

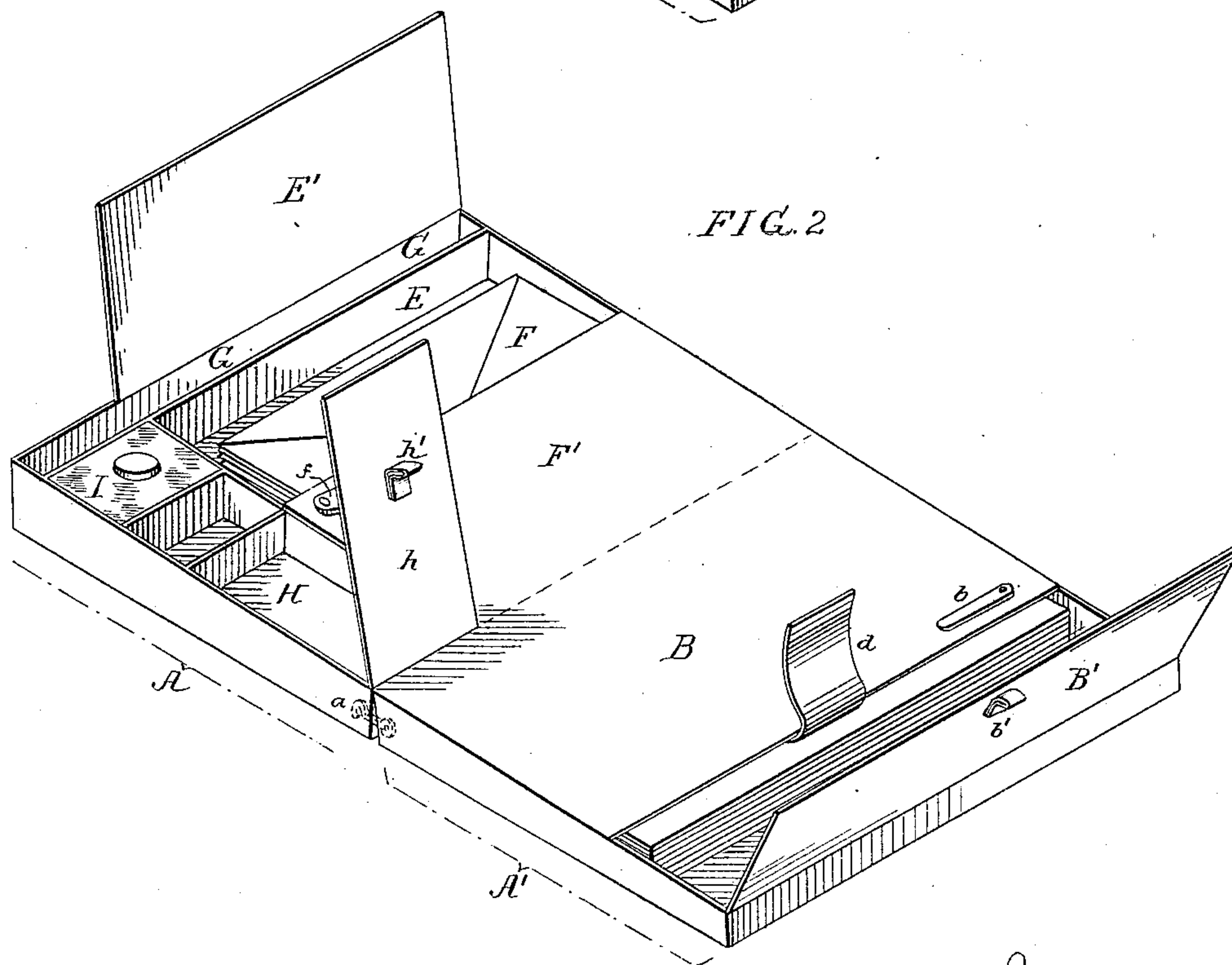
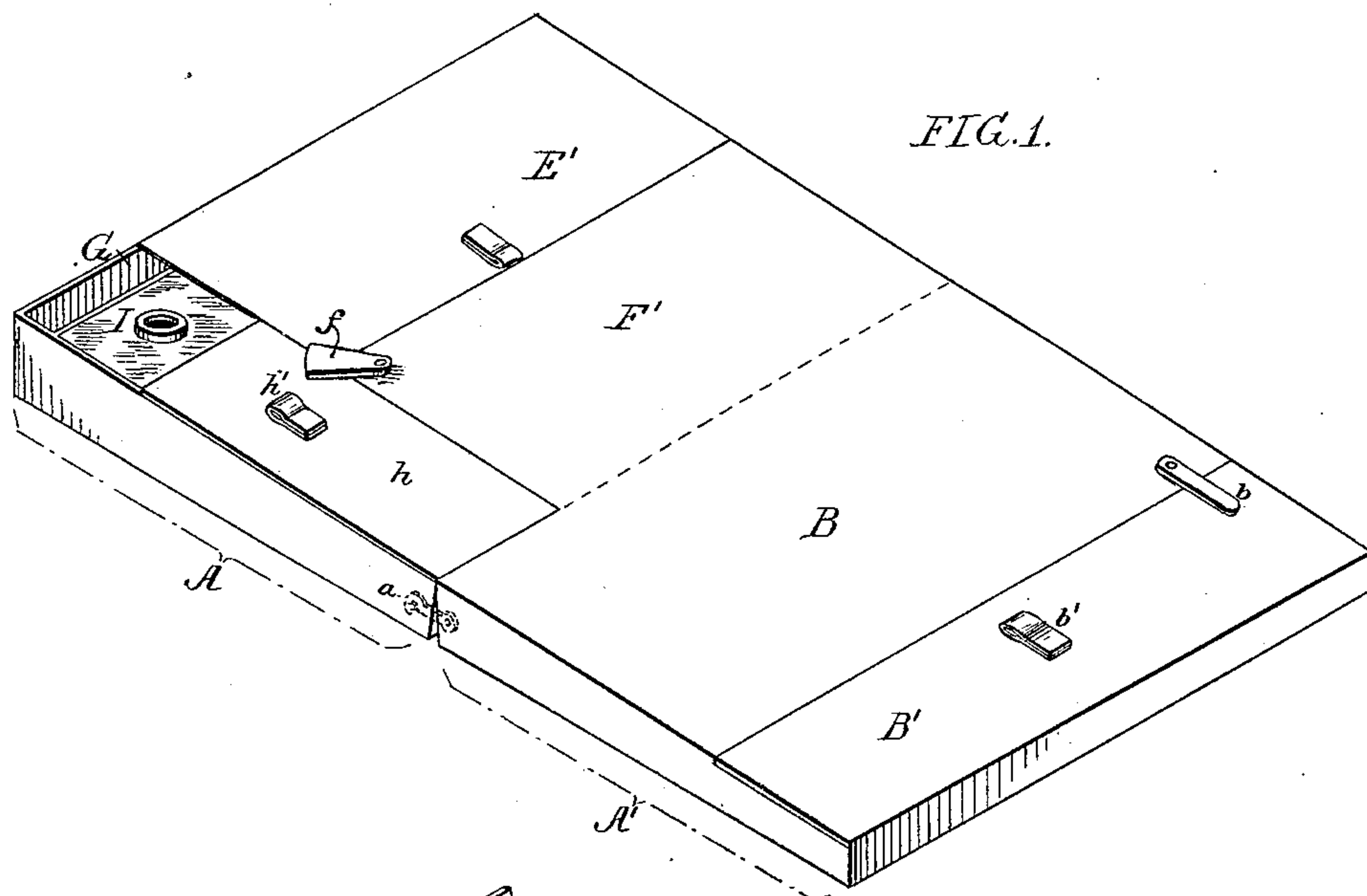
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WRITING CASE.

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WRITING-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSIAH D. COLONY, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain

5 Improvements in Writing-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to construct a writing-case which may be folded up into a small compass to be carried in the pocket, and

10 yet contain all necessary paper, envelopes, and other writing implements; and this object I attain as hereinafter fully described, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

15 Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved writing-case turned back on its hinges or opened, but with the lids of the several compartments closed; and Fig. 2 is a similar view with the lids of the several compartments

20 opened.

The writing-case is made in two principal parts, A and A', preferably of about the same size, hinged together so as to fold onto each other, to put the case into a small compass,

25 but when opened out to present a surface of sufficient size to support the paper in writing; and the two parts may be provided with a suitable catch, *a*, as illustrated by dotted lines, to retain them in the open position.

30 The portion A of the writing-case is provided with four compartments, while the portion A' is provided with one compartment, the latter for the reception of the letter or note sheets. The main portion of the compartment in the part A' is closed by a permanent

35 cover, B, while the other portion is closed by a hinged cover, B', preferably provided with a suitable tab, *b'*, to assist in opening it, and a catch or turn-buckle, *b*, to retain it in the

40 closed position when desired. The compartment A' may also be provided with a tape or strap, *d*, over which the note or letter sheets lie, so that by pulling on this tape the paper will be pulled outward from the lower part of

45 the compartment.

Of the compartments in the portion A of the case the largest is E, for the reception of the envelopes F, and a portion of this compartment is closed by a fixed cover, F', while

50 the other portion is closed by a hinged cover, E', which also at the same time closes the main portion of a compartment, G, for the pen, pencil, and eraser. Another compartment,

H, with a hinged cover or lid, *h*, is provided for the reception of stamps, sealing-wax, pens, 55 or other suitable articles, the lid being provided with a tab, *h'*, or other convenient device to assist in raising the same, and this compartment may, if desired, be divided by a partition, as shown, so as to form a recep- 60 tacle for a sponge or pen-wiper. The remaining compartment of the portion A of the case is adapted for the reception of the ink-bottle I. A turn-buckle or catch, *f*, may be provided, as shown in the drawings, to retain the 65 lid or cover E' in the closed position, if desired. It will thus be seen that while the case may be arranged, as shown in Fig. 1, with a comparatively smooth or level surface for writing on, it may be made to contain paper and 70 all the different implements necessary for writing, and when closed can be folded up into a compass sufficiently small to be carried in the pocket.

I claim as my invention—

1. A writing-case consisting of two parts, 75 A and A', hinged together, one part having a compartment for writing-paper, a permanent cover, B, partially closing the same, and a hinged cover, B', while the other part con- 80 tains a compartment for envelopes, a permanent cover, F', partially closing the same, and a hinged cover, E'.

2. A writing-case having a compartment 85 for envelopes, and a compartment for writing implements, and a hinged lid partially closing both said compartments, substantially as specified.

3. A writing-case consisting of two parts, 90 A and A', hinged together, one containing a compartment for writing-paper, and a permanent cover, B, and hinged cover B', to close the compartment, while the other part contains a compartment for envelopes and pen- 95 holders, and a permanent cover, F', and hinged cover E', partially closing the compartment, and a compartment, H, for stamps, provided with a hinged cover, *h*, all substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name 100 to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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