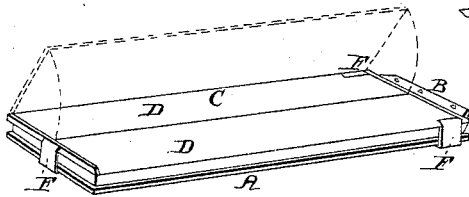
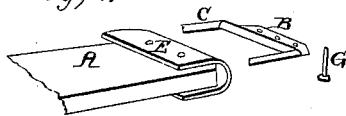


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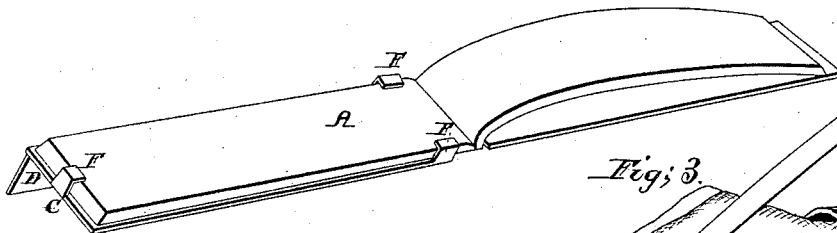
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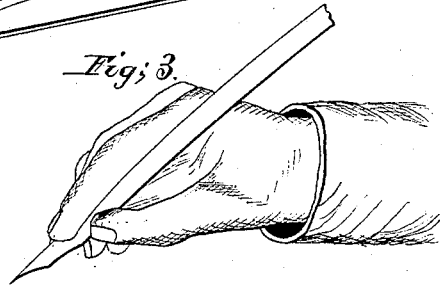
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Fig; 3.



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CONSTRUCTION OF COPY-BOOKS AND METHOD OF BINDING SAME.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 2,286, dated October 9, 1841.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM DAVISON, of the city of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented a new and useful Support for Copy-Books to be Used in Teaching the Art of Writing, which is described as follows, reference being had to the annexed drawings of the same, making part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the copy holder, closed. Fig. 2 is a view of the holder opened and supported at right angles to the line of vision. Fig. 3 is a view of an artificial or stone hand to be used as a model for showing the position in which the pen should be held. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the parts detached.

Similar letters refer to corresponding parts.

This copy support is a plain rectangular piece of tin wired around the edges to which is attached the copy hook wings and clasps by hinges. The book A Figs. 1 and 2 is riveted to a piece of tin B hinged to the before described wire at one end of said support or back *c* the corner of said piece of tin being cut off to permit the book to open freely when it stands supported at the angle required. Before riveting the copy book to the hinged piece of tin B the leaves forming the copy books are gathered together at the back and cut off at the corners to correspond with the oblique corners of the piece of tin to which they are to be riveted; a piece of canvas E the width of the book and of suitable length is then lapped over the end of the book—holes for the rivets G are then punched through the canvas and back of the book or leaves corresponding with the holes in the hinged tin B through which the rivets are passed extending through the leather covering of the front of the book and the hinged piece of tin and riveted, the heads of the rivets being between the canvas and outside leather. The outside of the

front is bound in the usual manner. Upon the back C are two wings D D hinged to the side wires of the back C so as to open at right angles with said back, said wings are the same length as the back but only half its width and used to support one edge of the back, while the other edge rests upon the table, so as to bring the plane of the copy secured upon said back, at right angles to the direct line of vision. By opening them as represented by the dotted lines in Fig. 1, alternately upon either side, the position of the book is inverted so as to bring the copy line close to the writer and in any position required. Three clasps E are hinged to the side wires of the back C, to be brought over the leaves of the copy book, to keep them straight while being written from.

I make use of an artificial hand castor made of any suitable material, in the position of holding the pen to write, for giving the pupil ocular illustration of pen holding, it being only necessary to lay the said cast or model upon the paper, in front of the learner, and he at once sees the best position of the pen, which he can follow without further instruction.

What I claim as my invention and which I desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. Constructing the copy book with hinges or wings to support it when opened as described and in combination with said wings the clasps for retaining the leaves in place when the book is opened and supported as aforesaid.

2. I also claim the method of binding the leaves by means of rivets (having broad heads) passed through the leaves and riveted on the back to a metal plate hinged to the back as described.

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