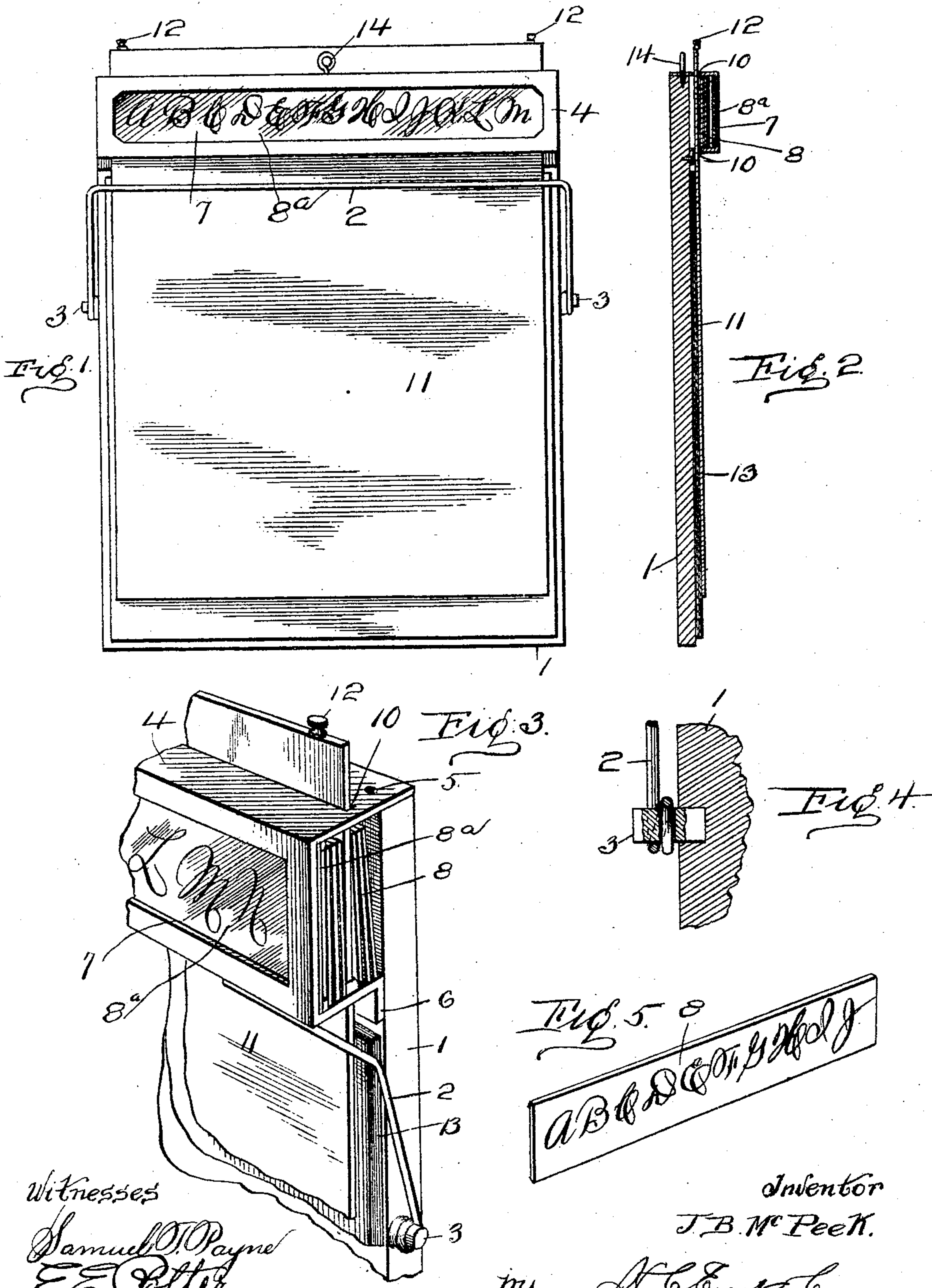


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. McPEEK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Pine Grove, in the county of Wetzel and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Writing-Tablets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

10 This invention relates to writing tablets, and its object is to provide a device of this character which will be especially adapted for the use of pupils in writing.

15 The invention comprises a simple and convenient writing tablet in which a copy to be followed is held in convenient relation to the paper to be written upon, means being provided for protecting the copy from dust or dirt.

20 A further object of the invention is to provide a writing tablet with a movable slide for concealing the written lines and exposing only that portion of the paper which is to be written upon.

25 The operation of the device will be fully described hereinafter in connection with the accompanying drawings which form a part of this specification, and its features of novelty will be defined in the appended claims.

30 In the drawings: Figure 1, is an elevation of a writing tablet embodying the invention, Fig. 2, is a central vertical section of the same, Fig. 3, is a detail perspective view on an enlarged scale, Fig. 4, is a detail sectional view illustrating the manner of attaching the clamping bail employed, to the sides of the board, and Fig. 5, is a view in perspective of one of the copy slips employed with the device.

40 The reference numeral 1 designates a base which is preferably of the rectangular form shown, and may be made of wood, metal, paste-board or other suitable material. A spring bail 2 is secured to opposite sides of the board 1, by bending the ends of the bail around pins 3, projecting from the board, said bail serving as a clamp to hold the paper and slide hereinafter referred to, in position upon the board 1. At the upper end of the board 1 is secured a housing or casing 4, which is preferably constructed of thin sheet metal, and secured to the upper edge of the board 1, by screws 5, or like fastening de-

vices. The lower edge of the casing 4 is formed with ears 6, to facilitate its attachment to the board. The front of the casing is cutaway as shown at 7, to expose the copy slips 8 to view. A number of these slips 8 are arranged within the casing 4, as shown in Fig. 3, and over the outer copy slip, is a slip 8^a of mica which serves as a covering for the slips to protect them from dust and dirt.

The top and bottom of the casing 4 are formed with longitudinal slots 10, extending the full length of the copy-slips, and through these slots is inserted a thin sheet metal slide 11, provided at its upper edge with knobs or finger pieces 12. The function of this slide is to conceal the lines of writing, leaving exposed only that portion of the paper that is to be written upon. The numeral 13 designates sheets of paper arranged upon the board 1, and adapted to be held in position thereon by the spring clamp 2, which latter rests upon the slide 11. I preferably provide the device with a screw-eye 14 arranged centrally at the upper end of the board, to serve as a suspending means when it is desired to hang the tablet up against the wall or other support.

80 The utility of the improvement constructed as above described will be readily understood. The copy slips may be readily inserted and removed from the casing through the open end thereof, one end of the casing as shown in Fig. 3, being open for the reception of the copy-slips and mica covering, while the opposite end of the casing is closed. The protecting cover of mica presents the blotting or soiling of the copy slips, and the adjustable slide is readily manipulated to conceal the written lines so that the user will have only the copy slip to attract the eye.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. In a writing tablet, the combination with a base-board formed with an opening at its front, of a casing secured to the upper end of the board, means for supporting sheets of paper upon the board, and a transparent protecting cover for said opening.

2. In a writing tablet, the combination with a base board, of a casing secured to the upper end thereof, said casing being closed at one end and open at the other and having a

front opening, means for clamping sheets of paper upon said board, a transparent protecting closure for said opening, and an adjustable slide for concealing the lines of
5 writing.

3. In a writing tablet, the combination with a base board, of a casing secured to the upper end thereof and formed with longitudinally disposed slots, and a slide extending

through said slots and adapted to conceal the lines of writing.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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