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## COMBINED BOOK CLAMP AND PORTFOLIO.

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Fig. 1.

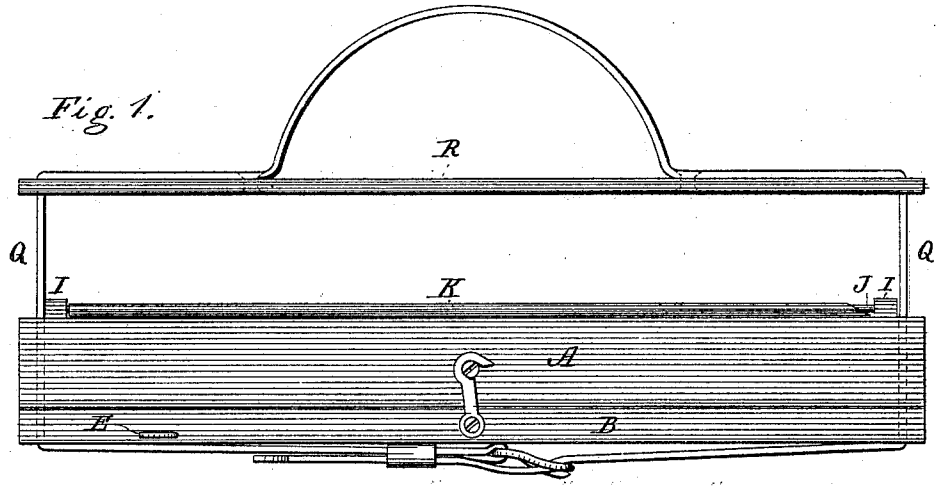
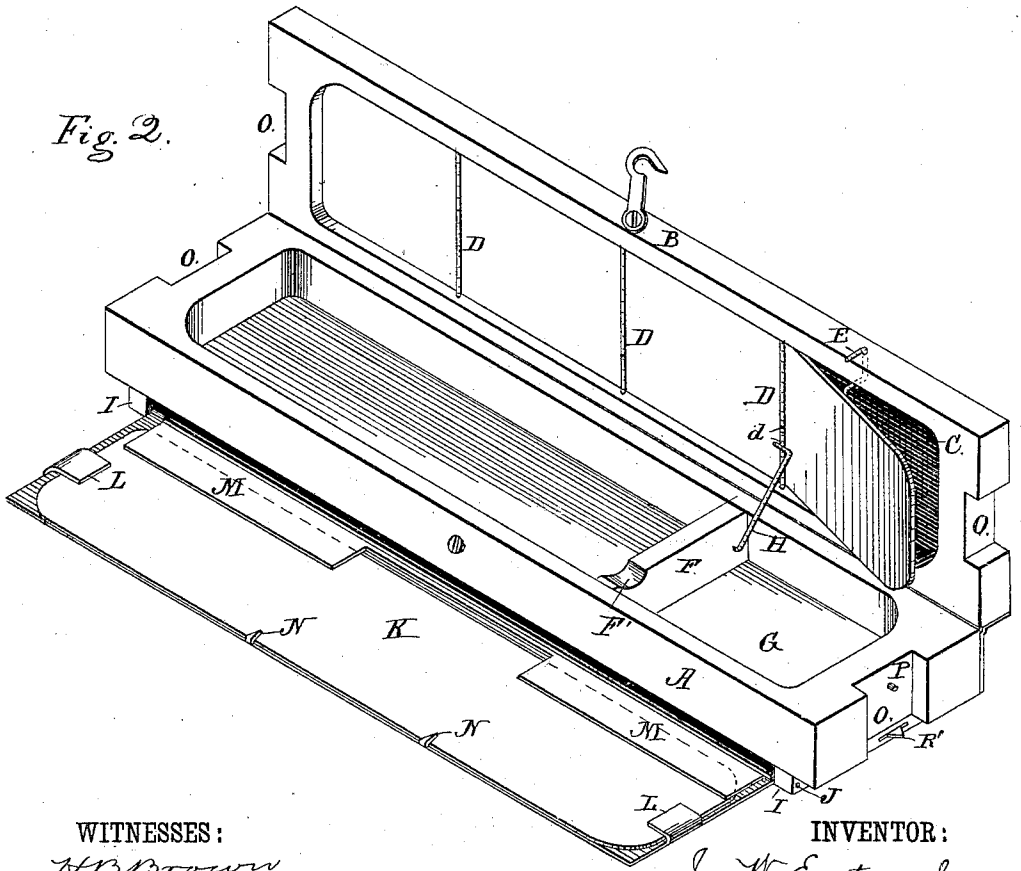



Fig. 2.




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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN WESLEY EASTWOOD, of Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Combined Book-Clamps and Portfolios, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the annexed drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to devices for the use of pupils in carrying books, pens, pencils, &c., and which are also adapted for being used as copy-holders for those learning to write, and for other purposes; and the invention consists of the novel construction hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved book-clamp and portfolio, showing the same in position for holding a book; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the portfolio detached and opened, as when it serves as a copy-holder.

The portfolio, which is in some respects an improvement on that shown in Letters Patent No. 161,872, granted to me April 13, 1875, consists of an elongated box, A, having a lid, B, hinged thereto in any suitable manner, which is provided with a recess, C, and wires D, arranged across the recess to form a receptacle for copy-plates. A bent wire, E, is arranged in the recess C, with one end projecting through a perforation in the lid, whereby it may be turned to a given position to press one end of the copy-plates out of the recess C, in order that they may be readily drawn out when wanted. The box A is to be lined with cloth to prevent noise, due to the shaking about of the pencils, &c., when the box is moved, and it is provided with a partition, F, to form a pen-rack, F′, and a receptacle, G, for pens. To this partition is pivoted a brace-wire, H, adapted to engage with notches *d* in the wire D, nearest thereto, to hold the lid B in a raised position.

The bottom of the box A is provided with cross-pieces I at the ends, to serve as supports, and also as bearings for the wire J, upon which the copy-holder K is hinged.

The copy-holder is a plate, made preferably of tin, and provided with cleats L M N, overlying its upper surface when in position for use. The copy-plate is to be inserted under the cleats L M first, and then drawn back under the cleats N, making it even with the front edge of copy-holder.

In use the copy-holder rests upon the paper, and, together with the box, is to be adjusted on the written sheet so as to keep it always just above the line being written. To prevent the copy-holder from blotting the written page it is to be provided on the under side with slight projections to hold it out of contact with the surface.

In drawing, the copy-holder may be used as a ruler. In copying manuscript an ordinary rubber band, as a matter of convenience, may be stretched across the top of the box and secured to the pins P in the ends of the box, and a sheet of the manuscript may be passed between the bottom of the box and the copy-holder, and its top bent back over the box and confined by the band. As the copying progresses the sheet is to be drawn forward and back under the band.

To adapt them for use as part of a book-clamp the box and lid are provided with a rectangular recess, O, in each end, and a pin, P, in the recess, adapted to engage with a perforated strap, Q, which is riveted to a wooden strip, R, also having recesses in its ends for accommodating and holding the strap. The recesses in the ends of the lid and box and the pins in the recesses serve to assist in holding the strap in position when buckled around the strip R and the portfolio. The pins P serve to connect the strip R and the strap Q with the box, and afford a simple and easy means of adjustment, since the ends of the strap need only to be brought up around the books and hooked on the pins.

With such a construction a buckle for connecting the ends of the strap together is unnecessary, a loop for confining the ends being sufficient.

The books, it will be understood, are to be clamped between the said strip and the portfolio.

The copy-holder, when not in use, is to be folded against the bottom of the box and secured by any suitable fastening, such as a button, R′.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A combined book-clamp and portfolio,

having pins at the ends for engaging and holding the ends of a perforated strap, substantially as shown and described.

2. The portfolio having its lid recessed and provided with cross-wires for holding copy-plates, and having the bent wire adapted to turn out the ends of the said plates, as and for the purpose described.

3. The combination, with the box, of the copy-holder consisting of a plate having cleats L M N for holding a copy-plate, and adapted to be folded against the bottom of the box and secured in said position, substantially as shown and described.

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