

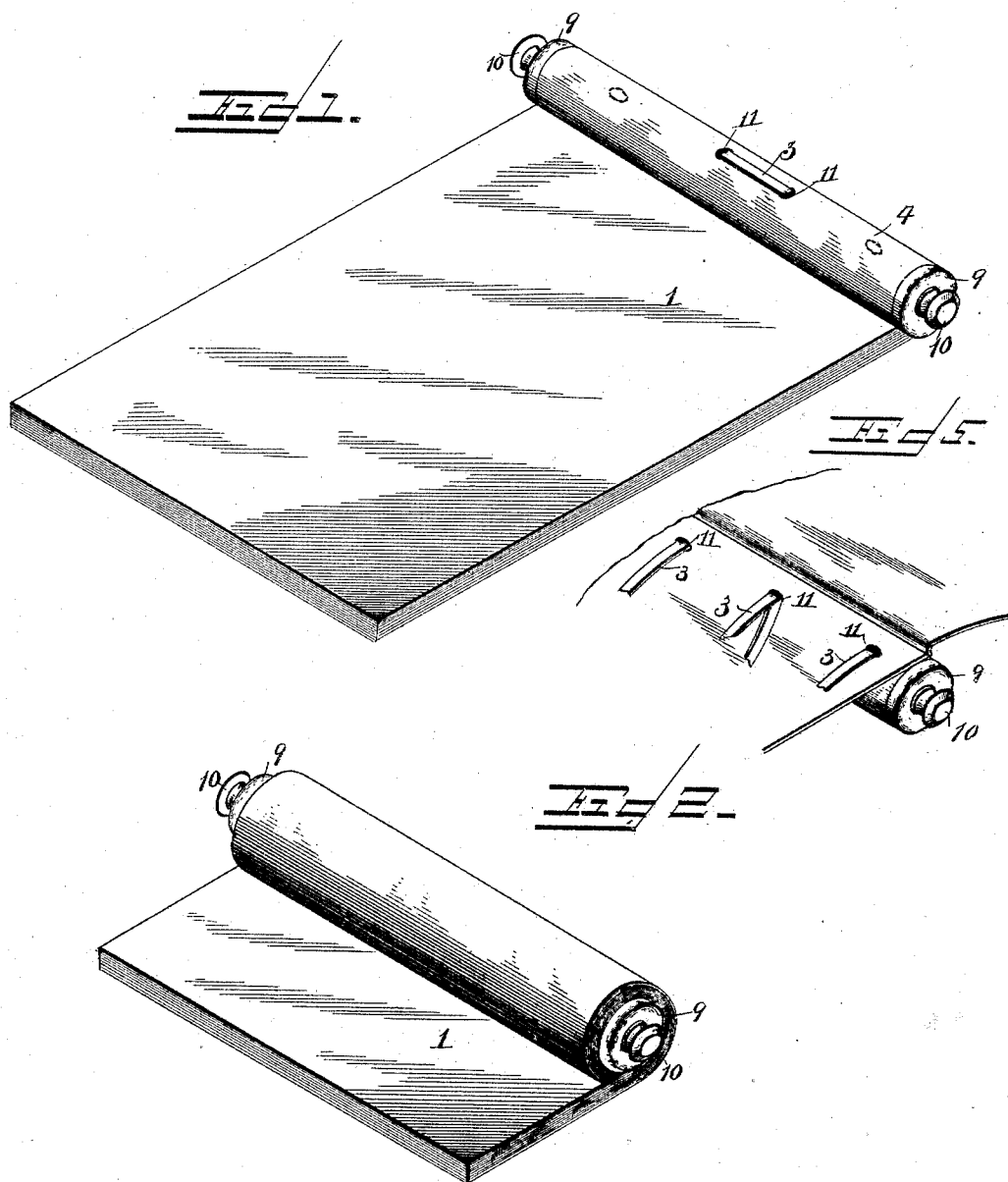
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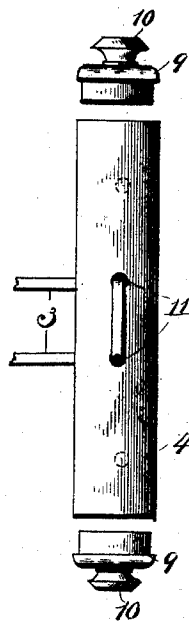
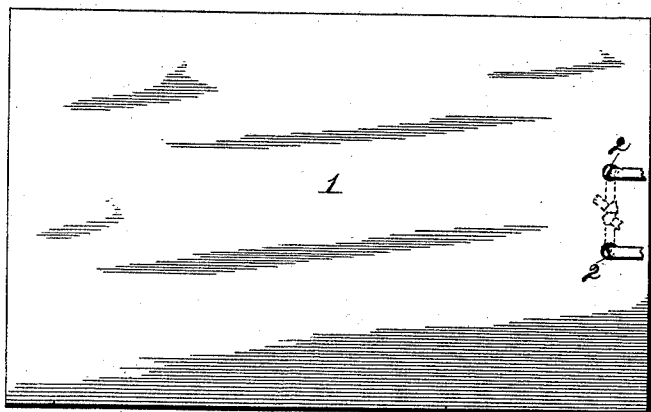
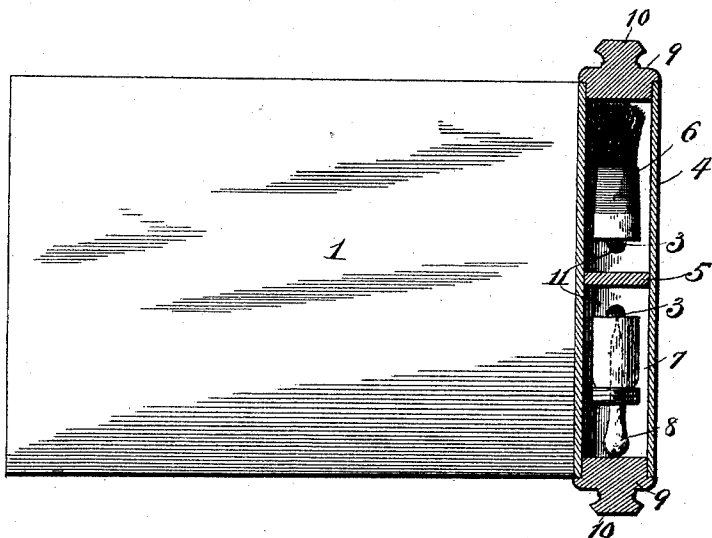


Fig. 4.



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PORTABLE LETTER-PRESS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES R. EBERLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Portable Letter-Press, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to portable letter-presses, and has special reference to that class of devices of this character wherein a flexible or rolling copying book is attached to a roller and wound thereon for the purpose of transferring or causing an impression from a manuscript or letter, and with this object in view the invention consists of the construction and arrangement of the parts thereof as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved device, showing the copying book unrolled. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the copying book shown rolled around the head or supporting tube. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the two parts disconnected and showing the ends of the tube opened by the withdrawal of removable plugs. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section of the head or supporting tube, showing the copying book in connection therewith and in plan view. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of the flexible back for containing the sheets of copying paper and shown as removably attached to the roller, the said back and roller being broken away.

Similar numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in the several views of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates a copying book of preferred form of construction so far as the arrangement of tissue leaves, blotters, and copying pads are concerned, but having at the back or binding thereof a series of eyelets 2, through which is adapted to be passed a tape or cord 3. A head or tubular support 4 is provided of inelastic material, having therein a central or otherwise positioned partition 5, to form opposite end-compartments adapted to receive a moistening brush 6, or analogous device, in one end, and a bottle of ink 7 with a filling tube 8 in connection therewith in the opposite end.

The said bottle of ink and filling tube are adapted for use in connection with a fountain pen, and the ink will be of a copying or transferring nature, thereby providing accessible means for producing transferable writing at points or places where copying ink may not be attainable or accessible, and also providing means for moistening the tissue leaves or pads for the purpose of producing the copy. The opposite ends of the head or tubular support 4 are supplied with removable plugs 9, of a suitable nature and material, but preferably formed of cork and having secured thereto knobs or handles 10 for evident purposes. The said head or tubular support 4 is also formed with a series of aligned transverse openings 11, through which the tape or cord 3 attached to the copying book 1 is passed, and said copying book is thereby removably secured to the said head or tubular support. By this means a copying book that has become filled or completed may be readily detached and another supplied in place thereof without delay or inconvenience, thereby making one head or support serve its desired function with a number of copying books. After a copying book has become filled or completed it may be conveniently stored and serve as a means of ready reference when desired.

It will be seen that by means of the device herein set forth a convenient letter-transfer is provided for travelers or others temporarily stopping at hotels or other public places where copying inks, books, and the necessary appurtenances are not attainable, and thereby make it convenient for obtaining a record of correspondence which is often valuable and necessary.

It will be understood that bottles of ink, pens and pencils, or other writing materials can be readily placed within the roller or head equally as well as the devices shown in the accompanying drawings, and be arranged in convenient combination for various purposes. As shown by Fig. 5, it is preferable that the roller and flexible back be attached to each other, as many openings and tapes being employed as found desirable and necessary. The copying leaves formed of tissue, which are adapted to be mounted in the flexible back,

are all eyeleted together and when they become filled may be readily removed and properly stored as a means of ready reference. This is the preferred form of arrangement, though, if found desirable, the preceding forms may be employed with equal efficiency.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

In a device of the character set forth, the combination of a tubular head or support having a series of transverse aligned openings extending therethrough, a series of tissue copying leaves eyeleted together and mounted in a back or cover and adapted to

receive a subsequent binder, and a tape or cord passed through the said eyelets of the leaves and the openings of said head or support and removably attaching the said leaves to the said head or support, substantially as described. 20

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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