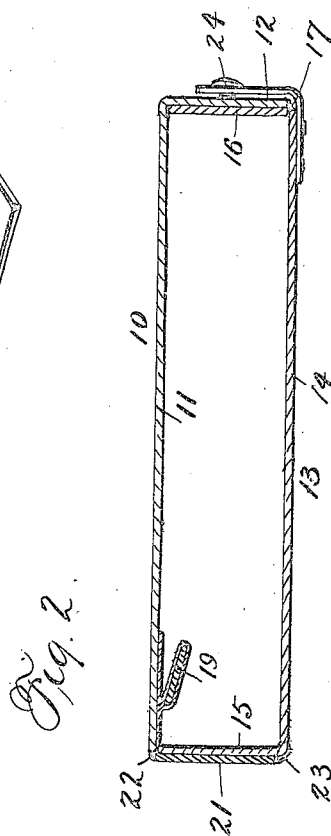
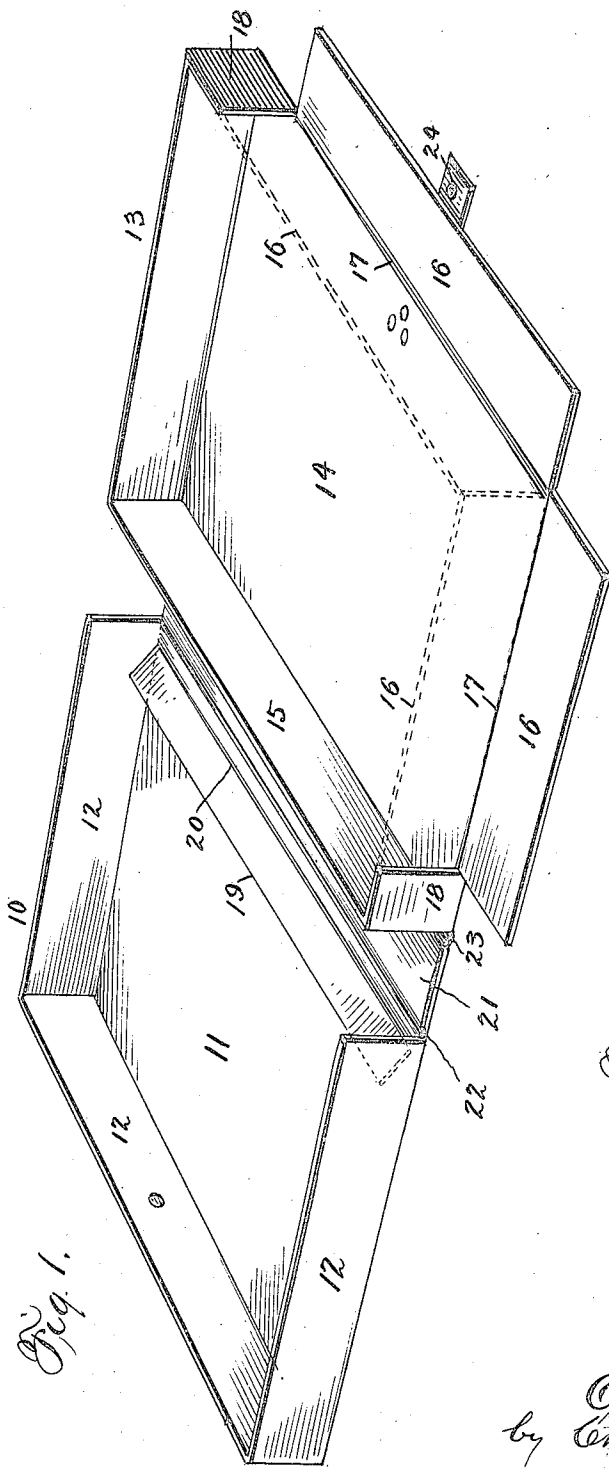


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ERNEST H. LONG, citizen of the United States, residing at Lincoln, in the county of Lancaster and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Notebook Covers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

The object of my invention is to provide a holder, or cover, for separate or loose sheets of writing paper such as those used by students or stenographers, for example, which makes unnecessary the use of rings or like connecting device and will nevertheless keep the blank and written-on sheets in order during the process of writing, will hold the blank sheets for convenient writing and which will house or cover and protect the sheets and be convenient of handling when not being used for writing, and besides having these functional advantages will be inexpensive to make and durable. My invention consists in the device or article with the characteristics of construction specified by or included within the scope of the appended claims.

In the drawings;

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a notebook or note sheet holder embodying my invention and shown as arranged for use in taking notes;

Fig. 2 is a vertical section thereof with the parts shown in the positions they occupy when the cover is closed.

My invention comprehends the use of two box-like, rectangular trays, one, 10, having a bottom 11, and three side walls 12, the fourth side being open and the other tray 13, having a bottom 14, and four side walls, two of such walls 15, being stationary or immovable, and two, 16, having a hinged connection 17, where they join the edge of the bottom 14, so that they may be turned to the horizontal position shown in full lines in Fig. 1 to the vertical position shown in dotted lines Fig. 1, these two hinged sides 16, being adjacent so that when they are turned down to the horizontal position shown in full lines in Fig. 1 there will be no obstruction whatever to the hand and forearm of the user in writing upon blank sheets lying upon the bottom 14, of the tray 13. Preferably the hinged sides 16, do not reach entirely to the adjacent sides 15, but a short stationary wall 18, is provided that

extends from each stationary side 15, to the adjacent end of the hinged side 16. Thus the sheets of blank paper upon the tray bottom 14, are confined from sidewise displacement on four sides even when the hinged sides 16, are turned down for writing.

As fast as a blank sheet in the tray 13, is filled with notes, or writing, it is transferred to the tray, 10, this operation being facilitated by having the side of the tray, 10, toward the side of the tray 13, open, and to confine the sheets placed in tray 10, from displacement through the open side and to keep them in order, I attach to the bottom 11, of the tray 10, adjacent said open side, a lip or flap 19, which is hinged at its outer edge 20, to the bottom 11, so as normally to yieldingly stand at an inclined upward position away from the open side of the tray 10, and thus overhang the edges of the sheets of paper placed into the tray 10. As the pile of sheets accumulates in the tray 10, the flap or lip 19, will swing upward to accommodate them but at all times will perform its function of confining the sheets at their edges towards what would otherwise be the open side of the tray 10. The lip or flap 19, may be a strip of cardboard covered with cloth and by means of the cloth hinged to the tray bottom, and for that matter the whole article may be of cardboard covered with cloth but I do not restrict myself to any particular material for the manufacture of holders embodying my invention.

I preferably connect the trays 10 and 13 by a hinge, and the hinge that I employ is preferably a double hinge formed by a strip 21 pivoted at one edge, 22, to the tray bottom 11 at its open side, and pivoted at 23, to the bottom of tray 13. Thus the two trays may be readily opened out to, and will remain in the open position shown in Fig. 1, or one may be closed upon another as shown in Fig. 2 after the fashion of a box and its top or cover and thereby the contents completely inclosed and the whole article placed in compact state for handling or carrying.

The parts shown in the drawing are arranged for a right-handed person, but of course, for use by a left-handed person the trays will be transposed and the hinged sides, 16, placed to suit a left-handed person.

A suitable catch to hold the tray in closed

position shown in Fig. 2 may be employed, such for example, as a snap button 24, whose cooperating members are attached to the respective trays.

- 5 In the operation of closing the book the flap or lip 19 performs the function of confining and assisting in carrying over the sheets in tray 10 into tray 13.

What I claim is:

- 10 1. An article of the character described comprising two trays situated side by side, each having side-walls, one having adjacent the other an open side, and a lip adjacent said open side.
- 15 2. An article of the character described comprising two trays situated side by side, each having side-walls, one having adjacent the other an open side, and a lip adjacent such open side, and a double hinge connection between said trays.
- 20 3. An article of the character described comprising two rectangular trays situated side by side, each having side-walls, one having three fixed side walls, and adjacent

the other an open side, two of the side walls 25 of the other tray at the outer sides thereof being movable to a horizontal position.

4. An article of the character described comprising two rectangular trays situated side by side, each having side-walls, one 30 having three fixed side walls, and adjacent the other an open side, two of the side walls of the other tray at the outer sides thereof being movable to a horizontal position, said movable walls being shorter than the sides 35 of the tray at which they are situated and the tray adjacent thereto having stationary upstanding walls.

5. An article of the character described comprising two trays situated side by side, 40 each having side-walls, one having adjacent the other an open side, and a flap hinged to the bottom of said tray adjacent its open side.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my 45 signature.

ERNEST H. LONG.