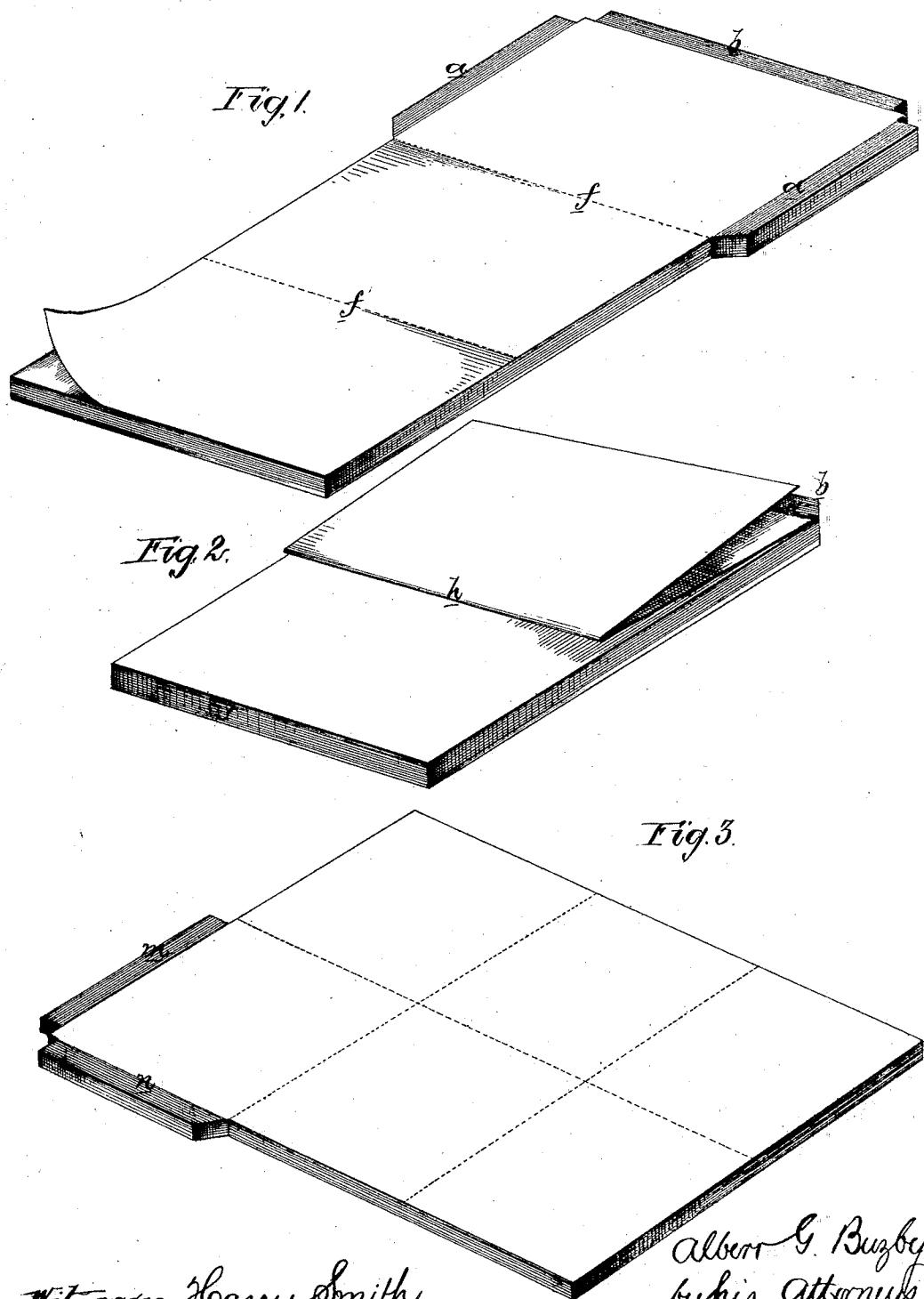


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POSTAL PAPER TABLETS.

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IMPROVEMENT IN POSTAL-PAPER TABLETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT G. BUZBY, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented a Postal-Paper Tablet, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to make a tablet of a number of sheets of paper creased and gummed ready for folding and securing in the shape of a letter or note, and yet so thoroughly pressed and snugly packed that as long as each sheet constitutes a part of the tablet, it can be written upon without any interference by the creaser with the writing pen, the tablet thus constructed being especially serviceable for travelers or others whose correspondence is extensive.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved tablet, which consists of a series of sheets, either ruled or plain, of paper of the form shown, the bottom sheet of the tablet being, preferably, of stiff paper or pasteboard. Each sheet has opposite lips *a a*, and an end lip, *b*, and all these lips are properly gummed and creased, indented, or punctured on the lines on which they have to be folded. Each sheet is also creased or indented on the lines *f f'*, so that when the sheet is detached it can be readily folded, first on the line *f'*, then on the line *f*, after which the lips *a a* and *b* can be turned down and gummed to the folded body of the letter.

It should be understood that while the creases or indentation facilitate the proper folding of the sheet when detached, they are so slight and the series of sheets are so tightly compressed together that the creases, as they appear on the face of the paper or the tablet, are of too incipient a character to interfere

with the continuous and convenient writing on the sheet. It is only when the latter is detached and bent that creases appear prominently.

In Fig. 2 each sheet has but one gummed lip, *b*, at one end, and a crease, *h*, in the middle, a plan which may be adopted for letters with open ends. In Fig. 3 each sheet has two gummed lips, *m* and *n*, and has one longitudinal and two transverse creases, so that the sheet may be folded to a square form and secured by the gummed folds in a manner too evident to need description. The sheets composing the tablet may be held together by pasting the edges or securing strips of paper to the same, or by other appliances, which will retain the sheets in a compact mass, and permit the ready removal of sheet after sheet from the package.

I wish it to be understood that I do not claim, broadly, a letter or note sheet creased and gummed for ready folding and fastening, and for dispensing with envelopes; but

I claim as my invention and as a new manufacture—

A tablet composed of a number of creased, indented, or punctured sheets, with gummed lips, the whole being so compressed and so retained in a compact mass that the creases will not interfere with the writing, all as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

ALBERT G. BUZBY.

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