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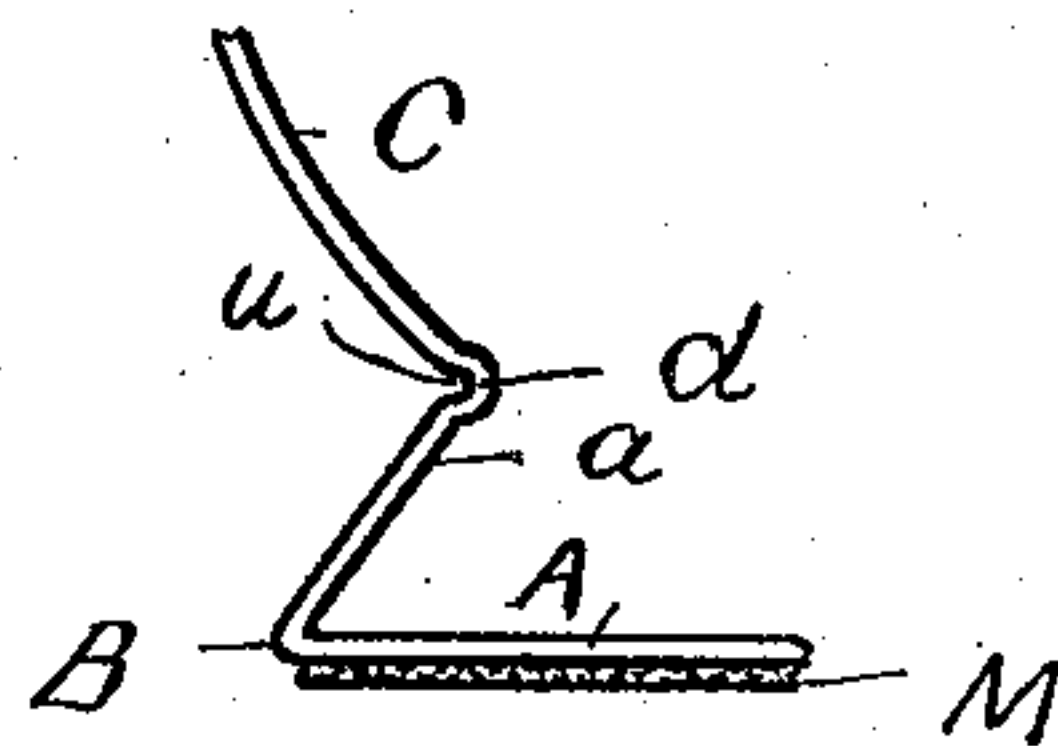
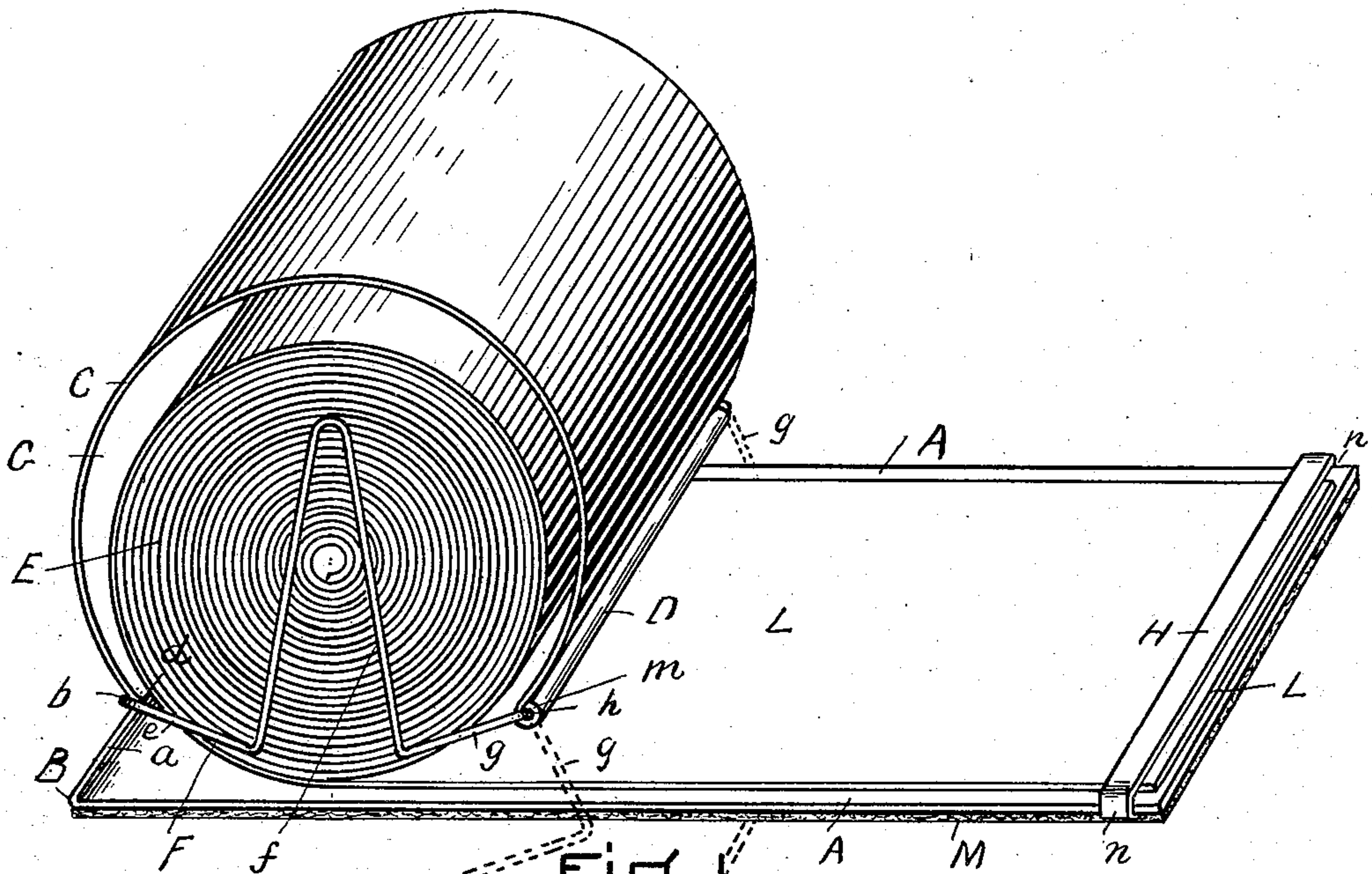


FIG. 4.

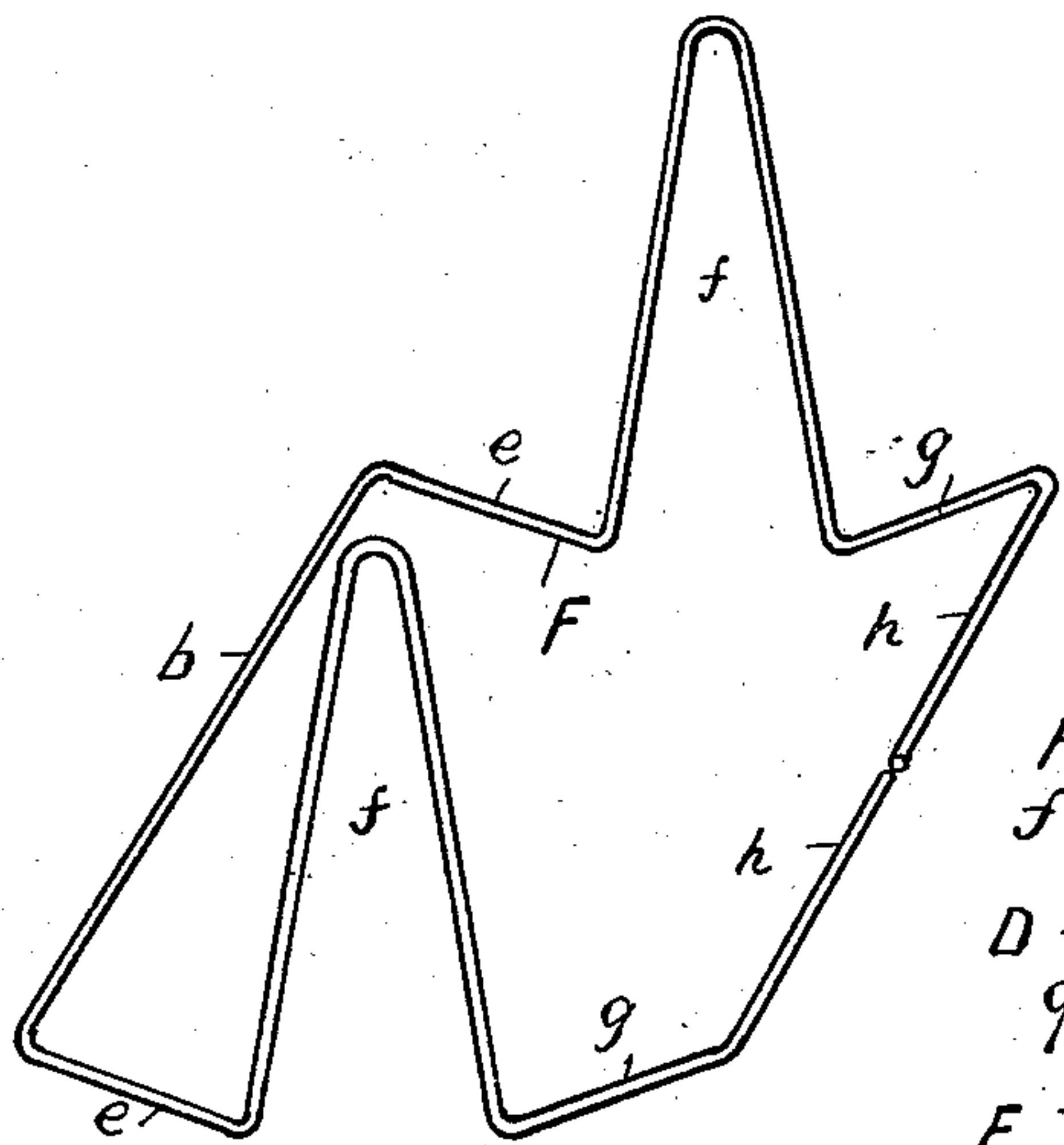


FIG. 2.

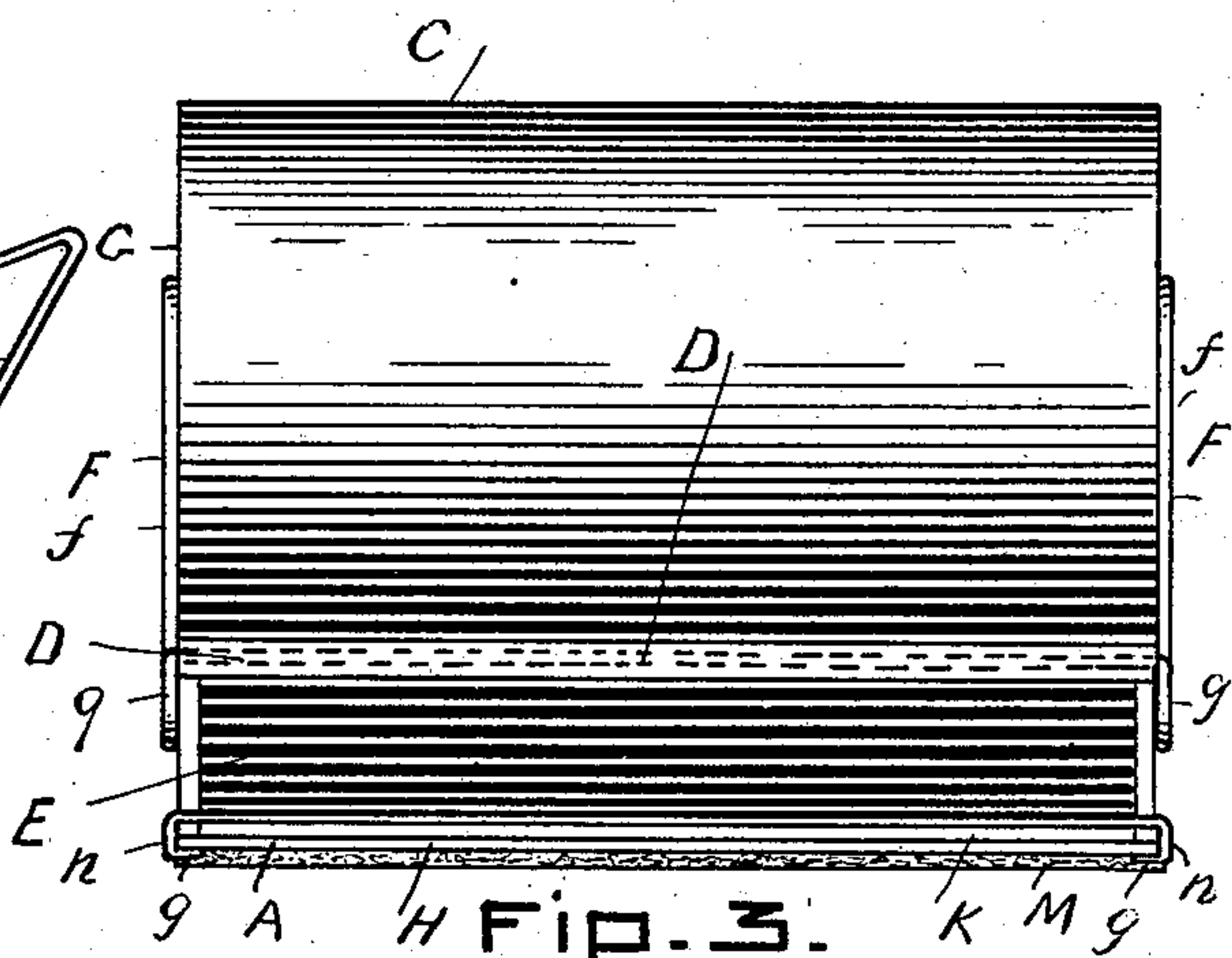


FIG. 3.

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MEMORANDUM-TABLET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY E. GIFFORD, of Wollaston, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Memorandum-Tablets, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists of a memorandum or other tablet constructed and arranged for use on a desk, table or other place all substantially as hereinafter fully described reference being had to the accompanying sheet of drawings in which—

Figure 1, is a perspective view of this improved tablet; Fig. 2, a perspective view of one of the parts; Fig. 3, a front view. Fig. 4, is a detail side view.

In the drawings A represents a plate preferably of sheet metal, and at its back edge B, it is bent forward a short distance in an inclined direction as at *a* and then forward in a circular or curved line as at C leaving its end D free, which extends nearly to the surface of the plate A forming a casing or holder in which is placed a roll E of paper which is to be used for memorandum purposes.

F is a wire or metal frame substantially of rectangular shape, made of a piece of wire its middle portion *b* being straight and disposed in the notch or bend *d* across the back of the casing and from thence the frame at each end of the casing extends forward as at *e*, and then upward and downward forming a loop *f* and then forward as at *g* and then the two ends *h* of the wire are bent toward each other and disposed in a socket *m* formed by bending the edge of the casing outwardly as shown in Fig. 1. The two loop portions *f*, one at each end of the frame when it is in place, extend upward and opposite the middle portion of the open ends G of the casing so that when the paper roll E is in place in the casing they will serve as guards to the open ends and prevent the escape of the paper roll endwise from the casing whether it is of full size or of a reduced size from being unwound.

At the front end of the plate A a flat strip H of metal extends across the board, its ends *n* being bent over the edge and secured to the

under side of the plate as at *g*, see Fig. 3 the strip being sufficiently above the surface of the plate to leave a space K between it and the plate through which the paper L as it is unrolled from the roll, can freely pass.

Upon the bottom of the plate A is secured a piece M of felt or cloth or other suitable soft material to prevent injury to the desk or other support on which the tablet is placed. In using the tablet the paper is pulled under the strip loop as desired and torn off by pulling it up against the front edge of the strip.

When desirous of inserting a roll of paper the end D of the casing is forced back which moves the wire frame back with it so that its portion *b* can be easily slipped out of its seat down over the back edge B of the plate and swung out of the way into the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1; the roll of paper is then placed in the casing and its free end passed under the end D of the casing and under the strip H; the casing is again pressed back and the wire frame swung up into its place, the spring of the casing then holding it in place.

The plate serves as a tablet or base or rest for the paper when writing, and the whole makes a very convenient and useful article for desk and office use for memorandums and other purposes, and is always ready for use.

The plate and casing can be made of any suitable sheet metal and can be made of one piece as described or the casing can be separate and attached thereto. The casing is bent so that its free end will spring upward somewhat in order to hold the guard frame in place, and for the frame to hold it firmly in place. The wire frame holds the casing portion below its center, by which the roll is held in place and prevented from escape.

To insure the hold of the portion *b* of the wire frame in place on the back of the casing, a groove or socket *u* can be arranged therein or the metal sheet bent to form it as shown in cross section in Fig. 4, by which if there is not much bend of the casing at *d* the groove or socket *u* will surely hold the wire in place.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a memorandum tablet, in combination, a base plate or board, a casing at one end for a roll of paper and a wire or other metal movable frame attached to the casing and having
5 loops, one at each open end of the casing.

2. In a memorandum tablet, in combination, a base plate or board, a casing at one end for a roll of paper, a wire frame connected to the free end of the casing, and extending around
10 each end of the casing and disposed in a socket or seat in the rear portion thereof.

3. In a memorandum tablet, in combination, a base plate or board, a casing at one end for a roll of paper, and a wire frame connected
15 to said casing below the center thereof.

4. A memorandum tablet, constructed of one piece of sheet metal, having a base or flat portion, one end being bent upward, forward and downward toward the flat portion forming a casing for a paper roll and leaving a
20 space between its free end and the flat portions for the paper to move through a wire or other frame encircling the casing and secured to the free end of the casing and disposed in

a socket or seat in the rear portion of said casing. 25

5. In a memorandum tablet in combination, a base plate or board, a casing at one end for a roll of paper secured by one end to the base plate and extending forward in an inclined direction,—thence in a curved or circular direction, and leaving a space between its free end and the plate for the paper to pass through. 30

6. A memorandum tablet, constructed of one piece of sheet metal having a base or flat portion, one end being bent upward, and inclined in a forward direction, and from thence forward in a curved or circular direction forming a casing for a paper roll, and leaving a space between its free end and the plate for
35 the paper to pass through. 40

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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