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LETTER-PRESS COPY-BOOK.

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Fig 1

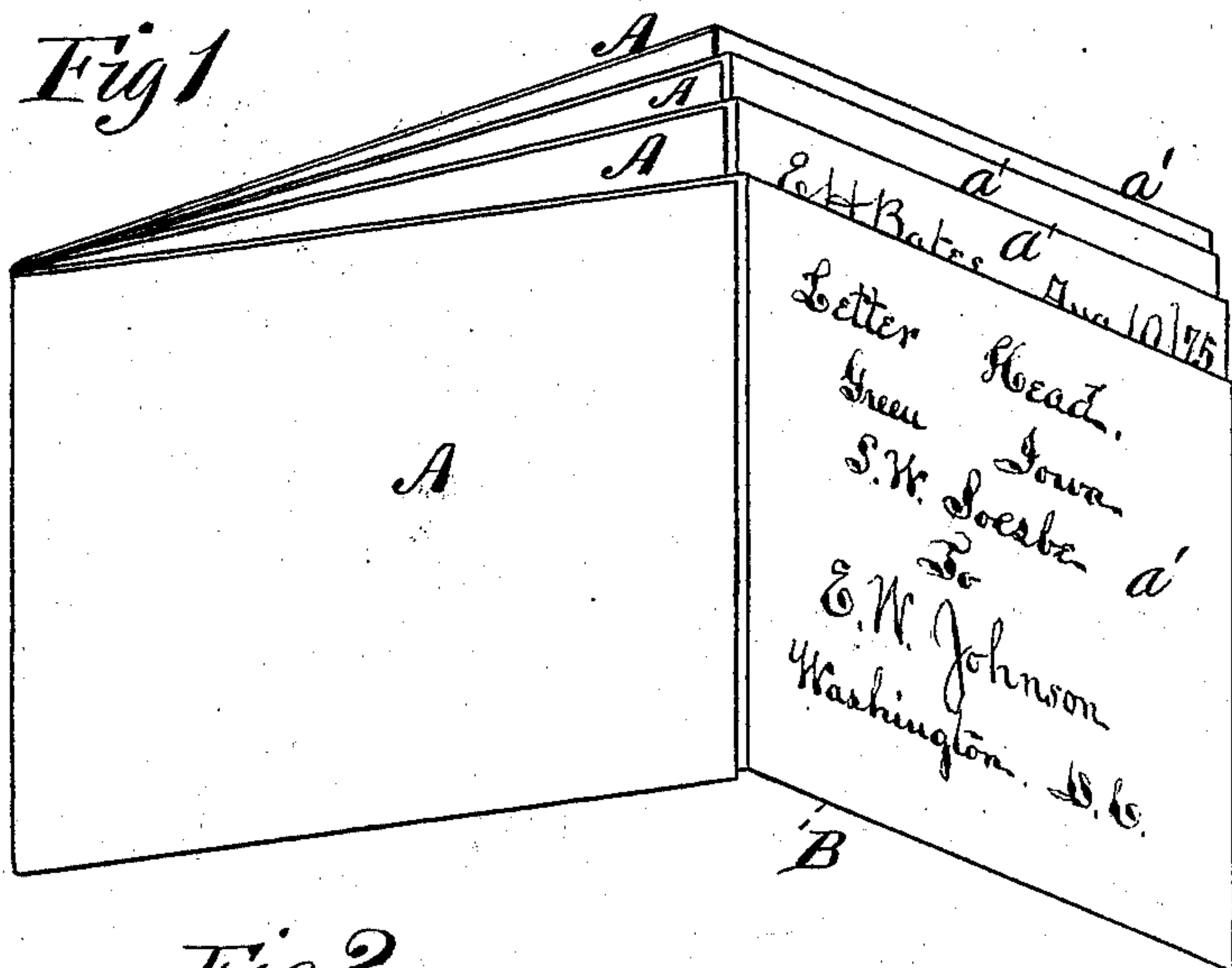


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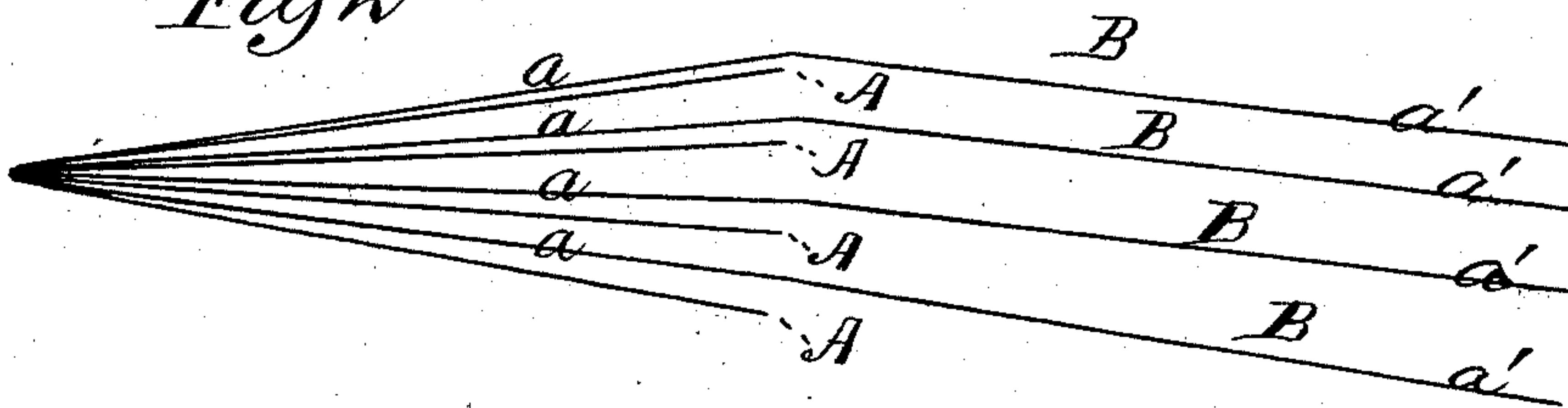


Fig 3

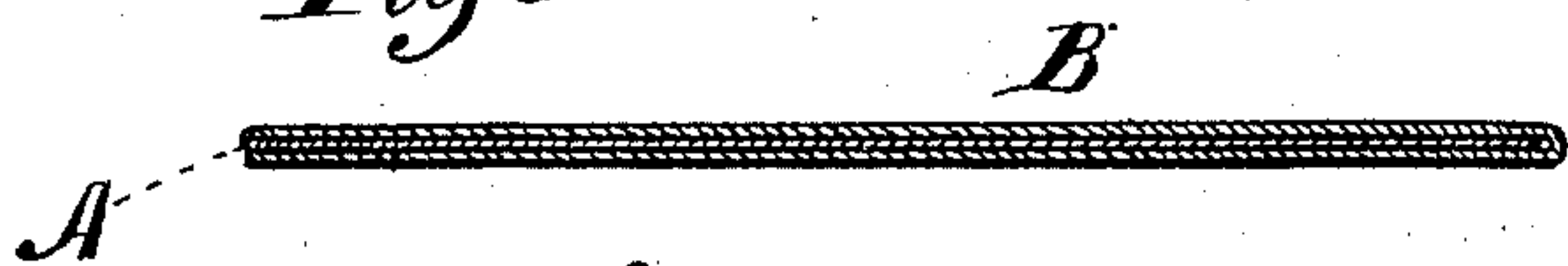
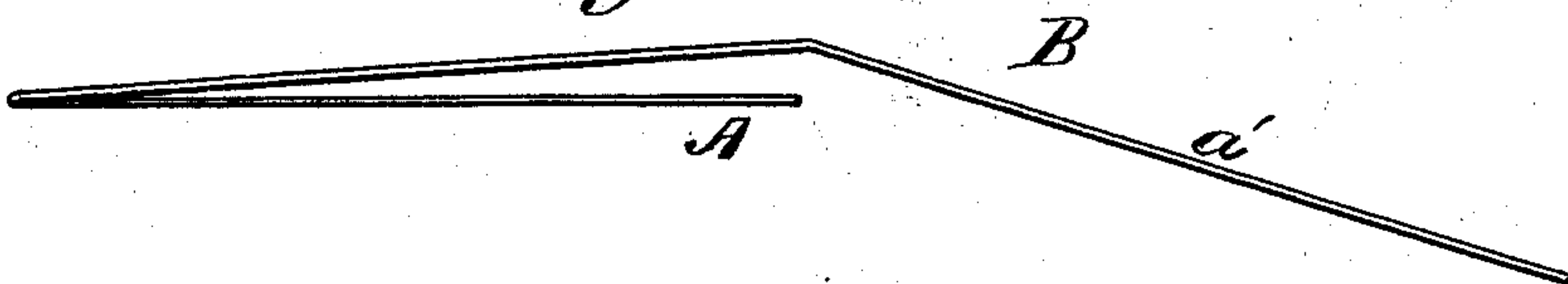


Fig 4



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IMPROVEMENT IN LETTER-PRESS COPY-BOOKS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **169,491**, dated November 2, 1875; application filed August 28, 1875.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL W. SOESBE, of Greene, in the county of Butler and State of Iowa, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Copy and Letter Books; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a front view of my book, and Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same. Fig. 3 is a sectional view thereof, and Fig. 4 is a detail view.

This invention has relation to improvements in letter-press copy-books, wherein sheets of copying-paper and of letter-paper, alternating with each other, are bound together in book form, the latter being designed to be written on, and the former to receive an impression from the latter, which is then torn out and forwarded to its address.

The nature of the invention consists in a sheet of double the width of a page of ordinary commercial note or letter paper, which is bound up in book form with, and is folded over upon, a sheet of copying-paper of half its size, whereby the necessity of using oiled sheets is done away with, and a clear white surface is provided, contrasting with which the impression on the copying-paper is rendered clearly legible, as will be hereinafter more clearly explained.

In the annexed drawings, the letter A designates a sheet of copying-paper of suitable dimensions, and B a page of letter-paper of double the size of the former. A suitable number of these sheets having been laid together alternately, a sheet of copying-paper and a sheet of writing-paper, the aggregation is bound in book form, so that only one of the edges of the said sheets is confined in the binding. In this position the excess of the writing over the copying paper is designed to be folded over the latter, thus inclosing each sheet of copying between a fold of writing paper, as shown in Fig. 3; but the excess—that is to say, the outer fold *a'*—may be in the same plane with the inner fold *a*, in which

latter case the boards will be of sufficient size to include the outer sheet when extended.

I use my combined letter and press copy-book in the following manner, to wit: The book being opened, as is customary, the matter is written upon the upper side of the outer fold *a'* of leaf B. The copying-leaf is then duly wet and the excess of moisture removed, and the said sheet is then folded over it, so as to bring the writing-covered face of the said fold in contact therewith. The book is then put into a letter-press and the writing on fold *a'* transferred to copy-paper sheet A. The impression being taken, the book is removed from the press and the fold *a'* separated from the inner fold of sheet.

The advantages of this construction are, first, that the inner fold *a* serves to prevent moisture from being absorbed by the press-copy sheet below; secondly, that the use of the oiled sheets usually employed is rendered unnecessary; and, thirdly, that a white surface is at all times below the press-copy sheet, and allows the writing thereon to be clearly distinguished. The inner fold *a* may also be used for receiving the brief of a letter to be afterward enlarged on by an engrossing-clerk.

I am aware that a memorandum-book with double folding leaves is not new, and I am also aware it is old to alternate the copy and writing leaves of a letter-press book; but

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A combined press copy and letter book, consisting of alternate leaves of writing and copying paper bound in book form, each sheet of writing-paper being double the width of the copying-leaf, whereby the leaf written upon protects the blank copying-leaf beneath it from moisture, and a white surface is at all times below the press-copy leaf, allowing the writing thereon to be more easily read, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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