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Paper-Pads.

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Fig: 1

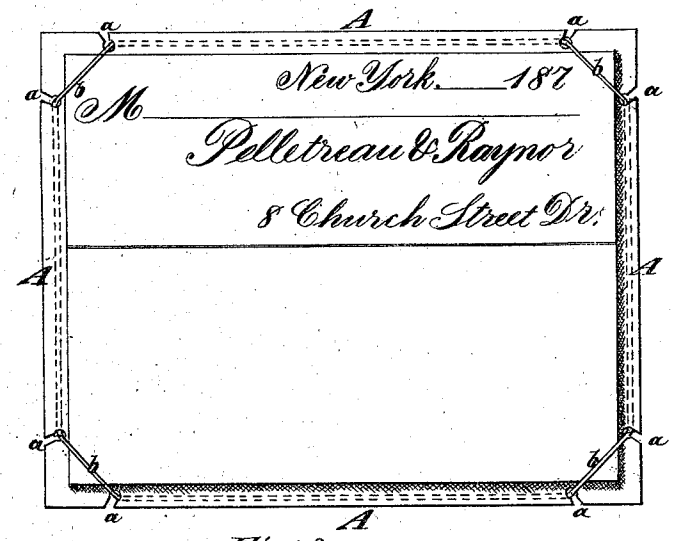


Fig: 3

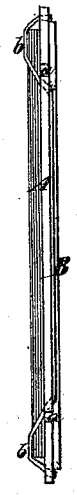
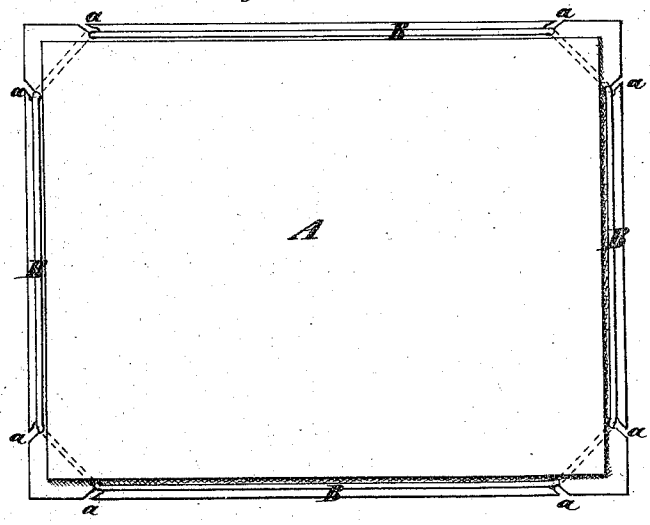


Fig: 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN PAPER PADS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAVILLION VAN CAMPEN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Blocks or Pads for Writing, Drawing, and other purposes, of which the following is a specification:

The object of this invention is to provide for making up and remaking a block or pad with commercial blanks, or drawing or writing paper, as may be desired, at a very trifling expense and very little trouble. To this end it consists in a base piece or backing notched near the corners, and an elastic band or bands so applied as to cross the corner portions of the blanks or paper of which the block or pad is made up, and so secure them in place on the backing.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a front view of a block or pad made according to my invention; Fig. 2 is a back view of the same; and Fig. 3 is an edge view thereof.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all three figures.

A is the base piece or backing on which the block or pad is to be formed. It is made of binders' board or other suitable material, and is of rectangular form. In each edge, near each corner, is a notch, *a*, through which passes a rubber band, B. This band passes around the said base piece from its back, in through the aforesaid notches *a a*, from one to the next adjacent, so as to cross the corner portions of the front of said base piece, as shown at *b b* in Fig. 1. The blanks are secured to the base piece or backing by simply having their corners inserted under the portions *b b* of the band B. Instead of single elastic band B there may be separate bands for each corner, or, if preferred, for two corners, so long as they cross the corners of the base pieces described.

The block or pad backing may be sold with or without blanks, or the latter may be supplied it to order. The purchaser may make up the block or pad himself with commercial blanks, writing or drawing paper, and when these are exhausted may remake the block in the same way. These blocks or pads may be made up at a very trifling expense and with very little trouble, it being only necessary to lay the blanks on the base piece and pull the bands or crossed portions of the same band over the corner portions of said blanks, as shown in the drawing.

Claim.

The combination of the base piece or backing A, having in its edges notches *a a*, and the elastic band or bands crossing the corner portions of the same from one notch to the next adjacent, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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