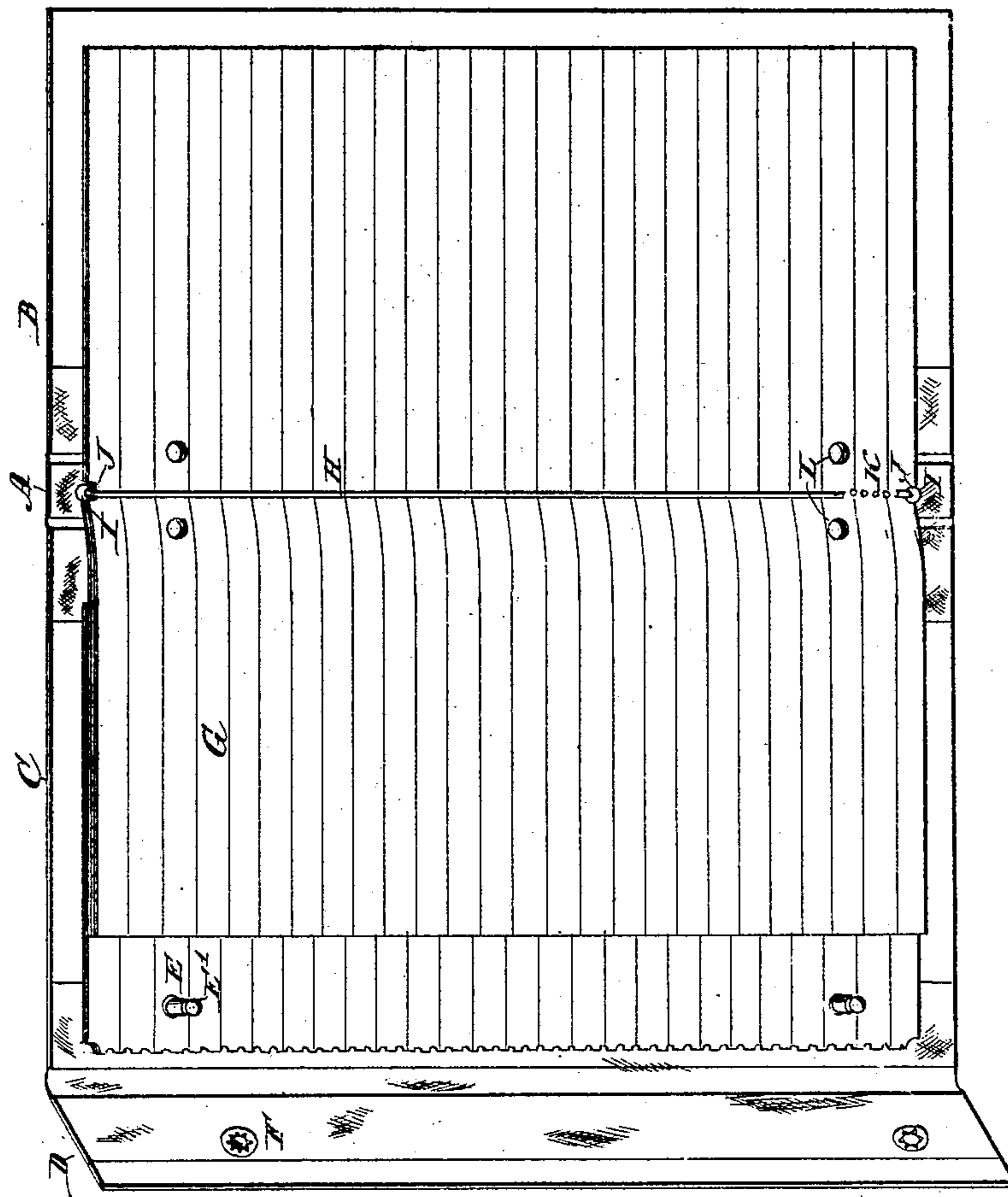


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. GOODYEAR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cedar Rapids, in the county of Linn and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Loose-Leaf Note-Books; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The object of this invention is to provide a note book, for stenographers, students and others, having detachable leaves and a binder in such form as to be conveniently held in the hand or on the lap, and adapted to hold securely the leaves as detached from their original position in the book.

The nature of the invention is fully disclosed in the description and claim following, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which shows my improved note book open as in use.

In the drawing the binder or portfolio is shown made up of four principal sections, comprising a stiff back A, two covers, B and C hinged to the back, the latter cover being somewhat wider than the other, and having hinged to it a flap D. The wider cover is provided near its outer margin with studs E terminating in balls E¹, which engage sockets F in the flap. The fastener is similar to the familiar glove fastener, and requires no particular description, as I make no claim to it specifically. The studs are used, however, in my binder to hold the separate written leaves as detached from the original packet G in the adjacent part of the binder. In practice these leaves are made to be folded when the book is closed, but open out flat when it is opened, making a convenient tablet, with folio leaves, on which to take notes. The leaves are held in the binder by a cord (preferably elastic) H passing through eye-lets I in the back. The leaves are notched at J to engage this cord at each end, and by this means are held centrally at all times.

In practice they are also perforated along the middle, as shown at K, so as to be easily torn into halves, and when so separated they are easily mounted on the studs E, being punched at L for this purpose. When the flap D is closed the detached leaves are of course locked in position. The flap, if made wide enough, overlaps the cover B, when closed, and locks it in that position.

In the use of the book the operator is supposed to insert a comparatively small packet of leaves under the retaining cord, which is done in a moment. He now writes on the uppermost sheet as the book lies open, turning the right hand leaf to write on the back side (so as to correspond with the left hand leaf) or not, as he prefers. When both pages are filled he tears the double sheet apart along the binding cord, which may also be done in an instant. If too busily engaged to file them then, he simply lays them down, and files them later, as already described. In taking notes he has a comparatively thin, stiff-backed tablet, which may be held in the hand or on the knee, when occasion requires, instead of a bulky tablet, or what is even more inconvenient, a book of the ordinary construction. And when he comes to transcribe his notes he has a series of separate leaves in condition to be conveniently mounted alongside the typewriter, and laid aside, leaf by leaf, as fast as transcribed.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

In a loose-leaf note-book, the combination with detachable leaves, perforated for engagement with a file, of a binder adapted to hold said leaves, and having one extended side provided with studs to engage said holes and a flap to close over said studs and hold the filed sheets, substantially as specified.

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

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