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Slate.

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Fig. 1.

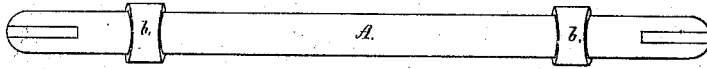


Fig. 2.

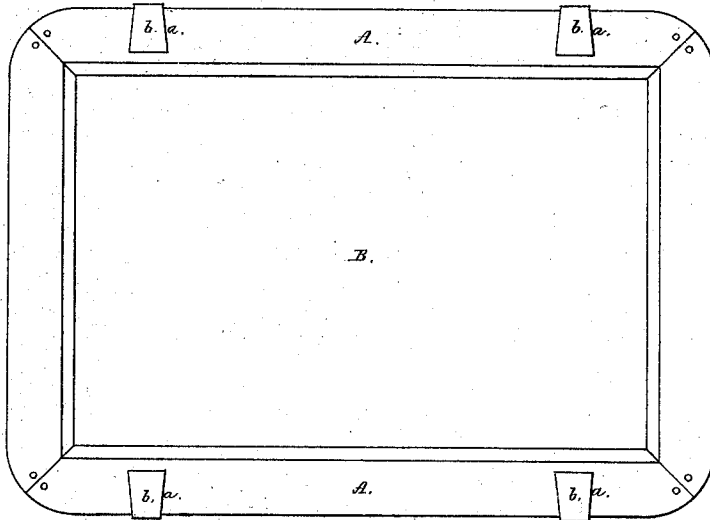
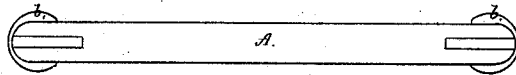


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN WRITING-SLATES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same

To all persons to whom these presents may come:

Be it known that I, GEORGE EDWIN POOR, of Charlestown, in the county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, have made a new and useful invention or improvement having reference to Writing-Slates; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification, and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a side view;

Figure 2, a top view; and

Figure 3, an edge elevation of a writing-slate provided with my invention.

In carrying out my improvement, I form the frame A of the slate-tablet B with a series of dovetailed recesses, *a*, to receive cylindrical or round and dovetailed masses or buffers, *b*, of India rubber, or an equivalent elastic material, each of the masses being placed and fastened therein, and arranged so as to project beyond the edge as well as each of the opposite sides of the frame, in manner as represented in the drawings.

The masses of rubber or elastic material may be inserted and arranged, as explained, in each of the opposite ends of the frame as well as in its sides. These elastic buffers serve to support the writing-slate when laid upon a desk or table, and they not only operate to prevent it from sliding off a desk, but also from making a noise when laid down upon the desk or a table or other body.

I am aware that a writing-slate has had its frame made of India rubber, as shown in sundry patents

heretofore granted; therefore I make no claim to such as my invention.

My improvement can readily be applied to almost any common writing-slate having a wooden frame, thereby rendering it less liable to become broken while in use.

I am also aware that, prior to my invention, slate-frames have been provided with elastic cushions, by inserting cylinders of rubber through holes made in the frames, so that the ends of the cylinders may extend beyond the sides of the frames.

The corners of slate-frames have also been protected by elastic coverings.

Rings or bands of rubber have also been carried around the bars of the frame, and been forced into the grooves of such bars by the tablet. I make no claim to such.

What I do claim as my improvement consists in the slate-frame as made with dovetailed recesses arranged in it, as described, and provided with dovetailed masses or cylinders of rubber arranged in such recesses, in manner as explained, the dovetails of the recesses serving, with those of the masses of rubber, to securely hold the latter in place while projecting beyond the sides and edges of the frame.

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