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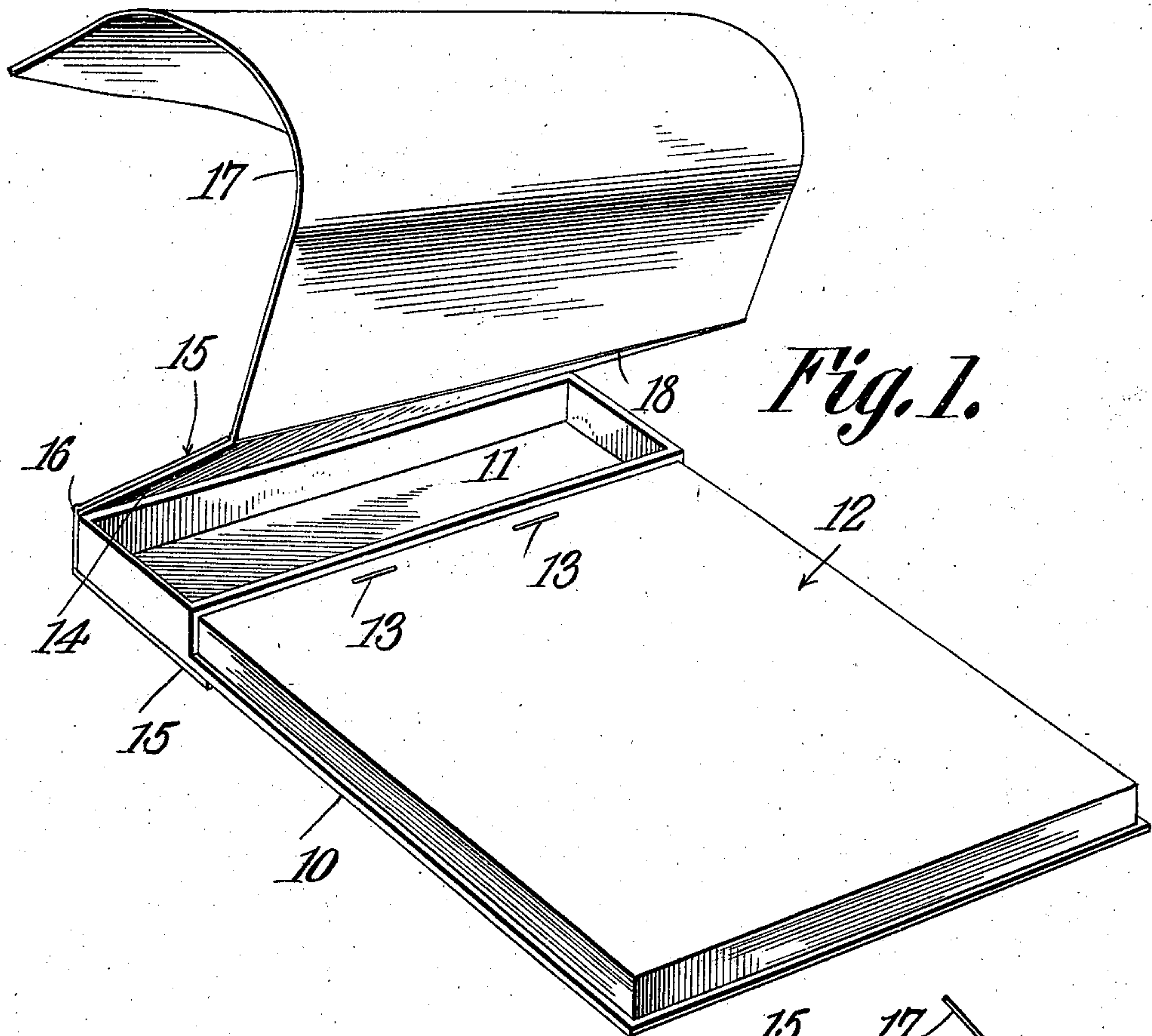


Fig. 1.

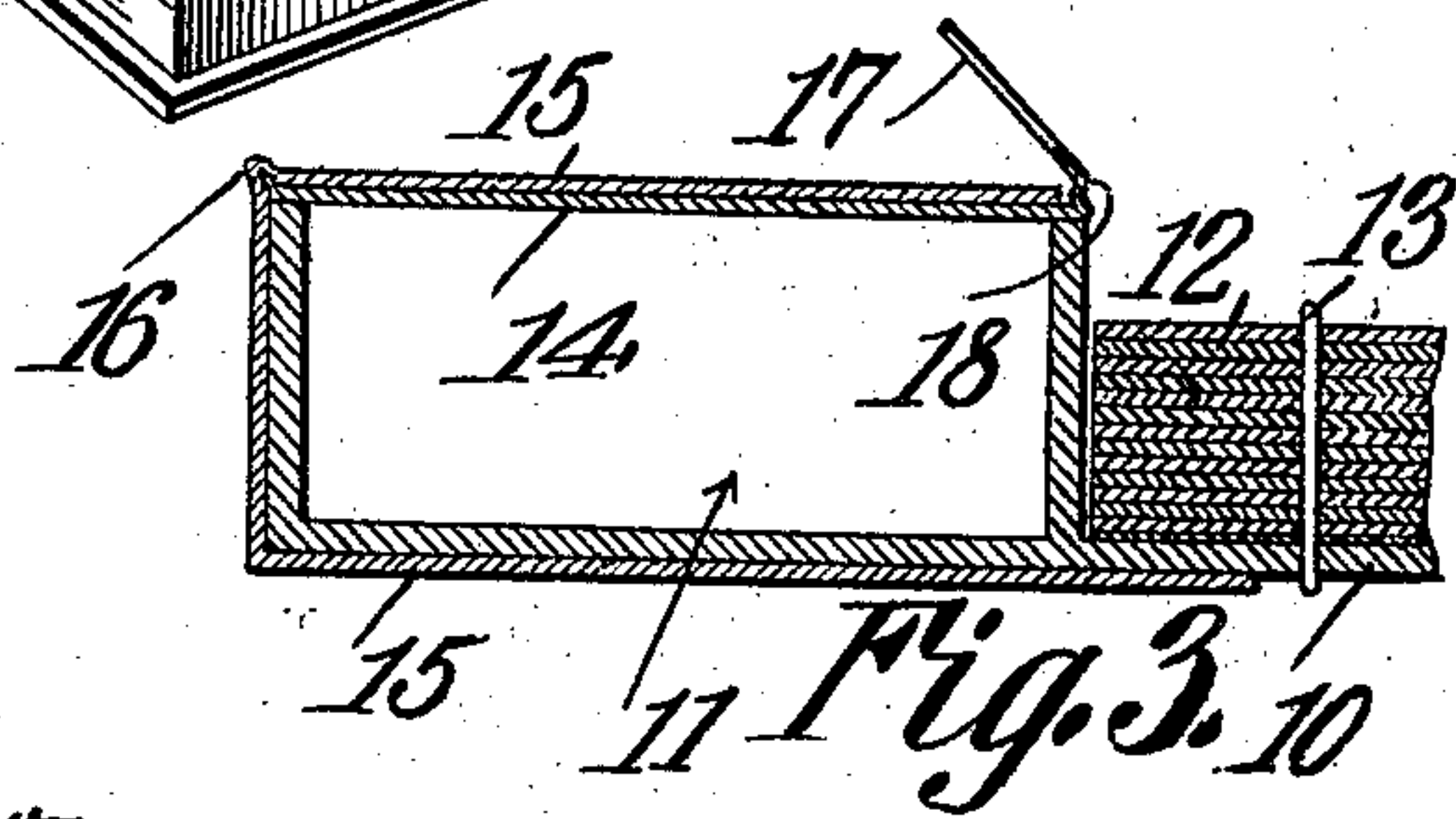


Fig. 2.

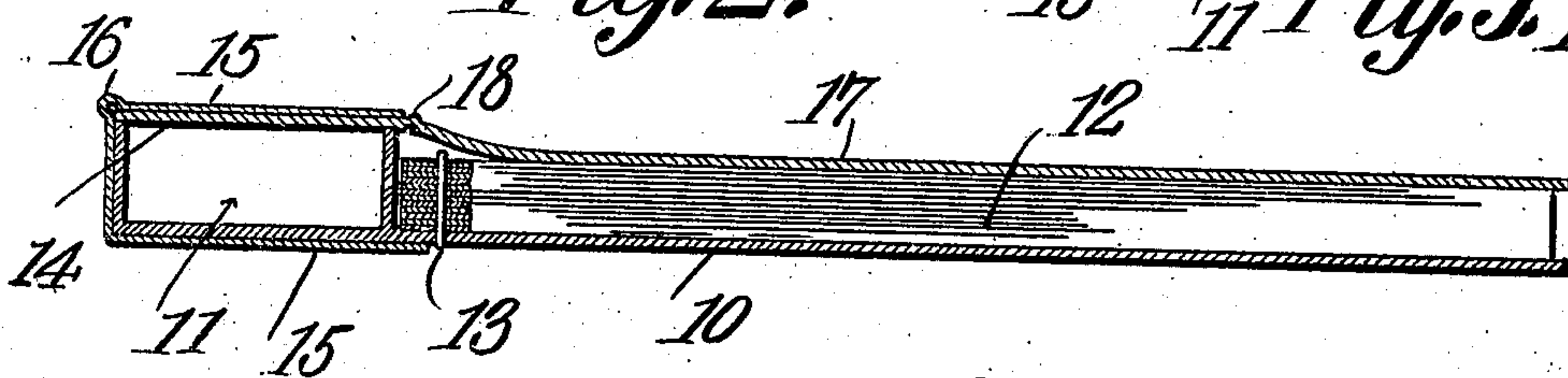


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADDISON BENJAMIN CORBETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waldo, in the county of Sheboygan and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Combined Tablet and Pencil-Box, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to combined writing-tablet supports and receptacles for pens, pencils, and the like, and has for its object to improve the construction and increase the efficiency and utility of devices of this character.

With these and other objects in view, which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, as hereafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which corresponding parts are designated by like characters of reference, is illustrated the preferred form of the embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved device with the combined receptacle-closure and blotter-sheet partly in open position. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section with the combined receptacle-closure and blotter-sheet in closed position. Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional detail illustrating the construction and operation more fully.

In the improved device is comprised a base portion 10, preferably of heavy cardboard, and with a receptacle 11 transversely of one end, the receptacle being of the same material as the base and rigidly attached to the same. When the base portion and receptacle are of cardboard, the construction will be substantially the same as used in making ordinary paper boxes and sufficiently heavy to withstand the strains to which the parts will be subjected; but the base and receptacle may be of wood or metal, or partly of wood and partly of metal, or of any other suitable materials or combination of materials. The base member 10 is designed to support a tablet 12 of writing-paper, which may be attached thereto by any suitable means, such as staples 13.

The receptacle 11 is designed to hold pens, pencils, and like articles to be employed in

connection with the tablet 12 and is provided with a closure 14, connected thereto by a flexible member 15, of relatively heavy cloth, the latter pasted or otherwise secured over the outer face of the closure and also over the rear wall and the bottom of the receptacle and extending for a distance beneath the base portion 10, as shown. The fabric member 15 is sufficiently loose at the juncture of the closure 14 and the rear wall of the receptacle, as shown at 16, to form a hinge to enable the closure to be folded back, as represented in Fig. 1, to expose the contents of the receptacle and provide access thereto.

Extending from the closure 14 is a blotter-sheet 17, which is preferably a continuation of the closure and provided with a folding-crease 18 at the forward edge of the reinforcing member 15 to enable the blotter-sheet to be folded over the receptacle when the tablet is being used and without the necessity for uncovering the receptacle at the same time that the tablet is being used. Thus when the tablet is to be used the combined blotter-sheet and receptacle-closure are turned back to enable the required pen or pencil to be removed and the closure portion restored to its position over the receptacle, while the blotter-sheet remains in open position, as represented in Fig. 3. When the blotter-sheet is required, it can be readily brought forward and used upon the written sheet of the tablet and restored to its open position without exposing the contents of the receptacle. This is an important feature of the invention and adds materially to its value and efficiency.

The device is simple in construction, can be inexpensively manufactured, and adapted to any required size of writing-tablet.

The device is more particularly for the use of students, but may also be employed in offices, studies, or wherever a writing-tablet is required.

What is claimed is—

1. A combined writing-tablet and receptacle having a base provided at one end with an open-mouthed receptacle of which the walls extend upwardly from the plane of the base, a tablet secured upon the base in a common plane with the receptacle with one end abutting against the adjacent wall of said receptacle, and a combined receptacle-closure and tablet-cover having hingedly-connected

members, respectively, adapted to cover said receptacle and tablet and hingedly mounted upon the rear wall of the receptacle.

2. A combined writing-tablet and receptacle having a tablet, and a receptacle arranged in a common plane, said receptacle having its top open and in approximately the plane of the writing-surface of the tablet, and a combined receptacle-closure and tablet-cover consisting of a member hinged to the rear wall of the receptacle, and a second

member hinged to the front edge of the first-named member, said second-named member consisting of a blotter.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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