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Fig. 1.

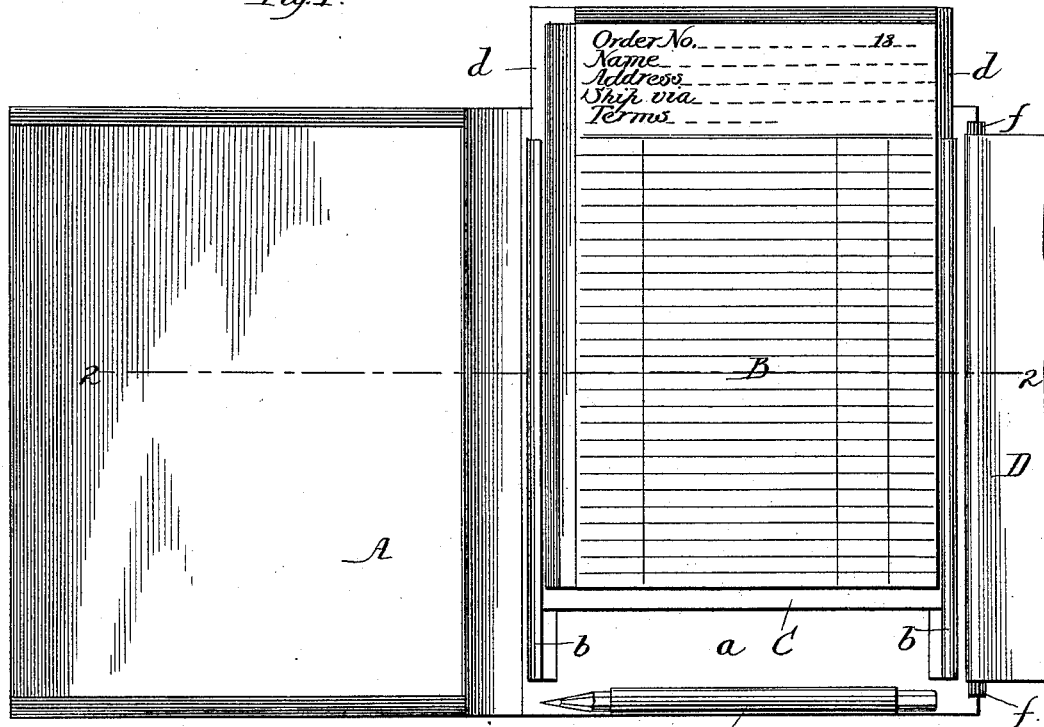


Fig. 2.

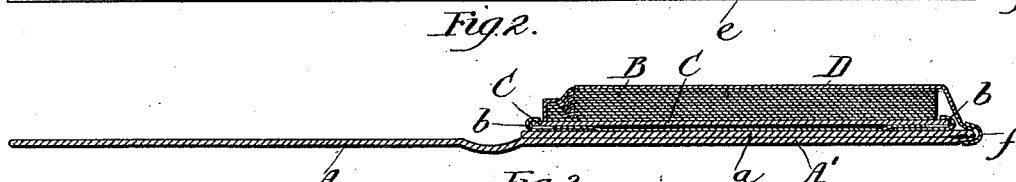


Fig. 3.

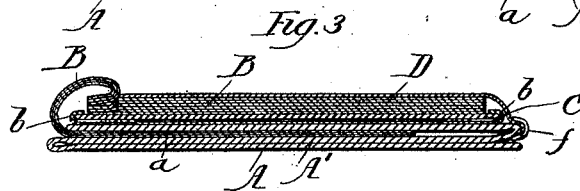
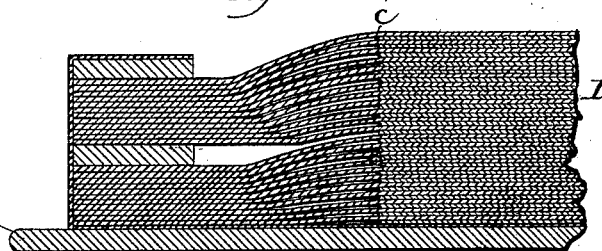


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FLETCHER B. GIBBS, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, and a citizen of the United States, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tablets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan showing the cover open and the tablet partly pushed into place. Fig. 2 is a section at line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a section showing one portion of the cover folded under the other and some of the leaves that are bound at the side folded back between the cover and a piece attached to the cover. Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional detail showing the manner of binding half of the leaves.

This invention relates to tablets that are designed for duplicating salesmen's orders, for duplicating bills and accounts, and for other purposes, and has for its objects to produce a tablet and a cover therefor of such construction that the tablet can be removably secured in the cover, and after the tablet has been exhausted the same cover can be used to secure other similar tablets, and to provide devices for holding a portion of the leaves turned back out of the way, so that they will be kept clean and smooth, which objects I accomplish as illustrated in the drawings, and hereinafter fully described. That which I claim as new will be set forth in the claims.

In the drawings, A A' represent the two sections of a cover.

a is a board, practically rigid and composed of a sheet or piece of pasteboard or other suitable material of about the same size as one section of the cover. It is attached to the right-hand side of the section A' by a flexible hinge, and may be covered with cloth similar to the cloth on the cover A'.

bb are two parallel guideways, each formed from a single piece of sheet metal bent into channel form, as shown, and secured in any suitable manner to the rigid board a.

B are the leaves of a tablet of ordinary form. Each alternate leaf is bound at the side, as shown in Fig. 4, the remaining leaves being bound at the top. The leaves that are bound

at the top are narrower than the others. Their inner edge is shown in Fig. 4 at c.

C is a base, to which the leaves B are attached in any suitable manner. Two edges d d of the base C extend beyond the edges of the leaves B to enter the guideways b b.

e is a pencil-sheath secured near the lower edge of the piece a.

D represents a sheet of carbon-paper held in place by a bent strip of metal f, which engages one edge of the section A' of the cover and the rigid board a, and can be readily removed and replaced.

To secure a tablet in the cover, the lower ends of the edges d d of the base C, are placed in the upper ends of the guides b b and the tablet pushed down into place. The pencil-sheath f forms a stop to limit the downward movement of the tablet.

In use the carbon-paper is to be placed under the upper sheet of the tablet, as usual, to make a duplicate copy on the second sheet, which second sheet, after receiving the copy upon it, is to be torn out, while the upper leaf that is bound at the side remains permanently with the other leaves that are bound at the side. The narrower leaves can be perforated near their upper edges to facilitate their being torn off. As the carbon-paper D is secured at one edge to the section A', it can be readily turned back when not wanted, and is at all times ready for use. After each leaf that is bound at the side has been written upon it can be turned over and placed between the cover-section A' and rigid board a, where it will be securely held by the weight of the remainder of the sheets and the base C, in which position the leaves will be kept clean and smooth. By having the leaves turned back into this position and folding the section A of the cover against the section A', as shown in Fig. 3, the tablet can be conveniently held in one hand or on the arm while being written upon.

When the leaves of the tablet have all been used, the base C can be readily pulled out of the guideways d d and a new tablet inserted.

It is not essential that the guideways be located as shown. They may be so arranged that the tablet can be slipped into place from one side.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows:

1. In combination with the two cover-sections A A', connected at their adjacent edges by a hinge-joint, the swinging board *a*, having one edge connected by a hinge to the cover-section A' and provided with the parallel guideways *b*, and a removable tablet comprising leaves B and the base C, fitting the guides, said board with the tablet folding between and parallel to the two hinged cover-sections, substantially as and for the purposes described.
2. The cover A A', in combination with the

swinging board *a*, hinged to the section of the cover A' and provided with guideways *b*, in combination with a tablet consisting of leaves B and a base C, two edges of which extend beyond the leaves of the tablet and fit in the guideways *b*, and a pencil-sheath secured transversely across the swinging board between the guideways in such position as to act as a stop for the sliding tablet, substantially as specified.

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