(No Model.)

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FIG. 2.

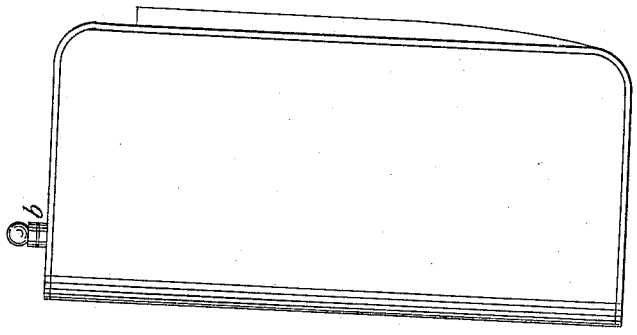
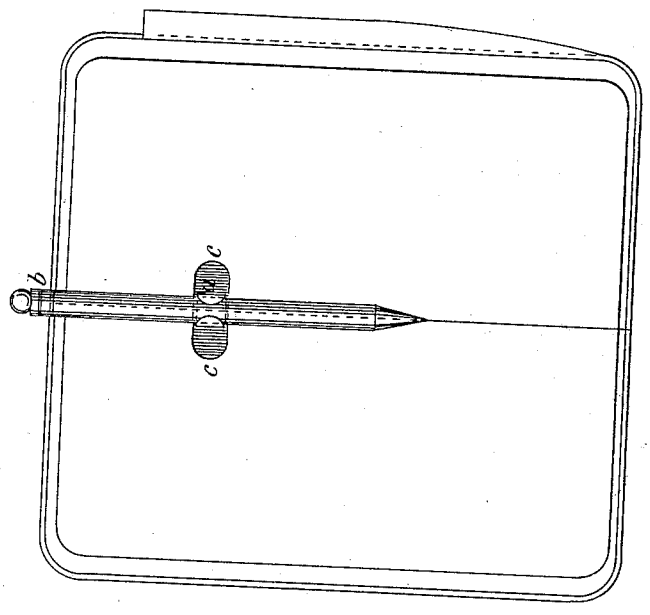


FIG. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM JOSEPH DOWNES, wholesale and manufacturing stationer and manufacturer of leather goods, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Springfield, Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, county of Kent, England, and carrying on business at 109 Queen Victoria Street, in the city of London, England, have invented new and useful Improvements in Note-Books, Memorandum-Books, Pocket and other Similar Books, (for which I have made application for Letters Patent in Great Britain, which application is numbered 1,455, and bears date January 31, 1888,) of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to render a note-book, memorandum-book, pocket or other similar book self-registering, so as to indicate the place where the last entry was made therein. This I effect by fitting the back of the book on the inside with a metallic spring clip or holder which receives a pencil or pen, and making a suitable slot through the various leaves of the book. This slot is placed about midway or in any other convenient position in the central fold of the leaves of the note or other book. Preferably I make the slot of a transverse oval form; but it may be made longitudinal, or of any convenient shape. The clip or holder is fitted on the inside of the note or other book, so as to be placed centrally in such slot, while the latter allows each leaf when turned to freely pass over such clip or holder. After making an entry in the book, by simply replacing the pencil or pen in the clip or holder and allowing the top thereof to project slightly beyond the edge of the book the place is indicated where such entry was last made, and on opening the book to make a further entry the same opens at the right place for so doing. If the slot be formed longitudinally, it may be made sufficiently long to allow the pen or pencil to rest therein without projecting above the edge of the book or other article, as the substance of such pen or pencil will be sufficient to cause the book to open at the right place in the manner already described.

Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings shows a plan view of a note-book open and made according to my invention. *a* is the metallic spring clip or holder, furnished with a pencil, *b*, and *c* the central slot in the leaves to allow of their freely passing such clip or holder as they are turned over. Fig. 2 is a plan of such book when closed, showing the top of the pencil or pen projecting above the edge thereof, thus indicating the place where the last entry was made.

Having fully described my invention, what I desire to claim and secure by Letters Patent is—

1. The combination, with a memorandum-book provided with a slot in the center portion of its leaves, of a metallic spring-clip secured to the back of the book within the said slot and adapted to receive a marker, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with a memorandum-book provided with a slot in the center of its leaves, of a metallic spring-clip secured to the back of the book within the said slot, and a pencil adapted to engage with said clip and serve as a place-marker, substantially as set forth.

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