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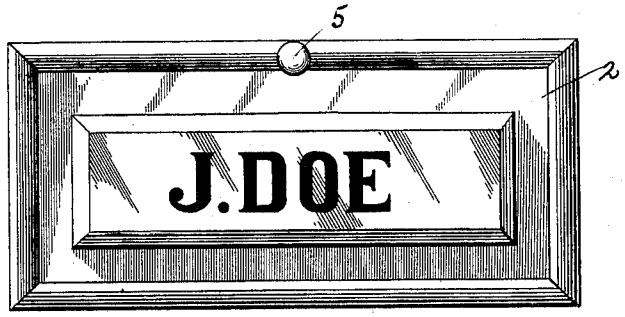



Fig. 1.

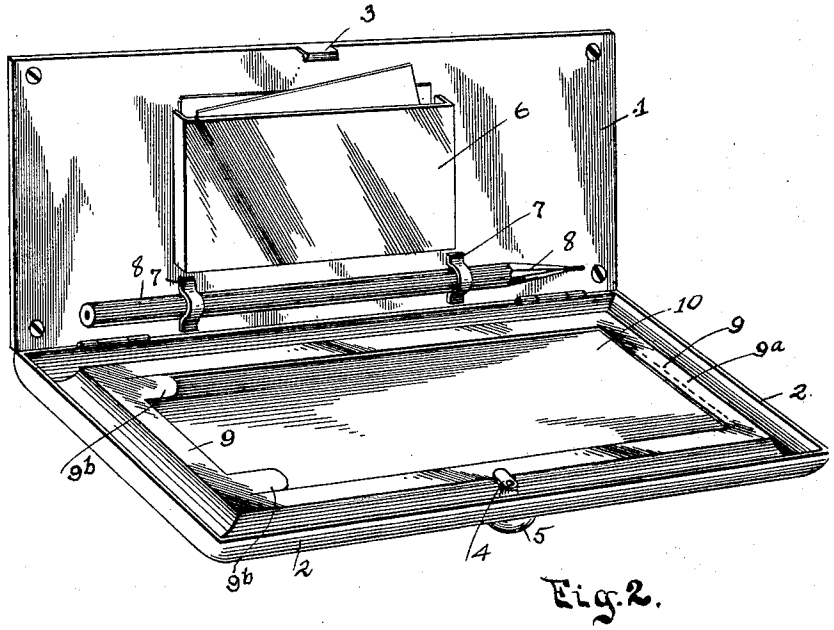



Fig. 2.

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## DOOR-PLATE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES D. BROOKE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Coshocton, in the county of Coshocton and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Door-Plates, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the improvement of door-plates; and the objects of my invention are to provide a combined door-plate, card, and note-book or paper-pad receptacle and to produce certain improvements in details of construction and arrangement of parts, which will be fully pointed out hereinafter. These objects I accomplish in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved door-plate, showing the same in its closed position; and Fig. 2 is a view in perspective thereof, showing the same open.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In carrying out my invention I employ a back plate 1, which is adapted to be fixed by screws or otherwise to the outer face of a door. To the lower edge of the plate 1 is hinged an outer plate 2, the latter being adapted to be employed as a name-plate, the desired name being printed, painted, or otherwise made to appear on the outer side of said plate 2.

In constructing the base or rigid plate 1 I provide the same with a suitable catch projection 3 in its upper portion, with which is adapted to be engaged a rotatable latch 4, operated by a projecting head or button 5 on the outer side of the plate-section 2. On the inner face of the plate 1 I provide a shallow card receptacle or pocket 6, into the open upper side of which may be introduced calling-cards, notes, &c. Below this card-receptacle I provide suitable keepers 7, within which may be detachably supported a pencil 8. On the inner side of the plate-section 2 I form a raised oblong frame 9, which is adapted to receive a paper pad or note-book 10, which, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 2, may have its edges projected beneath the flanged upper sides $9^a$ of the frame 9 and may be further held in place by inwardly-projecting fingers $9^b$ of said frame.

In utilizing my invention as a door-plate it is obvious that the plate-section 2 is closed and latched in connection with the section 1, in which position it will serve as an ordinary name-plate for doors; but by unlatching and lowering the plate-section 2 it is obvious that cards or notes of callers may be inserted in the pocket or receptacle 6 and notes or other communications may be written upon the paper pad 10.

It will be seen that a door-plate of the construction shown and described may be produced in a neat and attractive form and that the same will be exceedingly convenient for the purposes set forth.

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

In a door-plate, the combination with a plate-section 1 adapted to be fixed in connection with a door, a card-receptacle thereon, and pencil-holding keepers secured to said door adjacent to said receptacle, of a plate-section 2 hinged to the section 1 and having a pad-receiving frame on its inner side, fingers $9^b$ projecting inward from said frame and adapted to aid in holding the pad within the same, and means for detachably latching said sections in connection with each other, substantially as specified.

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