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WRITER'S GUIDE AND PAD.


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAUDE BOYDE, a citizen of the United States, residing at 116 West One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, in the city of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Writers' Guides and Pads; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention has relation to an appliance for the use of the blind whereby they may be enabled to keep a given straight line or series of straight lines in the course of writing.

One of the main advantages of the improvement is that it supplies a very simple means for guiding the blind writer in following a number of successive lines, while writing, and at the same time permitting the pen or pencil to go below the line in the formation of letters in which this is necessary, such as the letters y and q.

The invention is illustrated in its preferred form in the accompanying drawing in perspective.

As shown in this drawing, the device comprises a pad or board 10 of any convenient material, supplied with notches 11 or other guiding means at the two sides and with an elastic cord 12 of appropriate tension extending across the paper and preferably taking the form of a complete band surrounding the pad or board and entering the notches on the two sides.

At 13 is shown the sheet or sheets of paper which are to be written upon and which are placed upon the pad or board below the cord or band. If desired, a clip 14 may be employed to hold the sheet or sheets in place. By moving the band from one pair of notches or their equivalents to another as the lines are completed, a suitable guide is provided which can be followed by the sense of touch and at the same time the elasticity of the band permits the pencil to be carried temporarily below the line for the formation of letters which require it.

It is to be understood that any equivalent for the notches which will occur to one skilled in the art, may be employed, and that I am not limited in this respect or in the use of a complete band surrounding the pad, except as specifically called for in the following claims.

What I claim is—

1. A writing pad having pairs of guides at intervals down the sides thereof, in combination with an elastic cord adapted to extend from one of said guides to the other in each pair and to be moved from one pair of guides to the next at will.

2. A writing pad provided with pairs of guides placed at intervals down the sides thereof, in combination with a complete elastic band surrounding the pad and adapted to be moved from one pair of guides to another at will.

3. A writing pad provided with suitably spaced notches down each side and an elastic band adapted to surround said pad and fall into said pairs of notches.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

MAUDE BOYDE.

Witnesses:

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