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PORTABLE DESK AND CARD HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

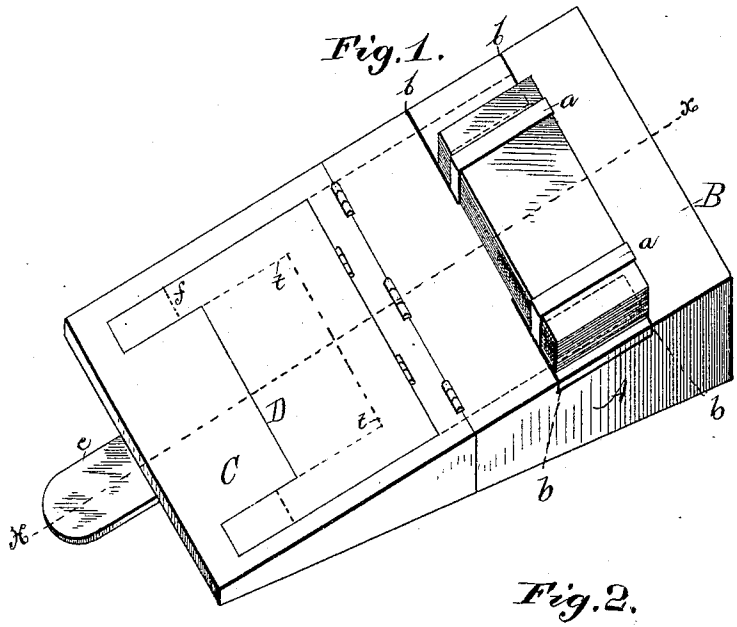


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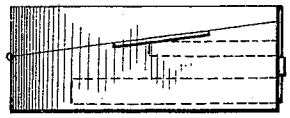


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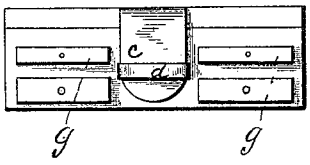
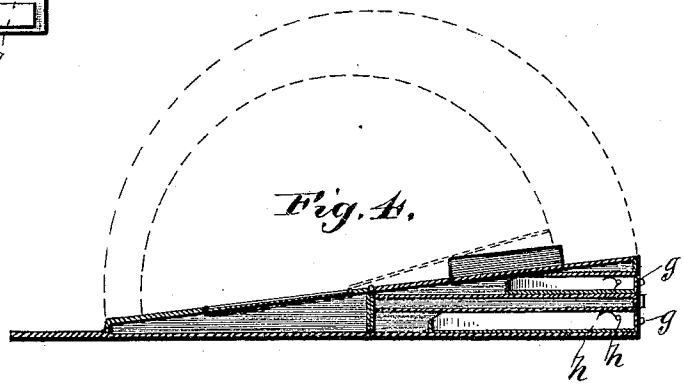


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD P. GLASCOCK, of Rensselaer, in the county of Ralls and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Desks and Card-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention has relation to portable desks, and is particularly applicable to card-writing, superscribing envelopes, and sketching.

The principal object of the invention is to hold in place cards, envelopes, paper, and the like while writing, in such manner that the cards will remain in the same position without handling or soiling the cards with the fingers by holding them.

My invention consists in forming in the higher or upper portion of the desk slots, in which may be placed elastic bands, which, when put over the ends of the cards to be written on, hold them in position until removed by the writer, all of which will be more fully hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

My invention further consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts more fully described hereinafter, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Having reference to the drawings hereto annexed, Figure 1 illustrates a perspective view of the desk in an open position ready for use. Fig. 2 is a side view in a closed position; Fig. 3, a front or end view showing its mode of fastening and also the drawers in a closed position, and Fig. 4 is a central longitudinal section taken on the line *x x* of Fig. 1.

A is the desk, B its upper portion, and C its lower portion.

D is the hinged holding device hinged to the lower portion in such manner as to be thrown over the paper or cards to be written upon; but when in the position shown in Fig. 1 it is on a level with the surface of the desk, it being let into a recess made for the purpose. This holding device D is principally designed to hold envelopes and paper; but when made short at the lower ends, as shown in dotted lines *f f*, it rests on the edge of the cards and holds them in place. When it is desired to make a fancy border around their edges, and when fancy work is to be done on paper—such as sketching or the like—the holder may be made as shown by dotted lines *t t*.

For writing cards alone, the elastic bands *a a* are preferred. These bands, when they are to be used, are slipped in from the sides through slots *b b*, and the cards inserted beneath them. When a card is finished, it is pulled out and laid aside.

c is a flexible or other tongue for fastening the folding desk together by inserting it in a keeper, *d*.

g g are drawers made in conformity to the contour of the desk, and are preferably held in place by springs *h h*, which prevent them from falling out of their position.

Paper and other material may be kept in the lower hollow portion beneath the supplemental lid or holding device D.

It is obvious that several modifications of the card-holding device may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention; and therefore I do not desire to confine myself to the forms shown.

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

1. In a portable desk, the combination of the upper and lower portions hinged and adapted to be folded together, said upper portion being provided with retaining-slots in its opposite sides adapted to receive and hold elastic bands for securing the paper or other material in position, and a holder or hand-rest pivoted to and provided with a seat or socket in the lower portion of the desk and capable of being swung over to rest upon the material to be operated upon.

2. A portable writing-desk provided with slots in its opposite sides extending inwardly

a suitable distance and open on the upper and vertical sides of the desks, in combination with elastic bands adapted to be inserted in said slots and extend above the desk and hold the material to be written upon tightly in place upon the upper face of the desk, as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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