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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTFOLIOS.

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Specification describing an Improvement in Writing-Book Covers and Copy-Holders, invented by WM. HENRY PRATT, of Davenport, in the county of Scott and State of Iowa.

Figure 1 represents the upper side of the whole when open for use; Fig. 2, same, closed; Fig. 3, perspective view, open; Fig. 4, section of Fig. 1, larger scale; Fig. 5, section of Fig. 2, larger scale.

A represents the body of the envelope. B represents the flap, the upper side or fold of which when in use covers the lower portion of the page, as shown, and serves for the fingers of the right hand to rest upon while writing. C is the writing-book; D, the copy-slips placed half-way under the fold E, as shown, said fold E forming the pocket for the copy-slips to keep them in position. (See Fig. 4.) *b* is the edge of the envelope A, under which the folded flap B is slipped when the booked is pushed back entirely within the envelope A, as shown in Figs. 5 and 2. *a* is the binding on the edges of envelope.

To arrange it for use the envelope is opened and the flap B is thrown back, as shown by the dotted line H, Fig. 4, and the writing-book C is drawn out, as shown in same figure, until the upper ruled line on the page—or the first unwritten line—is in view below the edge of copy-slip and pocket at D; the flap B is then thrown down upon the writing-book, as shown, to protect the lower portion of the page. The required copy is then placed uppermost at D, and the pupil, after writing one or two lines, moves the writing-book upward or further within the envelope A, so that he again writes immediately beneath or next to the engraved copy, instead of having his own imperfect work prominently before his eyes, between his copy and the line he is writing. At the close of the exercise the writing-book is slipped entirely within the body of the envelope, as shown in Fig. 5, and the flap B (doubled) closed into its place at *b*, protecting both writing and copy-slips from being soiled.

The copy-holder or pocket E may be made a part of the envelope, or firmly attached thereto by the binding *a*, as is here shown, or otherwise fastened.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as original, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The copy-holder or pocket formed by the fold E, as shown, which pocket contains and partially covers the copy-slip, and rests upon the page and contiguous to the line which the pupil is writing.

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