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Fig. 1.

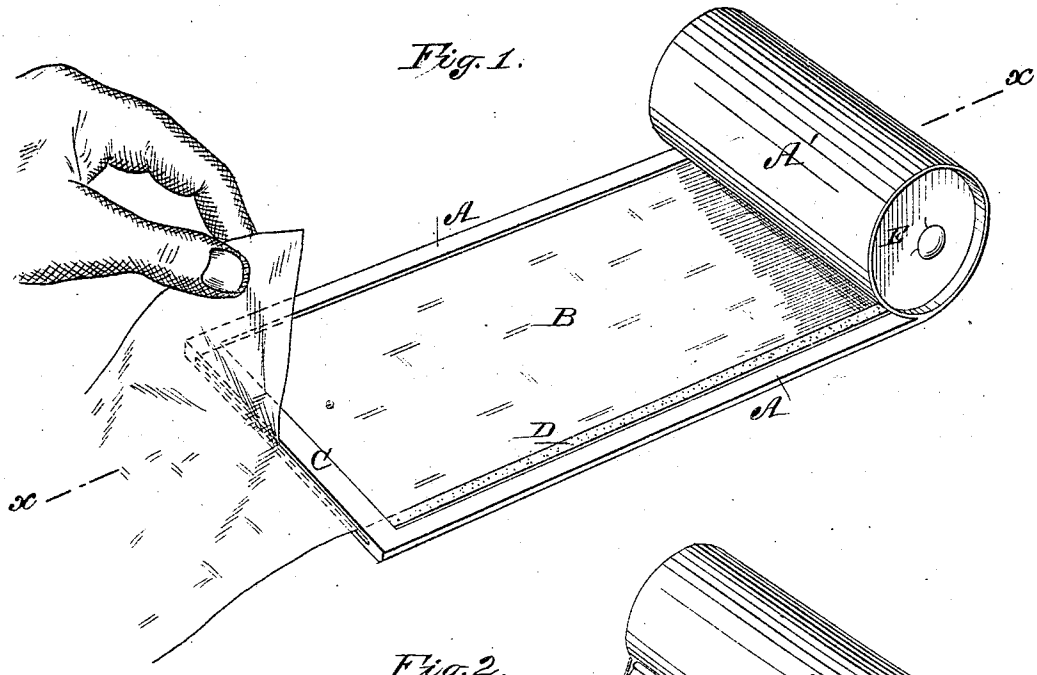


Fig. 2.

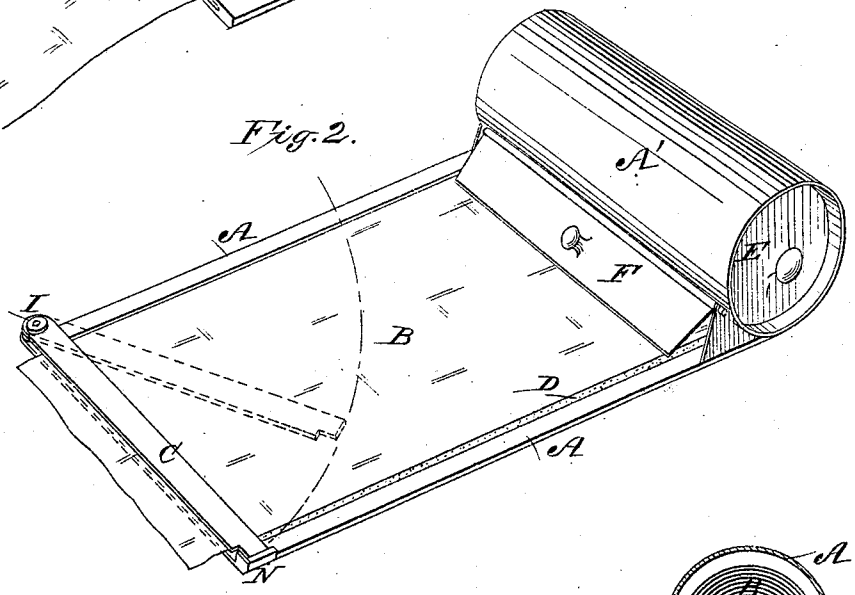
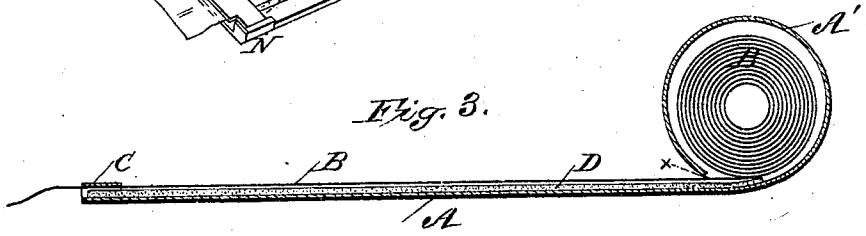


Fig. 3.



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PORTABLE WRITING-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SETH WHEELER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Albany, in the county of Albany and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Writing-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

These improvements relate, first, to a combination of a case for retaining a roll of continuous sheets of note or letter paper with a writing-tablet, on which such paper is unwound, as may be desired, for use; second, to the combination of the case for retaining a roll of note or letter paper and the writing-tablet with a knife-edge cross-bar, on which the portions of the paper written upon may be severed from off of the roll of paper; third, to the combination of a roll of note or letter paper with a case in which it is contained and a tablet over which the paper is drawn for use.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portable writing-case constructed according to my improvements. Fig. 2 is a modification of such a portable case as shown in Fig. 1, also in perspective. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal cross-section taken through the line *x x* of Fig. 1.

A is a tablet.

B is a roll of continuous single sheets of note or letter paper drawn from a case, A′, connected to one end of the tablet A.

C is a knife-edge cross-bar placed across the other end of the tablet, on which the portion of the paper written upon (sufficient to make up one sheet of note or letter paper) is severed, as seen in Fig. 1.

D is a pad or piece of blotting-paper, which may, if desired, be placed underneath the sheet written upon, so that after severing the sheet from the roll it may be relieved of surplus ink.

E is the cover to the opening in the case A′, through which the roll of paper is inserted in the said case. The paper is drawn by its end out through a slot, *x*, in the lower portion of the case onto the tablet A.

In the modification shown in Fig. 2 the paper may be cut off by means of a cutter, F, attached by pivot to the lower portion of the case A′ just above the opening where the paper runs out from the said case, the cross-bar C being pivoted at I, so as to be swung off to one side of the tablet A, in order to release the portion of paper written upon for that purpose.

N is a socket, into which the free end of the cross-bar rests and is retained, in order to keep down the sheet of paper. The outer edge of the paper is beneath the cross-bar while it is being written upon.

These portable writing-cases are for use in the drawing-room, in the counting-house, or in car, boat, or open field. For artist tourists the note-paper may be replaced by sketching-paper. The tablet portion can be constructed of flexible material, so that after use it may be folded up around and be concentric with the roll-case, in order to allow of greater compactness for stowage away.

Some of the advantages of these improvements are as follows: Quite a large amount of note-paper can be very compactly stored ready for use at all times, in a convenient form. The paper is perfectly protected from dust, dirt, and dampness. More than double the amount of paper can be so stored than is bound in the ordinary paper pads, and no annoyance is experienced from gummed or pasted edges. When folded up the writing-case can be easily, by reason of its cylindrical form, carried in the pocket. A portable inkstand may be attached to one of its ends.

I claim—

1. The case for the roll of writing or sketching paper, in combination with the writing-tablet on which said paper is unwound and sustained while in use, substantially as described.

2. The case for the roll of writing or sketching paper and the tablet on which said paper is unwound and sustained while in use, in combination with the knife-edge cross-bar, on which to sever the portion of paper containing the writing or sketches from the rest of the roll, substantially as described.

3. As an article of manufacture, a portable writing-case consisting of the case or paper receptacle and the attached tablet, all arranged and adapted for use substantially as described.

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