

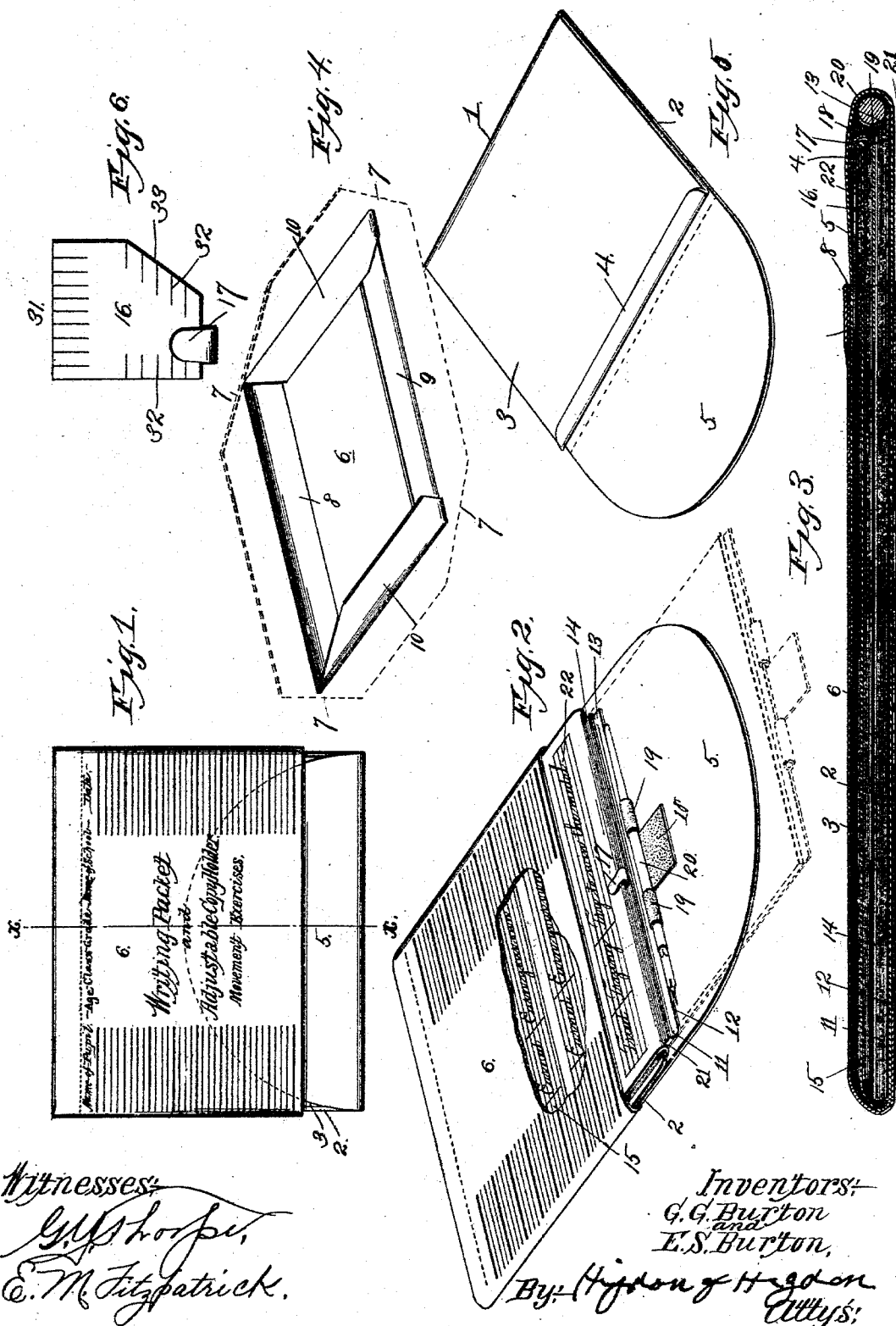
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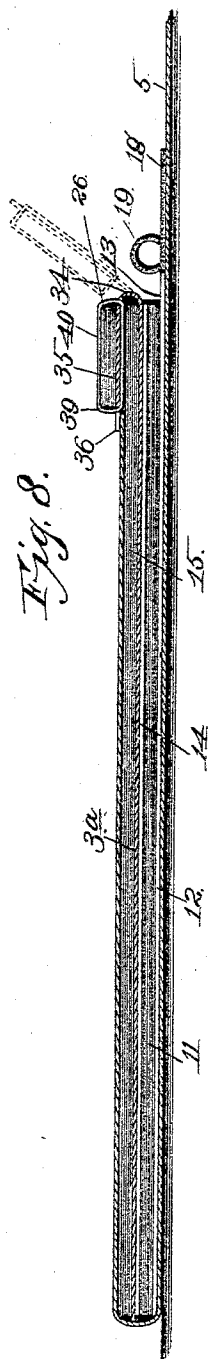
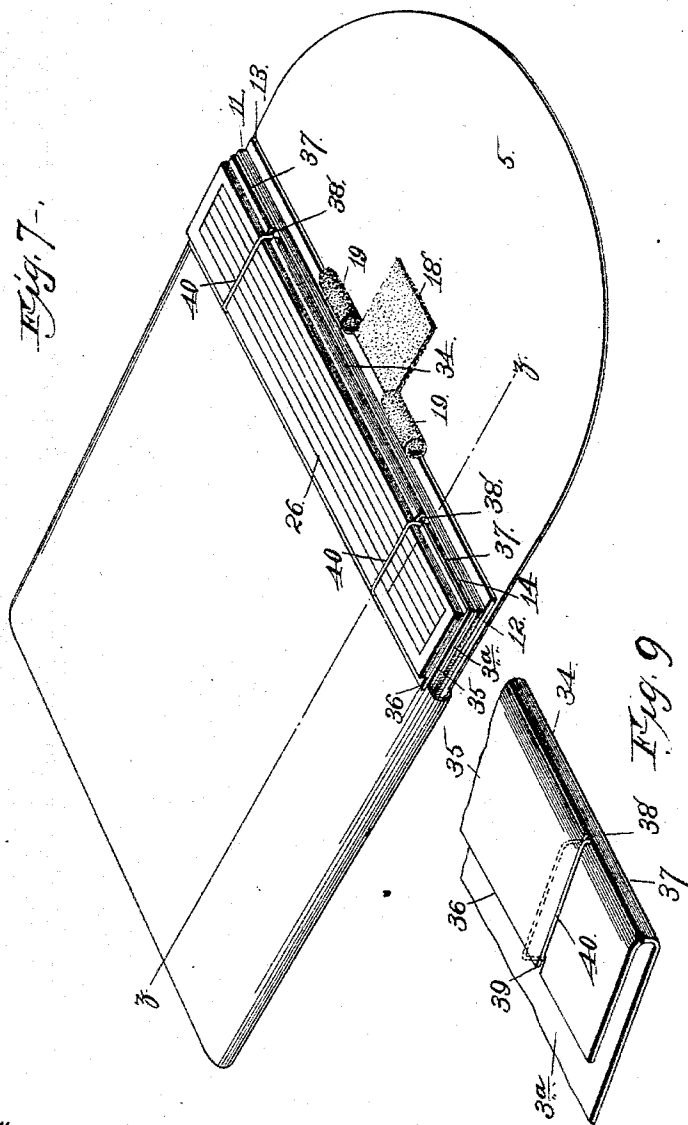
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GARRETT G. BURTON and ELLA S. BURTON, of Topeka, Shawnee county, Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Writing-Packet and Copy-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

Our invention relates to combined writing packets and copy-holders, and has for its objects to produce a writing packet and copy holder wherein the copy may be held in immediate conjunction with the pupil's writing, when desired; wherein the writing surface is adjustable toward or from the copy, and is also detachable or removable from the packet; wherein a receptacle or compartment is provided for filing away approved specimens of writing, and copy-sheets if desired; wherein the copies are easily and conveniently adjusted in position, and firmly held thereat by a metallic clamp-plate, which also serves the purpose of a measuring device, so that a copy-sheet containing several different copies may be adjusted to expose any one of said copies without removing the copy-sheet from the packet; wherein a blotter and pen holder may be conveniently and securely carried with the pen point protected; and finally to produce a writing packet and copy-holder, which is solid and compact, simple and strong, and which can be manufactured and sold at small cost.

Our invention, essentially consists in the combination with an envelope having a partition dividing the envelope into an upper and a lower compartment, of a removable writing tablet, and blotter, and also penmanship copies if desired, occupying the lower compartment, and a particular "copy-sheet," the one in use, occupying the lower compartment also, and having a portion of said "copy-sheet" bent up and fitted over the partition into the upper compartment so as to expose the desired portion of said "copy-sheet" to view, and a clamp for holding the "copy-sheet" in the proper position.

Our invention further consists in a modified construction, wherein "copy-slips" are employed in lieu of said "copy-sheets" and in its entire peculiar and novel construction

and combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In order that our invention may be fully understood, we will proceed to describe it with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1, is a top plan view of a complete writing packet and copy-holder, and showing it in its folded position. Fig. 2, is a perspective view of the same showing it in its unfolded position, and with the "copy-sheet" in use exposed to view and held in position by the clamp-plate, and also showing the body-portion broken away so as to expose the previously used portion of the same copy-sheet, and also a portion of one of the approved specimens of the pupil's writing, which has been filed away, and also showing the adjustable writing surface or tablet within the envelope, and partly withdrawn from the packet, in dotted lines. Fig. 3, is an enlarged vertical sectional view, taken on the line $x-x$ of Fig. 1. Figs. 4 and 5, are detail perspective views of the blanks from which the writing packet and copy-holder is formed. Fig. 6, is a plan view of the metal clamp-plate for securing the desired copy in position, and which also forms a rule whereby the height, width and slant of letters may be measured, and for spacing in ruling paper, &c. Fig. 7, is a perspective view of a still further modified form of construction. Fig. 8, is an enlarged vertical sectional view taken on the line $z-z$ of Fig. 11. Fig. 9, is a perspective view of a portion of the detachable or removable partition.

We will first proceed to describe the construction of the tablet, copying sheets, &c., and will then explain the operation or manner of manipulation.

Referring to the drawings, a blank of paper or equivalent material of elongated rectangular form is bent back upon itself at 1 to form the lower portion 2 and the upper portion 3, and the free end of the upper portion 3 is preferably bent back upon itself as shown at 4. The lower portion 2 projects a suitable distance beyond the free end of the upper portion 3 to form the flap 5. A second blank 6 of rectangular form, and having its corners cut away preferably as shown at 7, for convenience in bending, has its front margin turned down and bent against its under side

as shown at 8 so as to form a stiffened free end. The blank 6 is now laid upon the upper portion 3 of the first-mentioned blank, with the reinforced margin 8 resting upon the portion 3 a suitable distance inward of the portion 4, and extending parallel therewith. The margin of the blank 6, opposite to the flap or reinforced portion 8 is bent downward and then inward against the lower portion 2 of the first mentioned blank, as shown at 9, and the side portions of the blank 6, are then turned down, and bent up against the under side of the lower portion 2, as shown at 10, of the first mentioned blank, and glued or otherwise secured thereto, and also to the turned-portion 9. It will be seen that these blanks, thus secured together, form a packet provided with an upper and lower compartment, the portion 3 of the first mentioned blank, being the partition which divides the space between the blank 6, and the lower portion 2 of the first mentioned blank. A tablet 11 of suitable size, is mounted upon a paper base-board 12, which preferably projects a slight distance forward of the front margin of the tablet paper, as shown at 13, and this tablet occupies the lower compartment of the packet. A blotter 14 of corresponding size is also adapted to occupy said lower compartment, and rests upon the tablet 11. A number of copy-sheets 15 also occupy and rest upon the blotter 14, and a clamp-plate 16 also occupies said lower compartment, and rests preferably upon the blotter 14. This clamp-plate at its outer end is preferably bent upward and horizontally inward to form a hook-portion 17.

Secured to the forward margin of the base-board 12 of the tablet, by glue or other suitable means, is a piece of flexible material 18 forming a handle portion which is grasped to withdraw the tablet from the packet when desirable or necessary. A pair of flexible loops 19 formed preferably integral with the piece 18 or carried by the front margin of the base-board 12, are provided to receive and securely hold the pen holder 20. When the packet is in its closed position, the flap 5 thereof is folded upward and inward and beneath the reinforced margin 8 at the free end of the upper portion of the packet as shown clearly in Fig. 3. When the flap is folded to this position, the pen holder carried by the flexible loops rests upon the projecting portion 13 of the base board 12, so that the packet shall be solid and compact in form.

When it is desired to use the packet, the flap 5 is withdrawn and moved to the position shown in full lines in Figs. 2, 7 and 9, and the pen holder is withdrawn from the loops 19. The handle portion 18 is now grasped to withdraw the tablet partially from its compartment. The metal clamp-plate is now withdrawn from position, and the desired copy in the lower compartment, is pulled forward or withdrawn for a suitable distance, and is then bent upwardly and back upon the flap

4 and the partition 3 as shown at 21, and has its end passed beneath the reinforced portion 8. The upper end of this copy is introduced into the upper compartment the proper distance to expose the desired copy to view outward of the reinforced margin 8 of the upper portion of the packet, as shown at 22 in Fig. 2. The clamp plate 16 is now slipped back to its former position, and so that the hook portion 17 shall engage the upper side of the copy just referred to, to clamp said copy firmly in position. The pupil may now upon the tablet imitate as nearly as possible the exposed copy placed before him, and may have said copy in immediate conjunction with the writing surface at all times, by simply, after each line has been copied, forcing the tablet inward until the previous attempt is hid from view, and the succeeding line or lines upon the tablet, which is ruled in the usual copy-book manner, is or are adjacent to or in conjunction with the exposed copy. The tablet, however, may be manipulated in the reverse direction, and besides always having the exposed copy in immediate conjunction with the writing surface, may also have the preceding attempts at perfect imitation exposed to view, so that by a comparison of the copy with the previous attempt, the pupil may avoid the mistakes previously made, in each succeeding attempt at imitation. To accomplish this the tablet is manipulated, by first withdrawing it only a slight distance beyond the bent margin of the copy sheet, and after writing upon the first line or lines of the tablet, by further withdrawing it from the packet, a new writing space thereon will be exposed, which is intermediate of the copy and the previous attempt at imitation. After a sheet upon the tablet is completed, if approved by the teacher or other person of authority, it is removed from the tablet, the clamp-plate 16 is withdrawn, and the upper or exposed portion of the copy-sheet in use is withdrawn from the upper compartment. The approved sheet which has been removed from the tablet, is now slipped into the upper compartment, and has its outer margin retained beneath the flange or flap 4. If desired to use the same copy, the sheet and the clamp plate are again secured in the position shown in Fig. 2, but if a new line of copy is desired, each copy-sheet preferably containing several different copies, the said copy-sheet is further withdrawn from the lower compartment, and has its upper portion slipped sufficiently into the upper compartment to expose the desired writing surface, in the manner shown in Fig. 2, and the clamp-plate is again slipped in position as before.

The clamp-plate 16 is preferably formed with a measuring surface 31, line spacing surfaces 32, and an inclined margin 33, to enable the pupil to ascertain and correct if necessary the height, width and slant of letters.

In order to provide a packet and copy-holder equally serviceable but less expensive

than that previously described, we construct an envelope of suitable size and form, and provided with a detachable or removable partition 3^a, corresponding in purpose and arrangement to the permanent partition 3 of the aforesaid packets. This partition 3^a, after the tablet and blotter are slipped into place, is inserted in the envelope so as to rest upon the blotter, as clearly shown; thus forming the lower compartment occupied by the tablet and blotter, and the upper compartment where the approved specimens of the pupil's writing are filed away. A suitable distance beyond and parallel with the outer margin of the upper portion of the envelope the partition 3^a, is bent back upon itself at 34, to form the flap 35, the margin or edge 36, of which may be tucked under or rest upon the outer margin of the upper portion of the envelope, as shown. Longitudinally of the bend 34, the partition is slit inward a suitable distance from each side margin, at 37, and these slits terminate in notches 38. Notches 39, are formed in the margins 36 of the flap 35; one being located opposite each notch 38. A rubber band 40 is slipped from each end, upon the flap 35, until it occupies or engages the oppositely disposed notches 38 and 39, and resting upon the upper side of the flaps and secured in such position by the bands 40, are the "copy-slips" 26, the upper one of which serves as the guide for the pupil. It is obvious that any copy-slip desired, may be quickly and easily placed uppermost. After the instructor approves any specimen of the pupil's writing, the flap 32, carrying the copy-slips, may be operated in the direction indicated by dotted lines, to allow said approved specimen to be inserted into the packet above the partition.

From the above description, it will be seen that the copy can be held in immediate conjunction with the pupil's writing surface, and that said writing surface being adjustable, and in tablet form and also being entirely independent of the exposed "copy," the pupil is enabled to practice from one copy with the writing surface adjacent thereto, until approved.

It will be apparent that a part, a whole or several pages may be used for practice on one copy, as may be required, with copy immediately above each line of practice, and that this is an obvious advantage over the old

form of copy-book where one page of writing surface only of each copy is provided for the pupil, and where each succeeding attempt is further removed from the copy.

By having the writing surface or tablet adjustable, it may be adjusted to conform to the proper position of hand and arm on the writing desk or table, and by having the writing surface or tablet removable, the pupil is enabled to write from the mental picture in the mind after the copy has been sufficiently practiced. It will be apparent also, by having the copy-sheets or slips independent of each other and the ease of adjustment thereof, that the pupil is enabled to change to another copy and continue writing on the same practice sheet when desired.

By constructing the packet as described with the tablet carrying the pen holder as described, it will be seen that we have produced a solid and compact writing packet or copy-holder, which can be manufactured and sold at small cost, and which may be conveniently stored away in a small space.

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

1. The combination in a writing-packet and copy-holder, of an envelope, and a partition dividing the same into an upper and a lower compartment, so as to receive adjustably a writing-tablet in the lower compartment, with a plate, occupying the lower compartment, and having a hook-portion, which is adapted to engage a copy-sheet placed within the envelope, so as to securely hold the same in position, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a writing-packet and copy-holder, the combination of an envelope, having an upper and lower compartment to receive each, one end of a bent copy-sheet, with a clamp-plate occupying the lower compartment, and having a hook-portion engaging the bent portion of the copy-sheet, and having an inclined margin, and provided with division marks, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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