

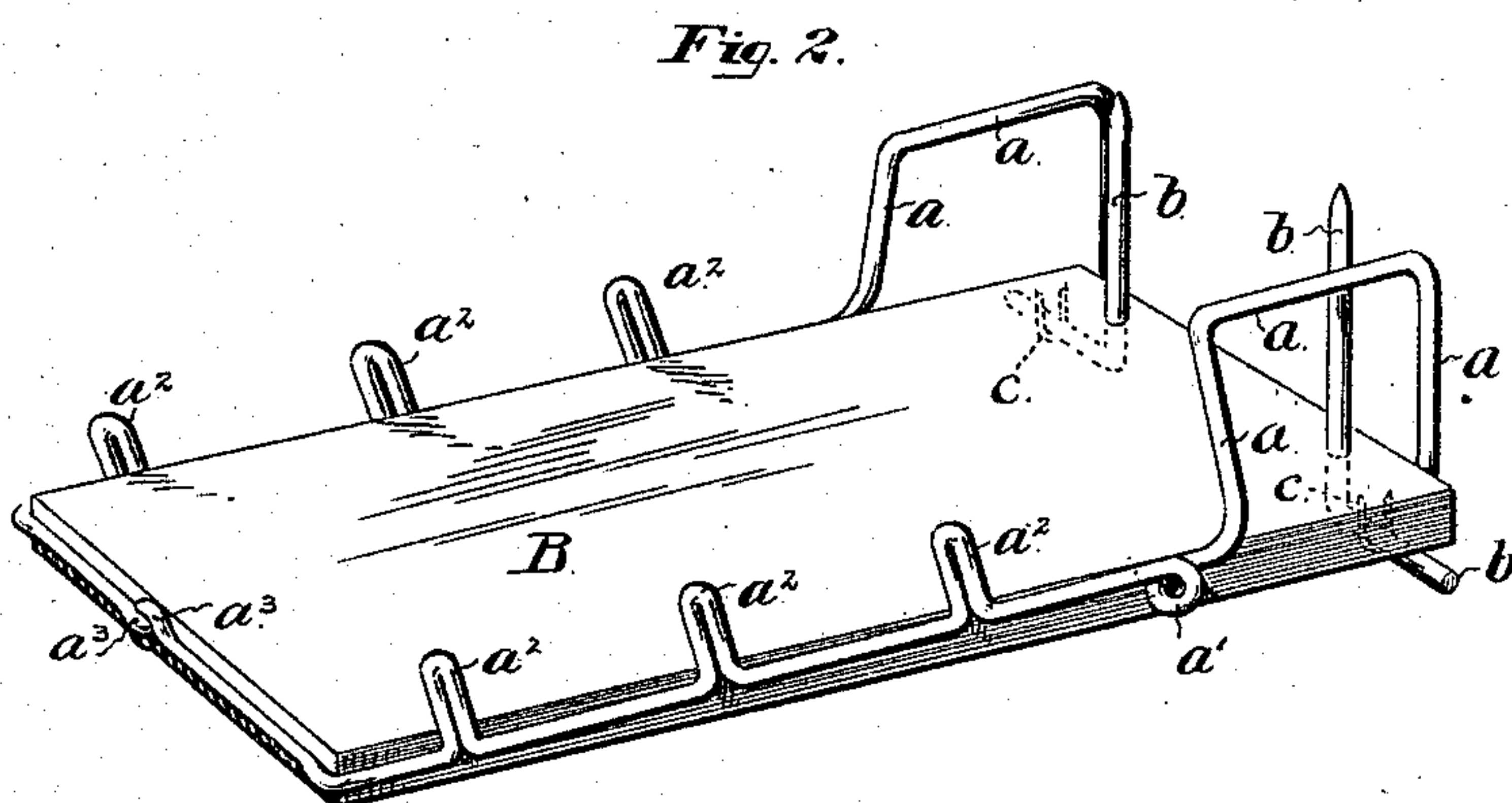
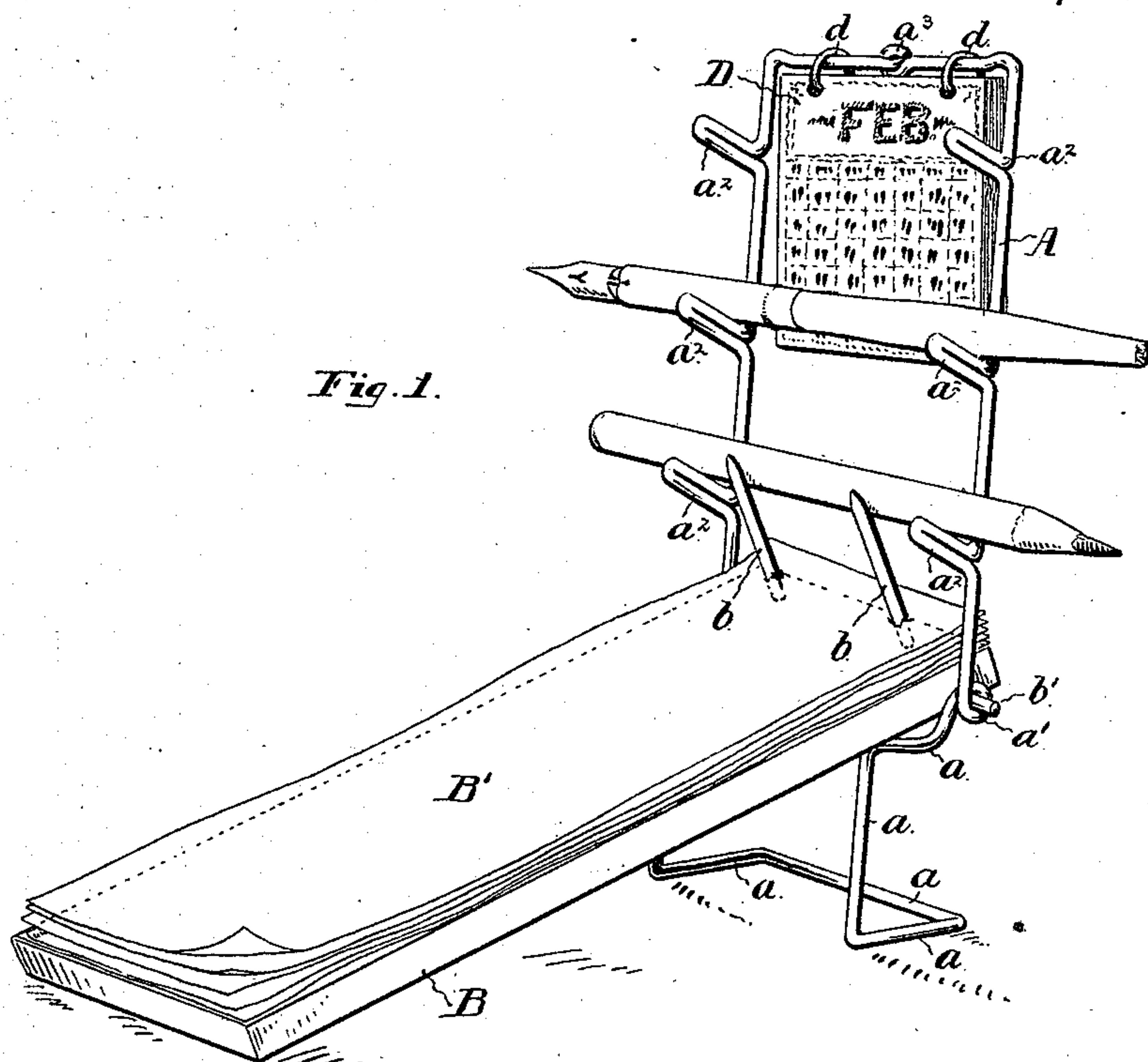
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EUGENE PROMIS, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Combined Pen or Pencil Rack and Tablet-Holder, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my combined pencil-rack and tablet-holder. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same, representing the parts conveniently combined for transit.

My invention consists in constructing from a single piece of wire or the like a rack so bent and formed as to provide suitable rests for pencils or the like thereon, small loops or eyes adapted to engage with pins on the base of a tablet-holder, for the support of said holder, as hereinafter more fully described, a suitable base or support for retaining the rack in an upright position, and for the further better support of the tablet-holder base and its respective ends, hooked, soldered, or otherwise joined together. Further, in combining therewith a tablet-holder, consisting of a base-plate, preferably of wood, provided at one end with two pins of wire or the like each bent to an L shape, one end of each adapted to extend laterally beneath the base-plate, be secured thereto, and project beyond the side thereof to engage an eye in the rack, and the other ends, respectively, to extend vertically through and above said base-plate, provided with a tapered tip and adapted to hold thereon a tablet, scratch-book, or the like. Further, in suspending from the top rail of the rack a business-card, calendar, or the like.

My invention further consists in the several novel features of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the drawings, A is the pencil-rack, formed from a single piece of wire or the like.

a is the base or support thereof to retain the rack in an upright position, the vertical portions of which slightly incline inward to impart a spring or clamp motion to the rack

for contact with the tablet-holder hereinafter described, and for the better support thereof.

a' a' are small loops or eyes oppositely placed to receive the projecting ends of the laterally-extending portions of the pins on the tablet-holder.

a<sup>2</sup> a<sup>2</sup> a<sup>2</sup> a<sup>2</sup> a<sup>2</sup> a<sup>2</sup> are three sets of pencil or pen rests oppositely placed, and formed by doubling the wire upon itself, as shown, and a<sup>3</sup> a<sup>3</sup> are the ends of the wire bent to a hook form and hooked together.

B is the base or bed plate of a tablet-holder, and is preferably of wood, but may be made of paper, cement, slate, or other suitable material to a desired form and size. B' is a tablet, scratch-book, or the like thereon.

b b are pins, preferably made of heavy wire and bent to an L shape. One end of each of these pins extends laterally beneath the base-plate of the tablet-holder and is secured thereto by a staple c, (shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2) or in any suitable manner projects beyond the side edge of the base to engage an eye or loop a' in the rack A. The other ends, respectively, of these pins extend vertically through and above the base-plate of the holder, preferably provided with a tapered tip, and adapted to hold a tablet, scratch-book, or the like on the base-plate.

To combine the rack and tablet-holder, the rack is sprung or spread apart and the laterally-projecting ends of the pins b b of the holder seated in the loops or eyes a' a', whereby the base-plate of the holder is clamped and supported at an angle convenient for writing purposes, and a tablet, scratch-book, or the like retained thereon by means of the vertical ends of said pins b b.

A card or calendar D may be suspended from the top rail of the rack by rings d d or in any convenient manner.

A pencil-rack and tablet-holder constructed in accordance with my invention admits of compact packing for mailing, &c., and I prefer to make the rack and holder of about the same size in outline, so that the rack will snugly fit about the holder, as shown in Fig. 2.

I do not wish to confine myself to the exact details of construction shown and described. For instance, the two ends of the wire forming the rack may be soldered or



otherwise suitably joined together, a greater or less number of sets of pencil-rests than shown be formed, and the form of the tablet-base and tablet-holding pins changed, the pins secured to the top surface of the tablet-base in a convenient manner, and other minor details of construction adopted without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A pen or pencil rack formed from a single piece of wire or the like bent to form a base or support  $a$ , to retain the rack in an upright position, and one or more sets of rests  $a^2 a^2$ , formed by doubling the wire upon itself nearly at right angles with the frame A, and its meeting ends hooked, soldered, or otherwise suitably joined together, as described, and for the purposes set forth.

2. The combined pen or pencil rack and tablet-holder described, consisting of a single piece of wire bent to form a base or support  $a$ , to retain the rack in an upright position, small loops or eyes  $a' a'$ , one or more sets of pencil-rests  $a^2 a^2$ , and their ends hooked, soldered, or otherwise suitably joined together,

a tablet-base B, provided with pins  $b b$ , bent, respectively, to an L shape, one end of each pin extending laterally beneath said base, secured thereto, projecting beyond the side thereof, and engaging an eye  $a'$  in the rack A, and the other ends respectively extending through and above said base and adapted to hold a tablet, scratch-book, or the like, as set forth.

3. In a pen or pencil rack and tablet-holder, the following elements in combination: the rack A, formed from a single piece of wire bent to the form described, a tablet-holder B, provided with pins  $b b$ , a tablet, scratch-book, or the like B', and a card, calendar, or the like D, suspended from the rack in a convenient manner, as described, and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 20th day of February, A. D. 1889.

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