

to which a pad of drawing-paper is fastened, and a wooden T-square and triangles of suitable size. The draughtsman or architect fastens the piece of paper on which he is working to his drawing-board by means of thumb-tacks; but this method has proved both expensive and annoying in the primary grades of schools, so the scheme of the pad has been devised. This pad is slightly glued to the board at each corner, and the sheets com-

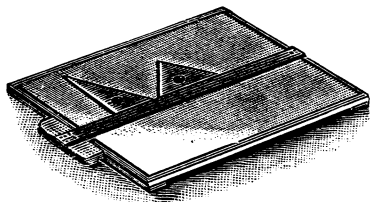


FIG. 1.

posing it are torn off one by one as fast as they are used. The pads are sold separately from the boards, and can be renewed as often as circumstances require. The T-square is a substantial instrument, having a blade fourteen inches long. The head is adapted for use with the pad, as well as the single sheet, being unusually thick, so as to allow it to have a hold on the board when the pad is of full thickness. The two triangles, commonly

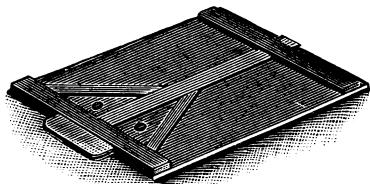


FIG. 2.

called the 45° and 60° triangles, include the standard angles, 90°, 45°, 60°, and 30°.

As a convenience in keeping the several pieces of the set together, the back of the board is provided with grooved cleats, and the cross-cleats at the two ends of the board are slotted to receive the tongue of the T-square, as shown in Fig. 2.

A few sample boards were placed in the schools of Springfield, Mass., by way of experiment, three years ago, and since that time their use has spread to such cities as Providence, R.I.; Hartford,

Conn.; Harrisburg, Penn.; Cambridge, Chelsea, Quincy, Brookline, Mass.; Pawtucket, R.I.; and various other places; while the demand is constantly increasing.

A kit of larger size, called the No. 2 kit, double the size of the other, and without pads, is also made, intended for the use of advanced pupils and draughtsmen.

In connection with these instruments, the manufacturers, the Milton Bradley Company of Springfield, Mass., have just put on the market a support for models used in drawing (Fig. 3). It is so made that it may be attached to the ordinary school-desk, and removed at pleasure. Now that form-study has become a legitimate branch of every well-devised school course, there is a necessity that the pupils' desks shall be properly equipped for



FIG. 3.

the pursuit of this study, which is equally urgent with the demand that they shall be supplied with conveniences for writing. The support for drawing-models shown in the illustration can be readily adjusted, and easily removed from the desk at pleasure. The wooden table on which the models rest, within easy reach of the pupil sitting at the desk, is supported by a wooden rod, which passes through a hole in the top of the desk, and also through the shelf underneath. A metallic cam attached to the top of the desk, at the corner opposite the ink-well, holds the rod and the table at any desired height. The table can quickly be removed from the rod, and may be placed in the desk, or collected with those from the other desks, and kept in a suitable cupboard when not in use. The rod is then dropped to the level of the desk-top, so that nothing is seen above the desk.

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- Same. Vol. XXII. Meteorological Observations made on the Summit of Pike's Peak, Colorado. . . . January, 1874, to June, 1888. Cambridge, John Wilson & Son. 475 p. 40.
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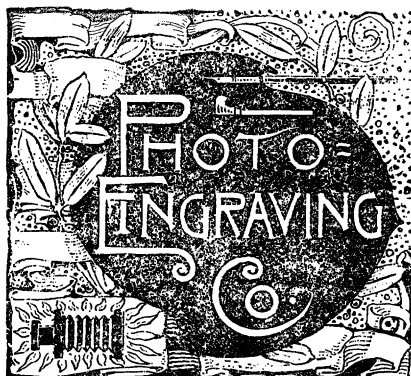
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