

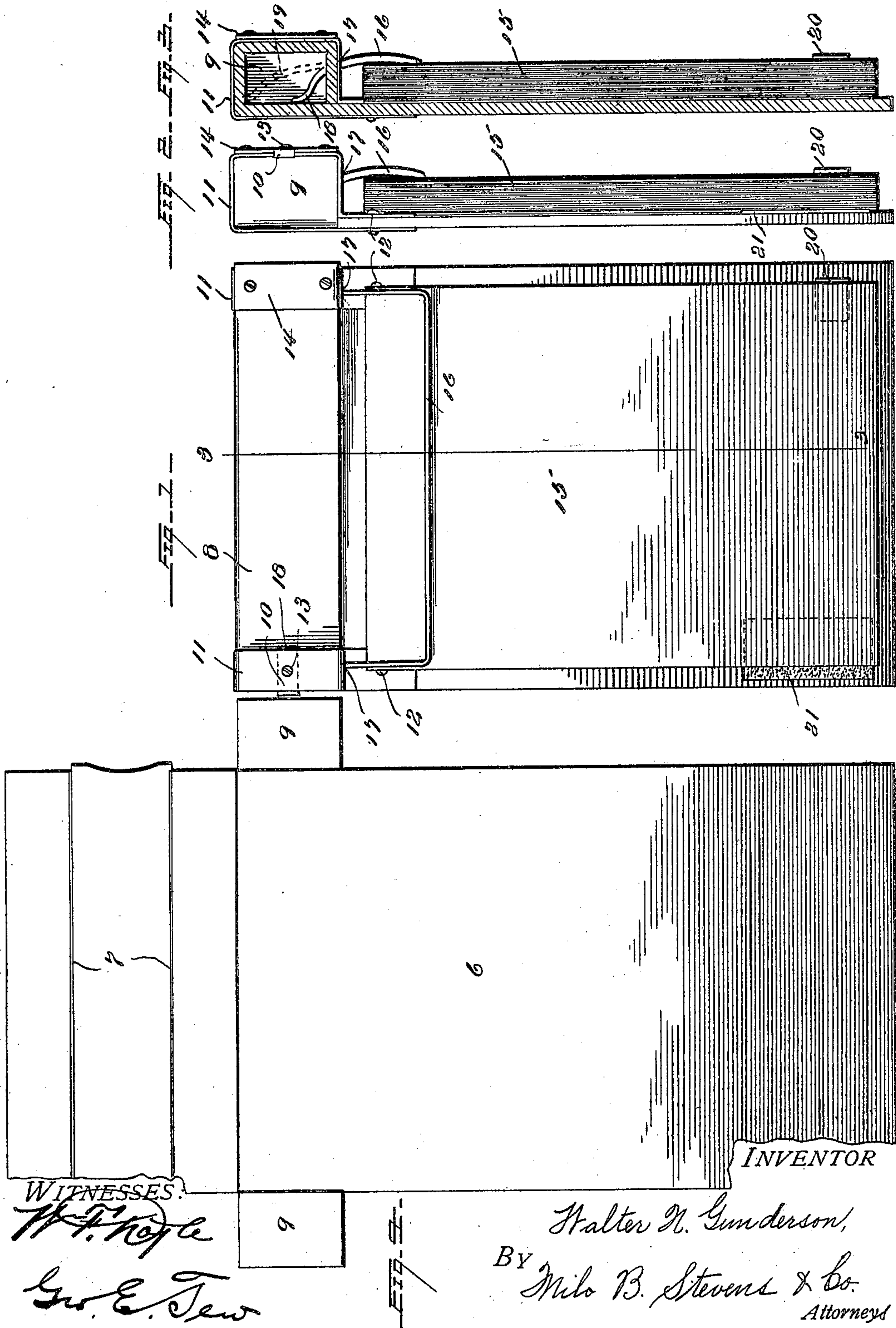
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALTER N. GUNDERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tablet-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is a scholar's companion designed for the use of students in schools and colleges and includes a tablet-holder and a pen and pencil-box, together with means for sharpening a pencil.

The object of the invention is to form an improved device of the kind which will comprise in a small compass many of the implements needed by students.

The device is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 being a plan view thereof. Fig. 2 is a side edge view thereof. Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a plan of the blank from which the holder is made.

The holder consists of a backing formed of pasteboard or similar material, which is scored and bent to form a box at the head thereof and then provided with a paper-clip and other devices, as hereinafter described.

Fig. 4 shows the pasteboard blank, of which the part 6 forms the backing or bottom of the device, and at the head it is scored on the lines 7 and bent to form the box indicated at 8, the tabs 9 closing the ends of the box. These parts are then glued together, one tab 9 being left loose to form a door into the end of the box, which door is held closed by a spring-catch 10.

To strengthen and support the box and prevent it from collapsing, two metal strips 11 are bent around the same at the ends thereof, and the ends of the strips are fastened by rivets 12, which extend through said ends and through the backing. The catch 10 is secured to one of the strips by a screw 13. To the other strip is secured a blade 14, which is sharpened on its outer edge and is designed to sharpen a lead-pencil, which may be drawn across said blade.

The tablet or stack of paper is indicated at 15, and this is held in place at the top by a spring-wire clip 16. This consists of a U-shaped piece of wire, the body portion of which extends across the top of the tablet and the ends of which are bent upwardly to parallelism and extend through holes at 17 formed in the strips 11 and in the front wall

of the box. The ends of the wire inside of the box are bent down to contact with the backing or bottom of the box, as shown at 18. This gives a purchase at the points 17 and 18, so that the exposed portion of the clip bears down upon the tablet with a yielding pressure. To release one of the sheets of the tablet, the spring-clip may be grasped and lifted, or pushed up or in, as indicated in dotted lines 19 in Fig. 3.

The tablet is preferably loose at all edges, except near the lower right-hand corner, where it is gummed to an upwardly-projecting tab 20 of stout material, the tab being secured to the backing. This avoids the noise in a school-room incident to the tearing of sheets of paper from many tablets, since a sheet may be removed by simply breaking it loose at 20 and releasing it from the clip. Near its left lower corner the tablet has a piece of emery or sand paper 21 to rub a pencil-lead to a fine point for use in drawing and the like.

The box provides a receptacle in which pens, pencils, erasers, and the like may be kept, and the various parts supply in one device many of the implements needed for use by scholars. The tablet is held firmly at the top and also at one side, which prevents it from slipping when writing. The device is more convenient to carry than several separate implements, and there is little or no chance of loss. Each sheet can be removed from the tablet easily, clean and of full size, with no ragged edges.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A tablet-holder comprising a backing of pasteboard or the like folded at the top to form a box, and having metal strengthening-strips bent around the ends of the box parallel to the edges of the backing and secured to the backing, and a clip to hold a tablet on the backing.

2. A device of the kind stated comprising a backing having a clip at the top and a tab at one edge, and a tablet on the backing gummed at its edge to the tab.

3. A device of the kind stated comprising a backing of pasteboard or the like provided with a box at the top, metal strengthening-strips extending around the ends of the box, and a blade secured to one of the strips.

4. A device of the kind stated, comprising a backing having a box at the top end, and a spring-clip to hold a tablet on the backing

comprising a wire the ends of which project through the front wall of the box and are bent down to contact with the bottom.

5 A device of the kind stated, comprising a backing having a box at the top end, with metal strips bent around the ends of the box, and a spring-clip comprising a piece of wire the ends of which extend through the strips and the front wall of the box and bear against

the bottom thereof, the clip being slidable in and out, substantially as described. 10

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

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