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INK BLOTTER.

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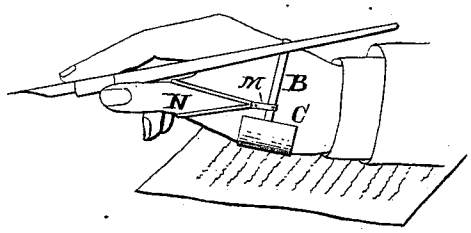


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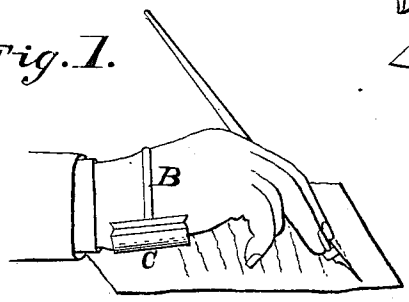


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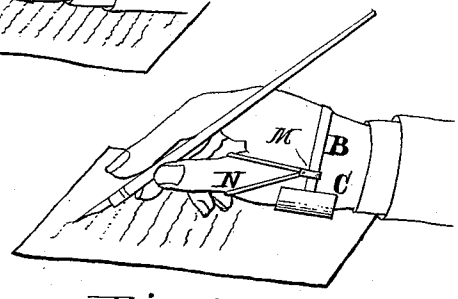


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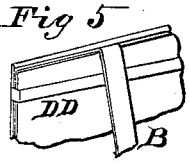


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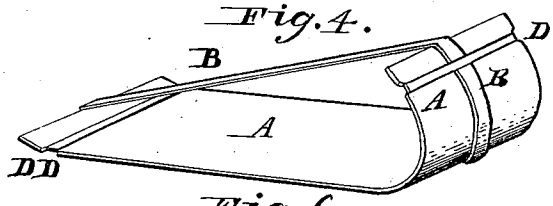


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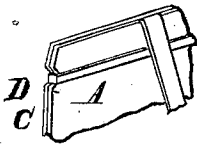


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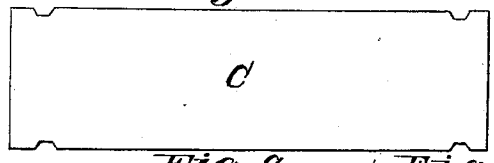


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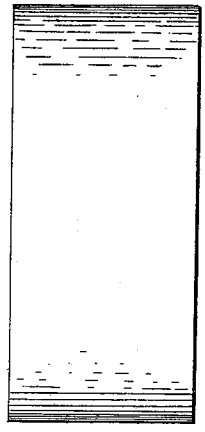
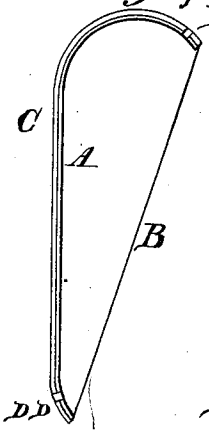


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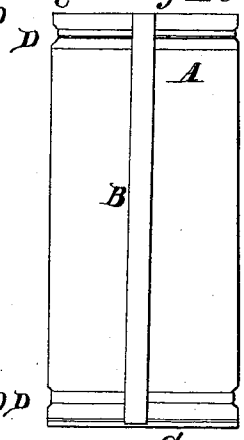


Fig. 11.



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INK-BLOTTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, L. STARR SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Fort Worth, in the county of Tarrant and State of Texas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Ink-Blotters, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to facilitate the process and shorten the time of the penman in blotting off the ink from his writing. I attain this object by so constructing the blotter that when in use it is always attached to and worn upon the hand holding the pen. The construction, as to how attached, and manner of operating the same, are set forth and explained in this specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, said drawings being respectively numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Figure 4 represents the part of the blotter worn next to the hand, called the "foundation," A, which is about one and a half inch wide and about five inches long, with a notch cut in each edge near each end, with the large band B and the end bands, D D and D, in position. If preferred, instead of the band B extending around A, as shown in the drawings, it may be fastened to the inside of A. The large band B passes through both of the end bands. The ends of band B may be fastened together by a small buckle or any suitable device adapted to the purpose, or by sewing. Band B is used to hold the blotter to the hand in connection with band N, Fig. 11.

In Fig. 6, letter C represents the face of the blotter, which is made of common blotting-paper cut the same width as the foundation A, but longer, with notches cut in the edges, so that when in position on the foundation A they will correspond with the notches in A. The face of the blotter C is fastened to the foundation A by the end bands, D D and D, in the notches.

The manner of attaching the face of the blotter C to the foundation A is by raising band D D and inserting C until the notches are even with those in A, then turn C back over band D D, as shown by Fig. 5, and put the other end under band D, as shown by Fig. 1.

Fig. 7 shows the inside view of the back end of A. Fig. 8 shows the face C of the blotter. Fig. 10 shows the back of the blotter. Fig. 9 shows the position and relation of the foundation A, the large band B, the end bands, D D and D, and the face of the blotter, C, when all are put together. The band N, Fig. 11, is a small band with a hook, M, attached to one end of it. This band is placed over the thumb and hooked into or around band B, and is used to keep the blotter from slipping down onto the wrist. If preferred, band N may be permanently fastened to band B.

To attach the blotter to the hand, run the hand through under band B, place band N over the thumb, and hook it to band B, as shown by Fig. 2, which shows the hand and blotter as used in writing or posting books.

Fig. 3 shows the hand and blotter as used in blotting. Fig. 1 shows the hand reversed, giving a view of the back end of the blotter.

When the face of the blotter C becomes soiled, remove it, turn it over, and replace it, and you have a clean surface. The face of the blotter C can be replenished by a new one whenever necessary.

This blotter differs from all others in this, that when in use it is always attached to the hand, is always near to the pen, is always between the wrist and the paper, does not require to be picked up by the thumb and fingers, as other blotters, and, being fastened to the hand, is never lost, mislaid, or covered up by papers or books. Elastic material is the best for the bands. The foundation may be made of light tough pasteboard or tin, or any other material adapted to the purpose.

The blotter is operated by gently pressing its face upon the writing, as shown by Fig. 3.

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

1. An improved ink-blotter, consisting of the foundation A, and the face of the blotter C, attached thereto by the end bands, D D and D, and the band B, secured to the foundation A, and adapted to hold the blotter to the hand, and the band N, with the hook M attached

thereto, for holding the device forward on the hand, all substantially as shown and described.

2. An improved article of manufacture, consisting of an ink-blotter having the foundation A, provided with the end bands, D D and D, adapted to secure the face of the blotter C to the foundation A, and the band B, secured to the blotter and adapted to hold the device on the hand, all substantially as set forth.

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