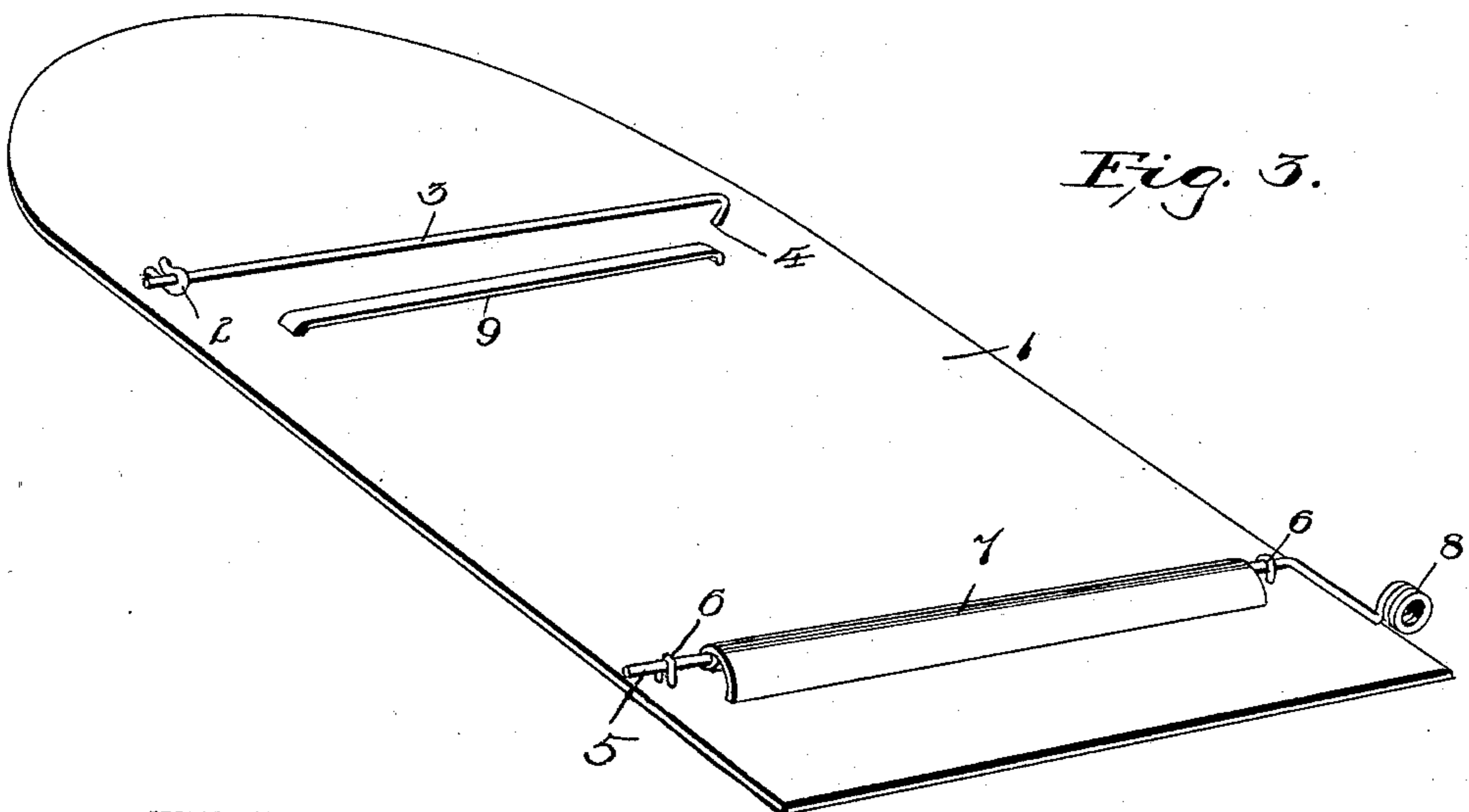
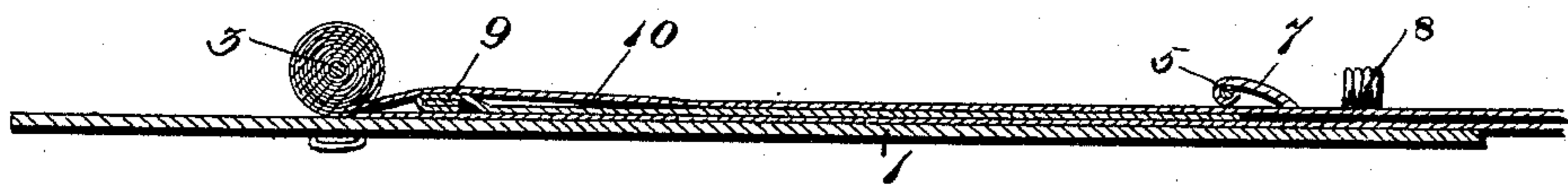
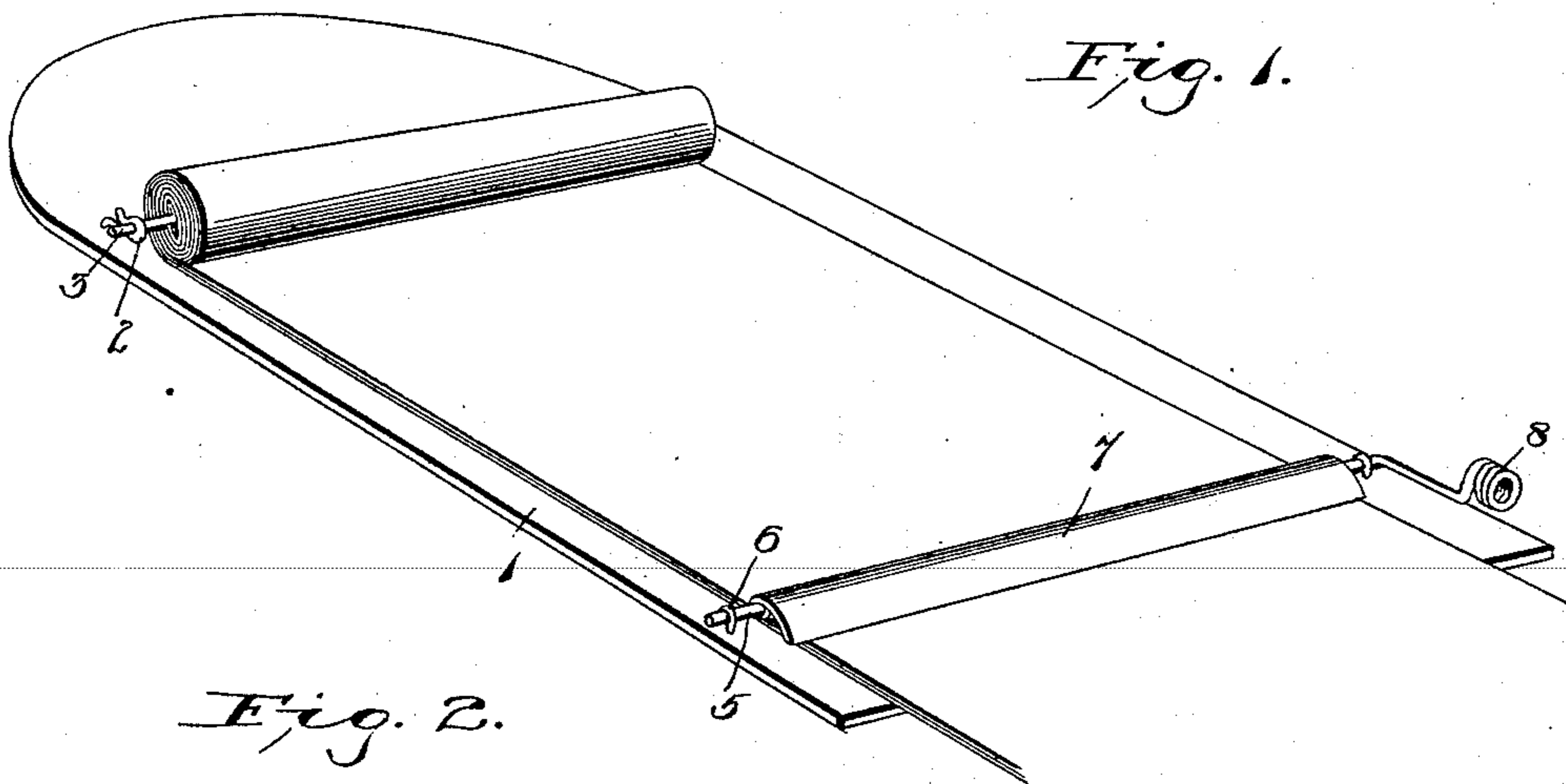


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ADELIA R. FRITZ, of Waverly, in the county of Bremer and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tablets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to tablets for use in connection with desks, telephones, and other devices wherein a roll of paper is carried by a suitable frame and supplied with suitable manifold and other convenient attachments.

The object of the invention is to simplify the construction, to reduce the cost of manufacture, and to make convenient the substitution of one roll of paper for another without destroying the attachments or the use of the tablet.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a tablet embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a section on the line  $xx$ , Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the back of the tablet having the paper removed therefrom and showing the arrangement of the several attachments.

Referring to the drawings, wherein similar numerals of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts in the several views, the numeral 1 indicates a back or support which is of any suitable material adapted for the purpose and may have impressed thereon at different points suitable advertisements. Attached to the upper part of the said back, near one edge thereof, is a spring-catch 2, which is adapted to engage the free end of the paper-support 3, whose opposite end is projected through an opening 4 in the opposite side of the back and formed into an operating-loop, whereby the paper-support 3 may be readily disconnected from or attached to the catch 2 in removing or substituting rolls of paper. At the lower portion of the said back 1 the metallic rod or wire 5 extends transversely across the same. The said rod or wire 5 is removably mounted in loops 6, which are fixed to the back 1, and carries thereon a paper-cutter 7, consisting in the present instance of a strip of metal having one end beveled to press against the paper and cause a straight tearing action. One

end of the rod or wire 5 is extended outwardly and formed into a coil 8 of resilient nature, which provides a pencil or pen support, as fully shown in Fig. 1.

As fully shown in Fig. 2, the device is conveniently arranged for manifolding purposes, and the roll of paper carried by the support 3 will comprise two sheets rolled together. When the end of the paper is first started or drawn from the roll, the end of the under sheet is passed beneath a metallic strip 9, situated adjacent to the paper-support 3 and having connected thereto the upper end of a strip 10 of carbon-paper or other suitable manifolding material. This carbon-paper is so arranged that an impression of the matter written on the outer surface of the outer sheet of the roll of paper and against the back 1 will be duly impressed or repeated on the inner sheet of the said roll. This will be very convenient in stores or large mercantile houses where duplicate sales-strips are employed or in keeping a record of the matter written upon the outer sheet of the roll in any way that may be desired.

It will be seen that the form of construction set forth embodying the cutting attachment obviates the necessity of having lines of perforations or indentations in the strip of paper which are used in separating the paper into certain lengths. This greatly cheapens the cost of the device.

It will be understood that many changes in the minor details of construction and arrangement of the several parts might be made without in the least departing from the nature or spirit of the invention. Of course other means of holding manifold carbon-paper might be employed within the scope of equivalency and the tablet as an entirety embellished with suitable designs or ornamented and serve as a convenient means of displaying advertising matter, as well as other information. The paper on the roll may be also printed in the form of sales-strips or cash-slips or simply plain paper adapted to be written upon in connection with telephones or other devices. It is apparent also that the paper-roll can be employed on the back 1 in connection with the cutter and the specified form of device for supplying the same without the necessary attachment of the mani-

folding device, for it is preferable that this latter device be used.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

- 5 1. In a tablet of the character set forth, the combination of a back having a catch attached at one side of the upper portion thereof, a paper-roll support having its free end in movable engagement with said catch and its opposite end passing through an opening in the  
10 opposite part of the back, a metallic strip arranged under the paper-roll support and having attached thereto a manifolding-sheet, and a lower rod or wire supporting a paper-cutter,  
15 substantially as described.

2. In a tablet of the character set forth, the combination of a back having a catch attached at one side of the upper portion thereof, a pa-

per-roll support having its free end in removable engagement with a catch, and its opposite end passing through an opening in the opposite part of the back, a metallic strip arranged under the paper-roll support and having attached thereto a manifolding-sheet, and a lower rod or wire supporting the paper-cutter and having one end thereof coiled and forming a pencil or pen support, substantially as described. 25

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses. 30

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