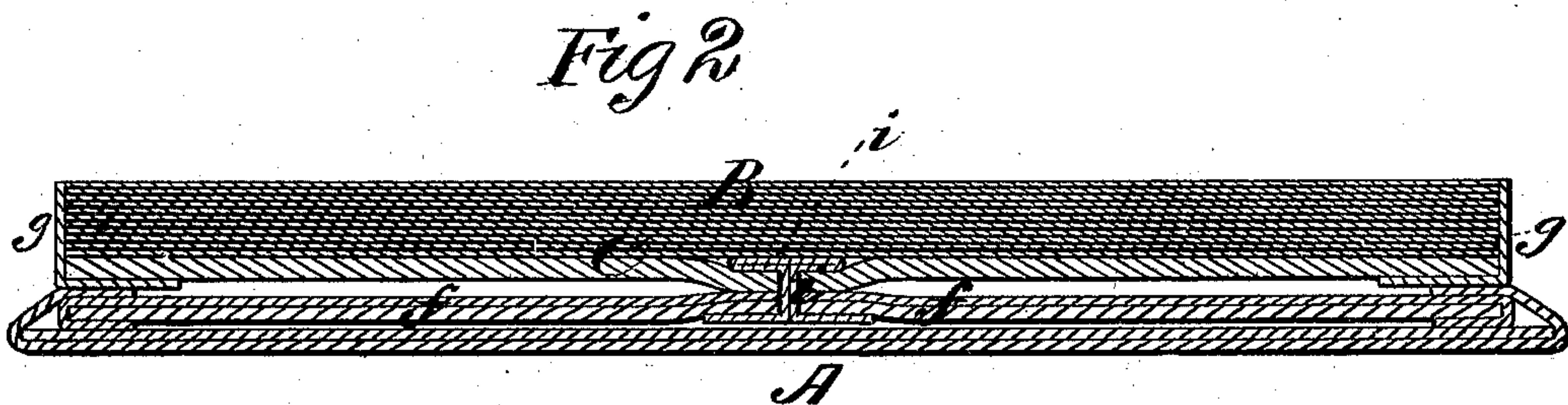
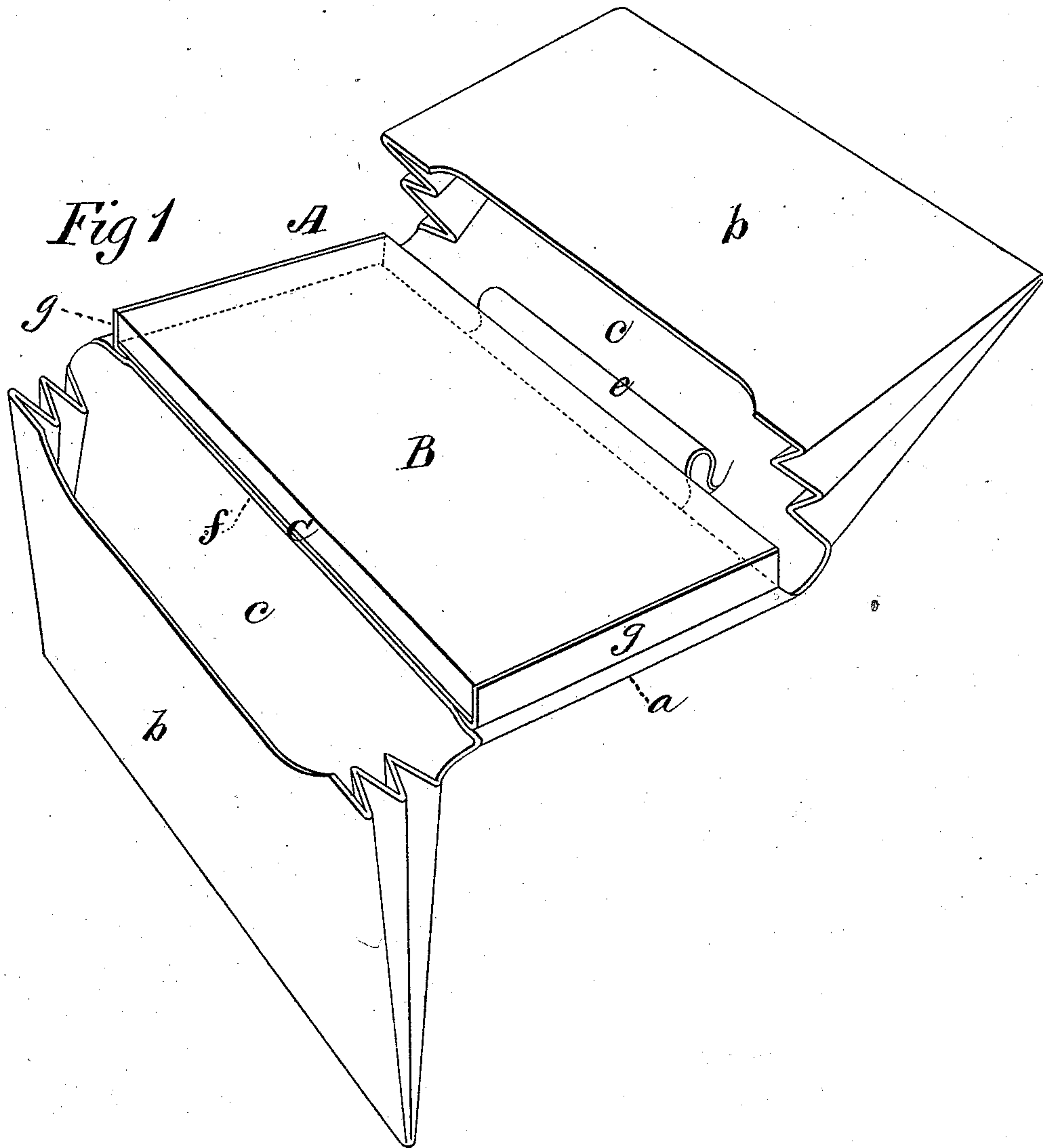


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IMPROVEMENT IN TOURISTS' TABLETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK G. ODENHEIMER, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Tourists' Tablets; 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 perspective view of my tablet, and Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same.

This invention has relation to improvements in tourists' tablets; and it consists in a tablet which is detachably secured to a false back, which is itself secured to the central fold of a folding portfolio or pocket-case, whereby a very useful sketch-book for taking notes or sketches is afforded to travelers, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawings, the letter A designates an ordinary portfolio or pocket-case, consisting of a central part, *a*, and two folding wings, *b*, which are designed to fold the one over the other upon the said central part in the usual manner. Wings *b* will, in practice, be each provided with a pouch or pocket, *c*, in which money, bank-notes, letters of credit, and the like, may be placed, and the central part *a* will have upon its edge, near one of the pouches or pockets *c*, a stall, *e*, adapted to receive a pencil. This construction being old and well-known in the manufacture of money or bill receptacles, I do not claim the use of the case, broadly.

In carrying out my invention, the inner wall of the central part *a* will be provided with a stiff tough backing, *f*, secured by its opposite edges to part *a*, the object of which will hereinafter appear. The tablet B is composed of any number desirable of superposed sheets of paper, two opposite edges of which are cemented together by a fillet or strip of paper, *g*, which is pasted or otherwise secured upon the edges of the said tablet, as shown in Fig. 1. This strip or fillet may be gilt or otherwise ornamented upon its outer surface, and will thus be made to present a smooth finished appear-

ance. It will also be folded under and glued or pasted to a pasteboard or other backing, C, as shown in Fig. 2, thus securing it from being blown about by the wind. Backing C will be detachably secured by means of suitable rivets or fasteners *i* to the stiffened wall of the pouch or pocket *c*, permanent eyelets being let into backing *f* for the purpose. The edges of the tablet being secured to the backing and to each other, and the said backing being riveted to the pouch, the folds or wings *b* may be opened and a sheet of paper thus exposed upon the tablet utilized for taking notes or sketches of noticeable views without danger of the said sheet being broken loose from the tablet by the force of the wind, and when filled may be torn off in the usual manner, without disturbing the remaining sheets below.

When the entire tablet has been exhausted, a second one may be secured to backing *f*, by means of paper-fasteners, or other like devices, passing through the backing *f* and bottom C, and the same casing or portfolio used for any number of tablets.

In lieu of the double folding casing above described, I may employ a casing having only a single fold, as I do not wish to be confined to any special description of covering, the gist of my invention being the backing or false bottom C, eyeleted stiffened back *f*, and the fasteners or rivets *i*.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a tourist-tablet, consisting of the pocket-case A, stiff backing *f*, and the detachable tablet B, secured to a false back, which is itself fastened to the central fold of the pocket-case, substantially as described.

2. In combination, the tablet B, having false bottom or backing C, the casing having eyeleted stiffened backs *f*, and the detachable rivets or fasteners *i*, substantially as specified.

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

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