 286,111, dated October 2, 1883.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK BOWMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blank or Composition Books, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention has for its object to furnish a book the leaves of which will be compactly secured together, and which may be separated from the bound portion in condition to be rebound when required, as more fully herein-
15 after specified.

My improved device is intended to furnish a means whereby the imperfect or blemished sheets of the book, when written upon, may be removed and cast aside and the perfect sheets rebound and kept together, as more fully hereinafter specified. These objects I attain by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

25 Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved book, showing the same in the form in which it is put upon the market; Fig. 2, a longitudinal sectional view taken through the book, showing a pocket attached to one of its covers; Fig. 3, a perspective view of the book as it appears when the soiled or defaced leaves have been removed and the tape or cord applied, and Fig. 4 a similar view of the supplemental binding-strip detached.

35 The letter A indicates a series of paper sheets or leaves, the same being provided with writing guide-lines, if desired; and the letter A', the outer sheets or covers, made of heavier paper. These sheets and covers are secured at one edge by a binding-strip, B, an
40 adhesive substance being employed for this purpose, thus forming a stiff back, and also, preferably, by metallic fastenings b.

As seen in Figs. 1 and 2, the outer sheets or covers, A', are both upon one side of the book, and one of them is provided on its inner surface with a pocket or receptacle, B', for the purpose of carrying the supplemental bind-

ing-strip B² and the tape B³ until ready for use, as shall presently appear. Just forward of the edge of the binding-strip, the sheets and the covers are perforated, as indicated by the letter C, so that the defaced leaves and the outer of the covers may be removed. The latter is then applied to the opposite side of the book, as seen in Fig. 3 of the drawings. When thus placed together, they are confined by the tape B³, which is threaded or passed through the eyelet-holes D, a series of which are made through all the sheets and covers at a given distance from the tearing-perforations. The supplemental strip B², one face of which is furnished with an adhesive coating, is applied to the edge of the leaves and covers from which the stiff back has previously been removed.

It will thus be seen that I provide a composition, writing, or copy book which, when some of its leaves have become accidentally defaced, or have been covered with writing may be taken to pieces, its perfect or unused sheets removed, and the original covers preserved, at the pleasure of the user.

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

A blank-book or composition-book consisting of a series of sheets and covers secured together at one edge, forming a stiff back, and perforated transversely near said edge, so that the sheets and covers may be readily torn from the back, the said sheets and covers having also at a given distance in front of the tearing-perforations a series of eyelet-holes to receive a binding-cord, so that such sheets and covers will be accurately and readily registered in being rebound, substantially as described.

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

FRANK BOWMAN.

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