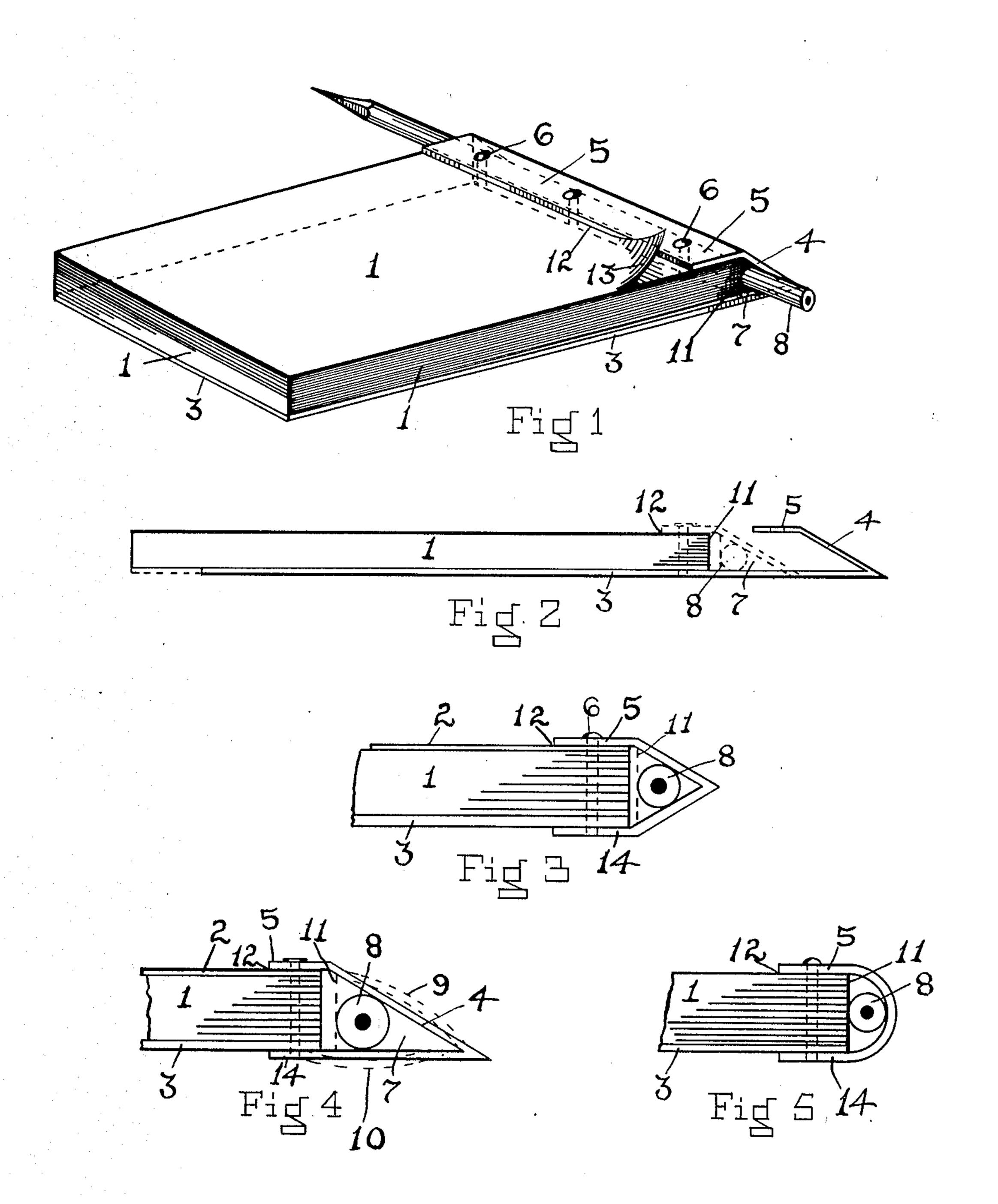
## G. S. ANSELL. WRITING TABLET. APPLICATION FILED JAN. 13, 1905.



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## WRITING-TABLET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, George S. Ansell, Berkley, in the county of Norfolk and State 5 of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Writing-Tablets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to paper tablets or pads for writing upon with ink or pencil.

The object of the invention is to provide a cheap and efficient pencil or pen holding device for paper books or tablets.

A further object of my invention is to provide a paper sheet cutter or tearing edge in 15 order to enable a sheet to be removed from the tablet or pad after writing.

A further object and advantage of the invention is that it can be adapted to be used upon any pad or tablet as an attachment 20 thereto, or the invention may be applied in the manufacture of the entire article with very little expense.

Further objects and advantages will be more fully described herein and specifically 25 pointed out in the claims recourse being had

to the accompanying drawing in which— Figure 1 is a perspective view of the tablet or pad holding the pencil thereon. Fig. 2 is a side elevation showing the pencil holding de-30 vice drawn apart. Fig. 3 is a part side elevation of the modification of my invention. Fig. 4 is an enlarged part side elevation of the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Fig. 5 is a further modification of the invention shown in 35 part side elevation.

In the drawings in which like reference numerals indicate similar parts in all the views, 1 is the pad consisting of any suitable number of sheets of paper united at one or 40 more edges to form a tablet or pack.

2 is a suitable cover for the top sheet and may be used or not, as desired.

3 is the back composed of card or pasteboard and acts as a stiffening board to the

45 sheets of paper. In Figs. 1 and 2 my invention is shown as a part of the back 3, while in Figs. 3, 4 and 5 it is independent thereof. In the former case, (Figs. 1 and 2), the back 3 is made 50 longer than the pack of sheets to enable it to be turned over or creased to form a wedge or V shaped border or edge 4 upon one end of the pad, and there is also formed a strip or binding strap 5 assuming a position parallel 55 with the back 3, or the whole forming approximately a right angled trapezoid. The lover and upon the uppermost sheet, the

back and the portions 4 and 5 are secured to the pack of sheets by suitable fasteners as at citizen of the United States, residing at | 6. In the arrangement just described, there is formed a cavity 7 into which the pencil or 60 pen 8 is inserted and firmly held due to the resiliency of the portions 3 and 4 at the end of the pad 1, as shown in rather an exaggerated manner, in Fig. 4, by the dotted lines 9 and 10, which is caused by the slightly larger 65 pencil crowding out the portion 4 and that below it.

My invention is adapted to take any size

of pencil now generally in use.

11 is the back or the usual glued portion 70 of the paper tablet or pad shown by dotted lines in Figs. 3 and 4 and by full lines in Figs. 1, 2 and 5, those by dotted lines indicating the position of the pencil in relation thereto as it exists in using the device.

12 is the edge of the binding strip or binding strap forming the paper or leaf cutter for removing the sheets without perforating the tablet and indicated at 13 which shows a sheet partly torn from the pack, being 80 guided by the edge 12 of the strip or band 5.

14 is a modified form of the pencil holding device which does not form a part of the portion 3 and is used when the tablets are already made as shown in Fig. 3 and is used 85 when the pencil holding device is to be applied to tablets or pads after they are made in which case it forms an attachment thereto as shown in Figs. 3 and 5, Fig. 4 being of the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

I am not confined to the form shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 4 as I may make the pencil holding device in the form of an equilateral or isosceles triangle, as in Fig. 3, or of a rounding or curved form as shown in Fig. 5. The 95 surfaces 4 and 5 form advertising space and may be used for that purpose if desired.

I am not confined to the exact details indicated in the drawings as I may modify such parts as may be deemed expedient 100 without departing from the subject matter herein claimed or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

Having described my invention and what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Pat- 105 ent is:—

The combination, with a writing tablet composed of a plurality of superposed sheets of paper, of a stiffening back therefor provided at one end with an extension bent 110 around the adjacent end of the tablet and

space between said extension and the end of the tablet forming a pencil-receiving cavity, the upper edge of said extension forming a cutter along which sheets of paper are torn during their detachment.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of two

witnesses this 10th day of January A. D. 1905.

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