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Fig. 1.

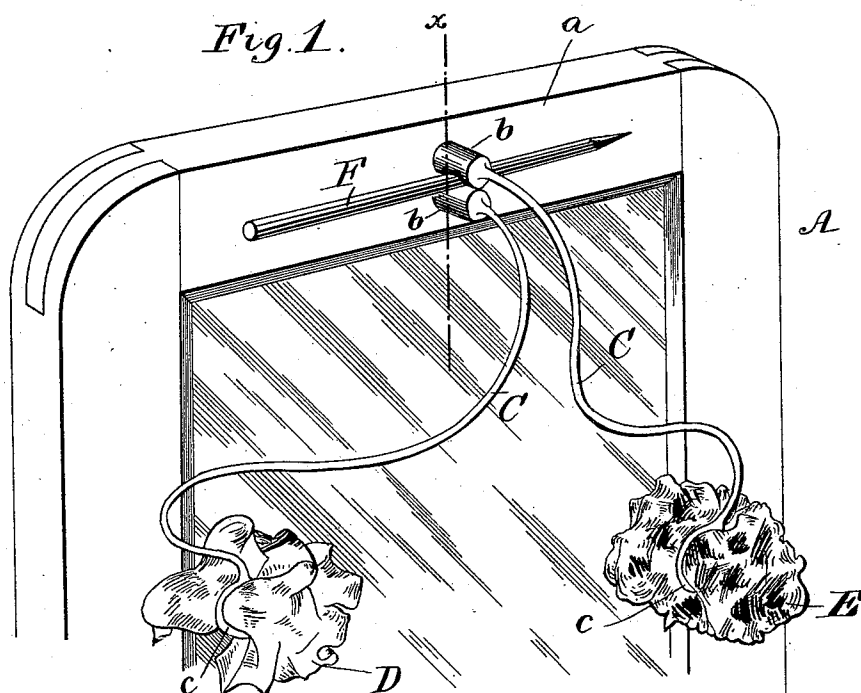


Fig. 2.

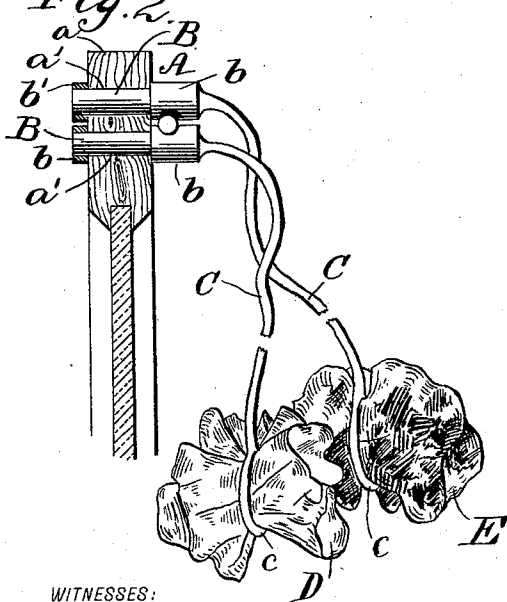
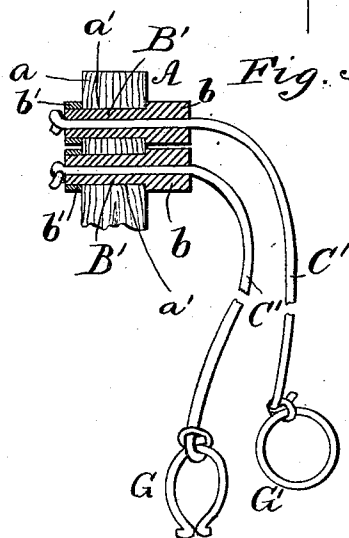


Fig. 3.



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SLATE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD TREVANION PATTON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Savannah, county of Chatham, and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Slates, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to improvements in slates, the object thereof being to supply an article of this character with permanently-attached means for retaining cleansing material and for carrying and securing a pencil, whereby these articles are always at hand ready for use. The improvement can be attached to slates of common construction without weakening the general structure, and only a slight additional cost is entailed, while an exceedingly useful attachment is provided for the same.

The invention will be hereinafter fully described, and specifically set forth in the annexed claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is perspective view of the upper half of a slate having my improved device attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional elevation taken on a line *xx* of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a similar view illustrating a slightly-modified structure.

In the practice of my invention any ordinary slate-frame A is provided through one section thereof, preferably the top section *a*, with two parallel apertures *a'*. Engaging with these apertures are rubber plugs B, having enlarged heads *b* formed integrally therewith. Projected from the face of these said heads and preferably forming an integral part thereof are rubber strings or cords C, which have rings *c* formed on the outer ends thereof. These said rings are adapted to contain, respectively, a cloth D and a sponge E for cleansing the face of the slate.

The plugs B are preferably held in secure engagement with the framework of the slate by means of collars *b'*, which said collars are

cemented, vulcanized, or otherwise secured to the ends of the plugs B.

The heads *b* are placed adjacent to each other, so that in conjunction they act as a clamp for holding and retaining any suitable pencil employed, whereby the user of the slate will have a handy combination of all the materials essential for use.

I do not confine myself to the specific details of mere mechanical construction, as illustrated by Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, as it is obvious that under the scope of my invention I am entitled to slight structural variations. For instance, as illustrated by Fig. 3 of the drawings, the plugs B' may be hollow and the strings C' can be passed therethrough and knotted at one end for the purpose of retaining them. These said strings may have suitable fastening devices G and G' secured to their outer ends, the device G being in the nature of a spring-clip for retaining the cleansing material and the device G' being simply a metallic ring.

In the use of the invention it is obvious that the pliable nature of the strings will allow for cleansing the slate on either side thereof, and they should be of a sufficient length to reach any portion of the slate-face.

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

1. A slate having two adjacent resilient projections extended from the frame thereof adapted for clamping a pencil, said projections having strings extended therefrom for retaining the device on the ends thereof for engagement with cleansing material, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination of a slate and two adjacent projections extended from the face of the frame thereof, said projections being of resilient material and having strings extended therefrom, which strings have securing devices upon their outer ends for engagement with material adapted for cleansing the slate, substantially as shown and described.

3. The combination of a slate-frame with two plugs of rubber or other resilient material secured thereto, said plugs having heads

thereon for engagement with a pencil, and
strings projected therefrom, and retaining
devices upon the ends thereof for receiving
cleansing material, substantially as shown
5 and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
my invention I have signed my name, in pres-

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