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SKETCHING PAD.

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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

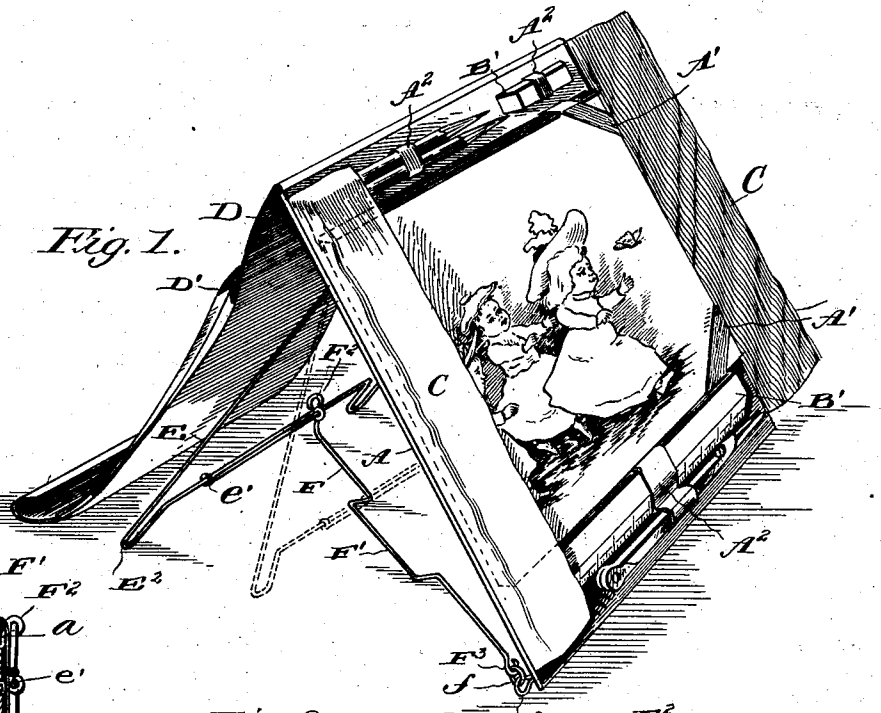


Fig. 2.

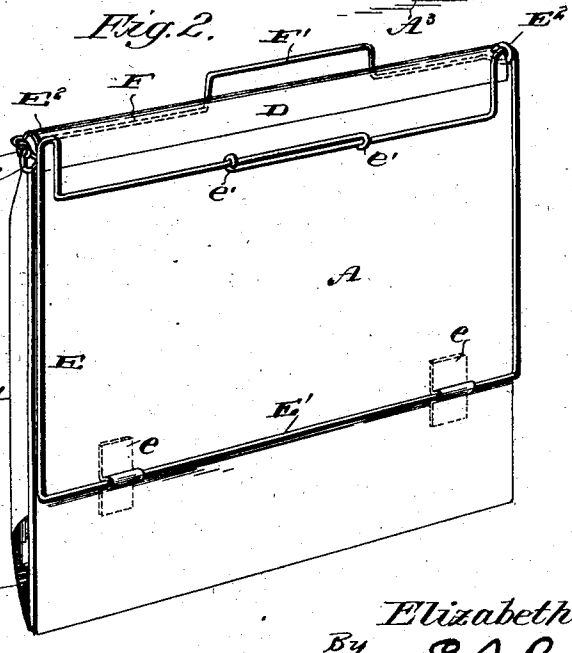
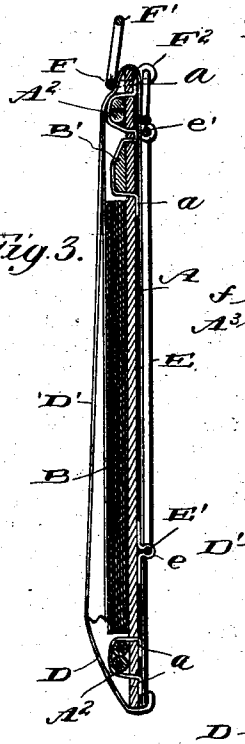


Fig. 3.



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SKETCHING-PAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIZABETH A. CHESTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sketching-Pads, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to sketching-pads, and more particularly to a pad of this character which may be conveniently transported from place to place and the drawing materials securely held and protected.

The invention has for its object to provide a pad upon which a series of sheets of drawing-paper may be removably supported and which may contain a suitable receptacle for the completed sketches.

It has for a further object to provide adjusting means by which the inclination of the pad can be adjusted to suit the convenience of the person using the same.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear in the following description, and the novel features thereof will be particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective of the pad arranged for use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same in a folded or closed condition for transportation, and Fig. 3 is a central vertical section through Fig. 2.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several figures of the drawings.

The letter A designates a back or foundation, which may be formed of any suitable rigid material, and it is provided upon its surface with a series of elastic corner pockets or clips A′, which are adapted to receive and hold the corners of a series of sheets of drawing-paper B superimposed removably one upon another. Above and below the sheets of drawing-paper are retaining devices or clips A^2 for holding and retaining in position the drawing instruments and utensils B′, which may be desired to be employed by the person using the pad. These retaining means A^2 are secured in position upon the board by passing the free ends of a strip of material through the board and securing these ends to the rear surface of the board, as shown at *a*. It is obvious, however, that the retaining means may be secured in any desired manner.

At opposite sides of the back or foundation A flexible flaps C are secured and adapted to fold inward, so as to cover and protect the edges of the pad and articles secured upon the board. At the upper portion of the board a flexible cover D is secured, which cover is provided with a pocket D′, adapted to receive and retain the sketching or drawing paper, which may be removed from the back or foundation after having been used. These flaps and cover are preferably formed of waterproof material, so as to protect the board and sketching-paper from moisture, and the rear surface of the board is similarly covered, so that when the parts are folded in the position for transportation, as shown in Fig. 2, all the sketches and articles carried by the board will be protected from moisture or other injury. In order to support the back or foundation in an inclined position upon the desk or table or other object where sketching may be done, a brace E is provided and secured to the board by means of clips *e*, fastened to the rear surface of the board and embracing the horizontal portion E′ of the brace. The brace may be formed of a single piece of wire bent to form feet E^2 at one portion thereof and the ends joined by being bent around each other, as shown at *e*′. The feet of this brace rest upon the surface on which the pad is supported and the inclination of the brace varied by means of an adjusting-bar F, pivotally connected at one end with the board by means of a loop or eye A^3, projecting from the corner of the board. The adjusting-bar is provided centrally with an angularly-bent portion F′, which constitutes a handle therefor, and is also adapted to engage with the brace to regulate the inclination of the same. The free end of the bar F is provided with a hook F^2, projecting at an angle to the body of the bar and adapted to engage the lower portion of the brace to regulate its inclination or to engage with one of the feet E′ of the brace to transport the pad, as shown in Fig. 2. The end of the adjusting-bar next to the loop A^3 is provided with

an eye F^3, which is pivotally connected to the loop by means of a link *f*.

It will be seen from the foregoing description that the brace may be adjusted at one inclination by engaging the hooked end F^2 of the bar with one of the projections *e'* upon the brace, as shown in full lines in Fig. 1, or the inclination may be varied by moving the brace into the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1 and engaging the same with an angular portion of the handle F' upon the bar F. It will also be observed that numerous other adjustments may be secured by engaging the several portions of the adjusting-bar with the feet or other portions of the brace.

When the pad is to be folded for transportation, the flexible cover and pocket are folded over the pad upon which the flaps C have been already folded, the free end of the pocket carried over the edge of the back, and the hooked end F^2 of the bar F engaged with one of the feet E^2, as shown in Fig. 2, so that the brace E bears against the overturned edge of the pocket and the weight of the pad supported from the loop A^3 and foot portion E^2 of the brace.

In use it will be observed that the drawing instruments are conveniently supported upon the foundation or back and that the sheet of drawing-paper may be removed as the sketch is completed and placed in the flexible pocket, so as to be retained and protected thereby. A pad of this description is particularly adapted for use by scholars in receiving drawing instructions in school, as it can be adjusted to the proper inclination upon the top of the table or desk and all of the necessary instruments retained in position adjacent to the drawing-papers. The scholar after receiving his instruction can neatly fold up the pad, and thus retain the work in a neat and convenient manner for transportation from the school or for proper storage until again desired for use. It will be further observed that the pad is particularly adapted to outdoor sketching, as when folded it can be readily transported by hand and quickly arranged for use when desired.

The details of construction have been particularly described; but it is obvious that changes can be made therein and in the configuration of the parts without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having described my invention and set forth its merits, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A sketching-pad comprising a back or foundation having upon its face a series of sheets of drawing-paper superimposed removably upon each other, devices for removably retaining drawing instruments, a brace pivoted to the back of said pad, and a bar pivoted at one end to the back by a connection which permits the opposite end to engage different horizontal portions of said brace for adjusting the pad at different angles and forming a handle therefor; substantially as specified.

2. A sketching-pad provided with a brace pivoted upon the back thereof, an adjusting-bar pivoted by a universal connection at one end to a corner of the back and provided at its free end with means to engage the body of the brace, and means at an opposite corner of the back to engage said free end when the brace is used as a handle; substantially as specified.

3. A sketching-pad provided with a pivoted brace and with a cross-bar pivotally connected at one end to the pad, formed centrally with a handle portion, and formed at the other end for removable connection with the brace, substantially as specified.

4. In a sketching-pad, a brace pivotally connected to the foundation thereof to fold against the same and provided with feet at opposite ends, and a cross-bar universally pivoted at one end to one corner of said foundation and at its opposite free end provided with a hooked portion to engage one end foot of the brace when the latter is folded against the pad; substantially as specified.

5. A sketching-pad comprising a back or foundation, a loop extending from one corner thereof, an adjusting-bar pivotally connected to said loop and provided centrally with an angular handle portion, a hooked extension extending at an angle to said handle, a pivoted brace carried by said back and adapted to be engaged by said bar to vary its inclination, substantially as specified.

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

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