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FOLDING SKETCH-PAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GERTRUDE MORRISON, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Folding Sketch-Pad, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in folding sketch pads or boards.

The objects of this invention are, first, to combine a sketching pad or drawing or sketching board with a receptacle for drawing or painting material; second, to make a sketching pad or board with an attached cover with which the work and material may be quickly and easily covered and protected, with especial reference to pastels; third, to make a sketching pad or board which can be easily held in one hand when in use, or transformed into a lap easel; fourth, to make a sketching board in which the paper or other surface for drawing or painting may be easily affixed and removed without injury to the same and without the use of tacks, etc.; fifth, to make a light and at the same time durable sketching pad or board, so constructed that all the apparatus for outdoor sketching may be carried in one compact parcel.

The invention consists in novel features and parts and combinations of the same which will be more fully described hereafter and then pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which the same characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all views.

Figure 1 is a top surface view of the said invention; Fig. 2 is a side view of the same; Fig. 3 is a view of the under surface; Fig. 4 is a side view when the parts composing the lap easel are in position.

To a board (A) of suitable material are fastened at one end boxes (C) suitable in size and number for the drawing or painting materials to be used. To the boxes (C) may be fastened a lid (L) lined with cotton batting or other similar material to protect the chalk, pastels, paint, etc. To the opposite end of the board (A) is attached by hinges (H H) a flap (D), preferably of slightly flexible metal, which turns down over the space (B) where drawing paper, etc., is to be placed, and is held flat by buttons (G G) or pivoted clips with sufficient

play on their pivots to allow the introduction under them of the flap (D) and the necessary amount of drawing paper, thereby holding said paper in place without puncturing or injuring it. At the other end of the space (B) where it adjoins the boxes (C) is fastened a wire (F), slightly springy, so pivoted that it can rotate only in one plane—i. e. substantially parallel to that of the board (A). This wire when swung in at right angles to the side extends across the width of the board (A) and holds the lower edge of the paper to the space (B).

At the upper edge of the boxes (C) is fastened a cover (E), by hinges (N N), which may be composed of two flat pieces of suitable material joined at (M), the smaller piece being in width approximately the same as the height of the boxes (C) so as to allow the whole cover (E) when doubled back to fold under the board (A) at a convenient angle, the hinges (M M) being so placed and constructed that the cover (E) cannot be bent in the opposite direction but when brought over the inner side of the drawing space (B) shall be a stiff flat cover, fastened down at (S) with a clasp of suitable construction. This cover may, if preferred, be composed of a single solid piece. It should be lined with oil paper or similar material to protect the surface of the sketch when superimposed on it.

To the back of the board (A) are affixed two straps (P P), loose enough to allow the hand to be shoved flat under them so as to hold the board when in use. To back of board (A) are also hinged, at (O O), two sticks or slats (J J), held flat against the back when not in use by turn buttons (K K) but having their lower ends fitting into holes or grooves (R) in the back side of the cover (E) when it is doubled back to receive the same, as shown clearly in Fig. 4, composing an easel for use when placed on the lap or table.

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

1. A device of the character described with a hinged cover, a device for attaching paper on the pad or board, boxes fixed at one end thereof, having on the under surface or back thereof straps or bands adapted for the insertion of the hand beneath them, and having also attached by hinge to the back of the said board sticks or slats

adapted to fit into holes or grooves in the outside of the hinged cover of the said board when bent back to receive the same, all substantially as set forth for the purposes
5 specified.

2. A device of the character described having a cover, attached boxes, a device for holding or setting up board when in use, and having at one end thereof a hinged
10 strip, pivoted clips to hold the same when

folded over the drawing surface and, at the other end of the drawing surface, a pivoted wire rotating on the same plane with the board, all substantially as described for the purposes specified.

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