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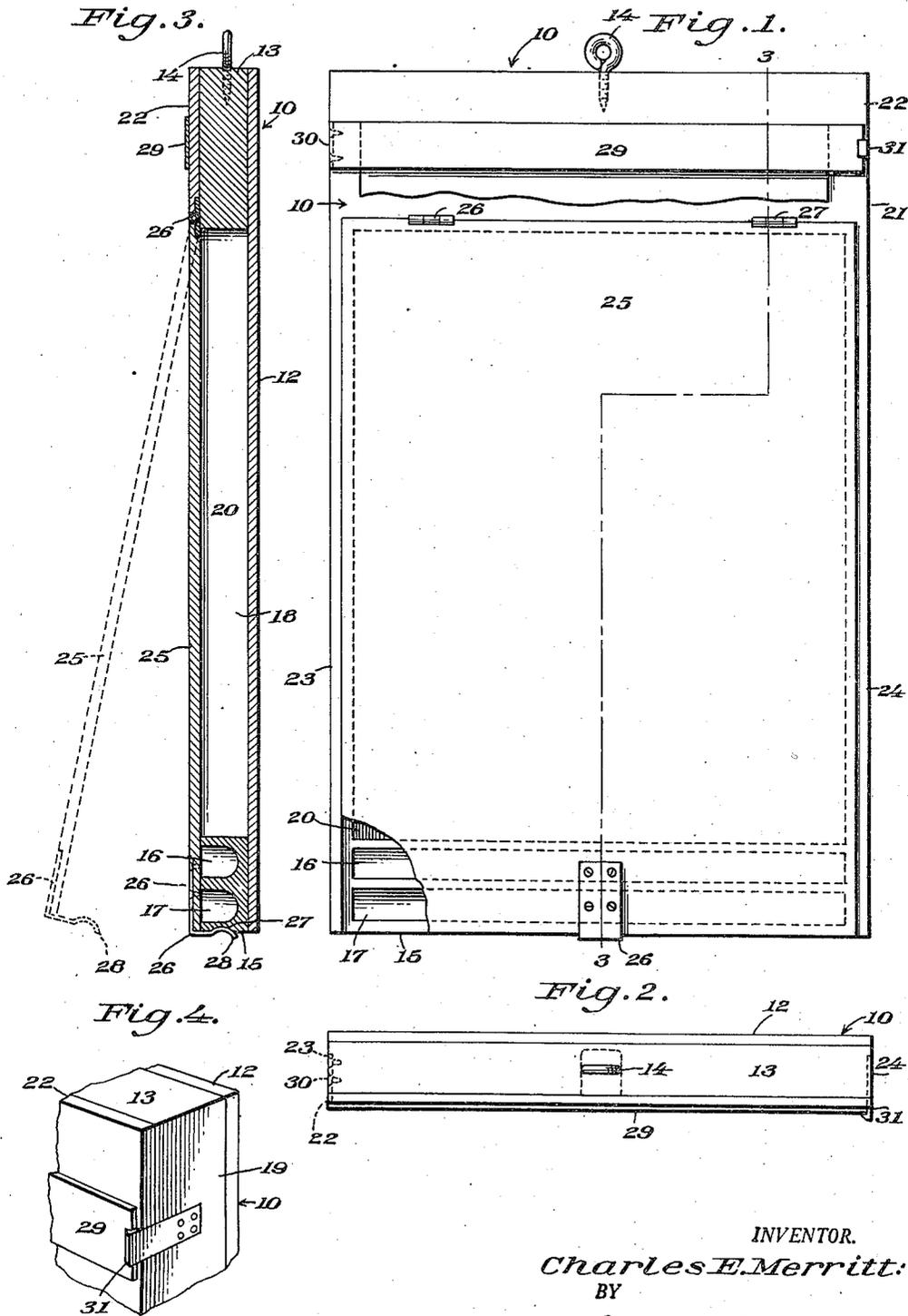


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This invention relates to writing supports and more particularly to a paper clip board especially designed for holding and supporting letter sheets, printed forms and the like when writing thereon.

An object of the invention is to provide a clip board having a rear surface painted black so it can be used as a black board or in the manner of the old fashioned slate.

Another object of the invention is to provide a clip board having a pocket in which may be stored paper, rulers, and other articles needed in the use thereof, a still further object of the invention is to provide a clip board which may be suspended in a vertical position convenient for use or used in a horizontal position on a desk or other like means of support.

With these and other objects in view which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction as hereafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which corresponding parts are designated by like characters of reference is illustrated a preferred form of the embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the device constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a top plan view thereof.

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1 showing the cover plate in open position in dotted lines, and

Fig. 4 is an enlarged detailed perspective view of one of the upper corners showing the spring paper retaining means and spring catch.

Referring to the drawing in detail wherein like characters of reference denote corresponding parts the reference character 10 indicates the improved clip board forming the subject matter of the present invention comprising a rectangular base board 12 constructed of stiff fibre board, wood or other suitable material the back face of the board being perfectly flat so as to form a smooth body or support and painted black so it can be used as a black board or like an old fashioned slate.

Extending transversely of the board 12 at its upper end is a block 13 having a screw eye 14 screwed therein. The screw eye 14 is adapted to support the board 10 in a vertical position on a wall or the like. In like manner a block 15 having grooves 16 and 17 to receive pencils, pens, or

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chalk and the like extending transversely of the block 15 and the board 12 at its lower end.

Extending longitudinally of the base board 12 are sides 18 and 19 which with blocks 13 and 15 form a pocket 20 which is adapted to hold paper, rulers, and other similar articles needed in connection with the use of the clip board 10.

A hinge plate 21 having a wide upper portion 22 and two depending narrow portions 23 and 24 is positioned in parallel relation to the base board 12 on the blocks 13 and 15 and sides 23 and 24.

A cover plate 25 is hinged at 26 and 27 to hinge plate 21 and forms the supporting surface for paper, letter sheets, printed forms and the like when writing thereon.

The cover plate 25 has a spring clip 26 countersunk in the surface thereof to prevent its interference with the articles placed on the board 10 when the board is in use.

A receiving depression 27 is provided in block 15 to receive the upturned end 28 of the spring clip 26. The spring clip keeps the cover plate 25 in fixed position when the clip board 10 is in use and the cover plate may be easily raised by inserting a finger under the upturned end 28 and removing it from the depression 27.

When in position the edges of the cover plate abut the edges of the upper portion 22 and the inner sides of the depending portions 23 and 24 of hinge plate 21 and thus present a smooth writing surface.

There is provided on the hinge plate 21 on the upper portion 22 a paper retaining spring 29 which is adapted to hold the letter sheets, paper, and printed forms or the like firmly on the cover plate 25 when the clip board is in use.

The spring 29 has a depending portion 30 which is adapted to be countersunk into the side 23 of the clip board 10, and a spring clip 31 countersunk into the side 24 of the clip board 10 is adapted to retain the loose end of the paper retaining clip 29 in paper retaining position on the hinge plate 22.

It will thus be seen that there is provided a unitary support the construction of which adapts the upper face to be used as a support when writing and the lower face as a black board.

It will of course be understood that the device may be made in different sizes and shapes and constructed of any suitable material without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claim.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:

A writing support comprising a flat body hav-

ing front and rear faces, blocks extending transversely of said body, one of said blocks being provided with article retaining grooves, sides attached to said faces and said blocks, said sides, faces, and blocks forming a pocket in said body, the front face of said body composed of a hinge portion and a cover portion, means for hingedly joining said hinge portion and said cover portion, said hinge portion having a large upper margin and depending narrow margins, the cover portion adapted to be confined by said narrow margins and means for retaining said cover portion in closed position.

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