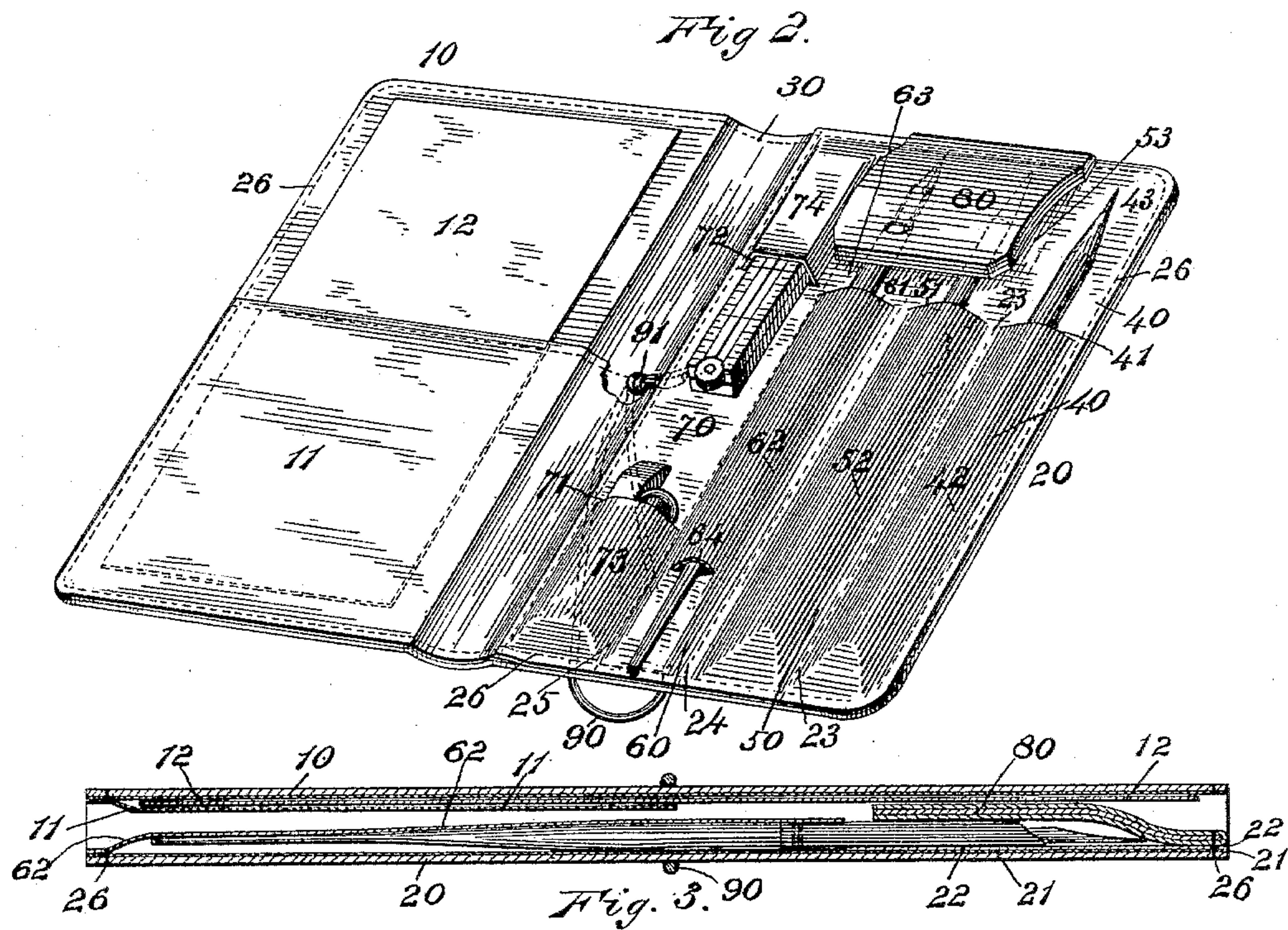
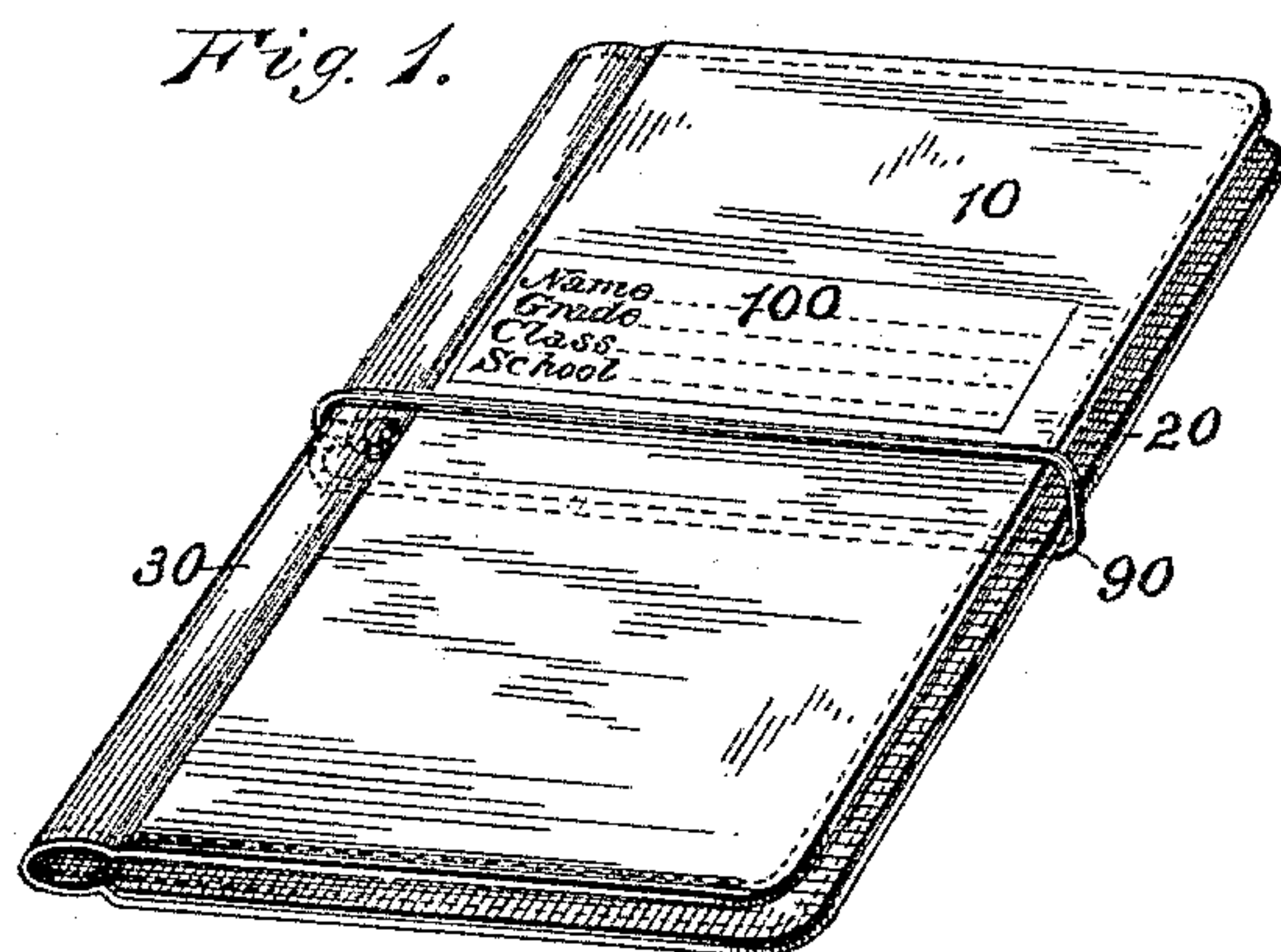


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIZABETH K. GRAHAM, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Leavenworth, in the county of Leavenworth, in the State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Scholars' Companions, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to that class of devices known as "scholars' companions" for the use of school pupils for holding pens, pencils, slate-pencils, erasers, rulers, rubbers, blotters, and such like implements in a noiseless package from which they can be conveniently taken out for use.

Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings represents a perspective view of this scholar's companion closed. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view thereof in open position. Fig. 3 represents a longitudinal section through one of the folded parts thereof.

The same reference-numbers indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

This device is in the form of a book, comprising a cover composed of two stiff leaves 10 and 20, connected by a flexible back 30, said leaves being adapted to fold on each other. The leaf 10 is provided on its inner face with a large pocket 11, adapted to receive a copy-book, letter-paper, and blotter, as 12. The leaf 20 has preferably an inner flat lining 21, of cloth or other suitable material, and a superposed lining 22, also of cloth or other suitable material, preferably of a rough surface. The flat and loose linings are stitched together by means of longitudinal lines of stitches 23, 24, and 25, and the combined linings are stitched to the leaf 20 of the folding cover by means of a line of stitches 26, surrounding said parts near the outer edge of the cover. These lines of stitches divide the lining into four longitudinal divisions 40, 50, 60, and 70. The division 40 is provided with a transverse slit 41, disposed nearer one end of the cover than the other, and a long pocket 42 is formed on one side of the slit and a shorter pocket 43 on the other side thereof, either of which pockets, but not both, may be used, as desired, according to the implement to be stored in this division. The upper lining of the division 50 is provided with a similar transverse slit 51, similarly

located, forming a long pocket 52 and a short pocket 53, the long pocket 52 being preferably used for a lead or slate pencil. The division 60 is provided with a similar slit 61, similarly located, whereby a similar long pocket 62 is formed, which will be used as a pocket in preference to the shorter pocket 63 on the upper end of the division. This pocket 62 is provided with a short slit 64 below the center of the division. This pocket is designed especially for receiving a penholder, and the short slit permits the upper end of the penholder to project through the pocket and serves by friction to retain the penholder in position. When the penholder is longer than the leaf, it may project beyond the lower edge thereof. The division 70 is provided with two slits 71 and 72 above and below the transverse center of the cover and forming two short pockets 73 and 74, one of which is adapted to receive a ruler and the other an eraser, pencil-sharpener, or other implements.

A pen-wiper 80, composed of one or more flexible flaps of absorbent cloth or suitable pen-wiping material, is stitched at its upper edge to the upper edge of the cover 30, opposite the upper ends of the pockets 52 and 62, and is adapted to fold over the points of the pens or pencils disposed in said pockets, serving the double purpose of a pen-wiper and a protector for said writing implements.

An elastic band 90, having a knotted end 91 on the inner side of the flexible back 20, extends through said back and is adapted to hold the folding scholar's companion in closed position, as shown in Fig. 1. The upper cover is provided on the outside with a label 100, having the words "Name," "Grade," "Class," and "School" printed thereon and blank lines to be filled in opposite these words.

The scholar's companion herein described is very convenient for pupils and avoids noise or disturbance in handling the implements disposed therein. It enables the pupils to keep their pencils and other implements exclusively to their own use respectively, and is therefore beneficial from a sanitary point of view.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a case for writing implements, the combination of a cover composed of two folding leaves, a pocket therein adapted to re-

ceive a writing implement, and a flexible flap composed of absorbent material attached at one edge to said cover opposite the end of said pocket and adapted to fold over the point of the implement disposed in said pocket and serve as a protector therefor, and also as a pen-wiper.

2. In a case for writing implements, the combination of a cover composed of two folding leaves, a pocket therein adapted to receive a writing implement, and a series of superposed flexible flaps composed of absorbent material attached at one edge to said cover opposite the end of said pocket and adapted to fold over the point of the implement disposed in said pocket and serve as a protector, and also as a pen-wiper.

3. A scholar's companion comprising a cover composed of two comparatively stiff leaves connected by a flexible back, one of said leaves being provided with pockets for writing implements, and a series of folding flaps secured at one side to the upper edge of one of said leaves opposite the mouths of said pockets, said flaps being adapted to fold over the points of the implements disposed in said pockets, and serve the double purpose of a protector for the points of the writing implements and as a pen-wiper.

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