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Fig. I.

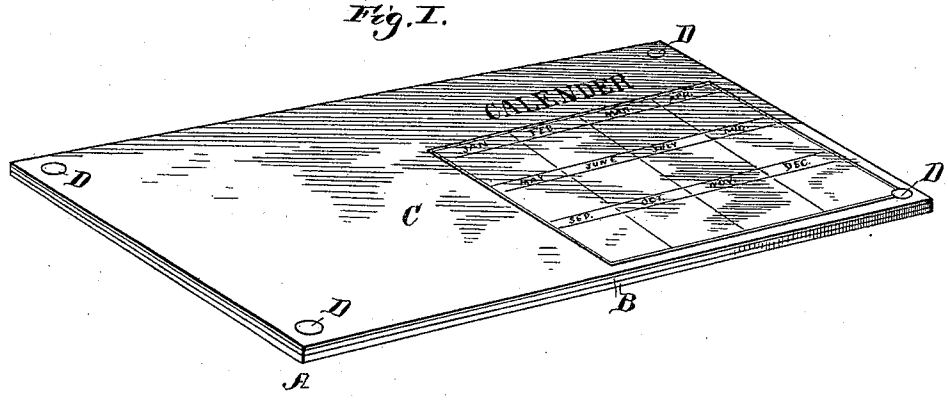


Fig. II.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES GALLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blotting-Pads; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My present invention relates to an improved blotting-pad; and the object of the invention is to provide a simple and cheap pad for absorbing or taking up surplus ink, which has a smooth polished surface to enable the hand of the user to quickly and smoothly glide over the surface of the blotter in using the device, and to adapt the blotter to contain useful information or an advertisement, which is to be printed thereon, and which cannot be effaced or give off an objectionable color to the hand when it is rubbed over the smooth polished surface of the blotter.

With these and other ends in view my invention consists of a blotter comprising one or more layers of absorbent blotting-paper and a layer of transparent or translucent pyroxyline material, which is laid flat upon the layer of blotting-paper, is united thereto, and contains on its inner surface, against which the blotting-paper bears, an inscription, calendar, advertisement, or other desired information.

My invention further consists in the construction and adaptation of parts, as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

To enable others to readily understand my invention, I have illustrated the same in connection with the accompanyings drawings, in which—

Figure I is a perspective view of my improved blotter. Fig. II is a longitudinal sectional view of the same.

Like letters of reference denote corresponding parts in both figures of the drawings, in which—

A designates the blotter, which consists of one or more layers of blotting-paper B or equivalent material and a top layer or sheet of transparent flexible celluloid or pyroxyline material C. These layers of blotting material and flexible pyroxyline are of uniform size and shape, so that the edges of the several layers are flush with each other or coincident, and the layers are fastened together by any suitable contrivances—as, for instance, by means of eyelets or rivets D—at the angles or corners of the blotter. It is evident, however, that the layers can be fastened together by other suitable fastenings.

The layer of pyroxyline or celluloid is quite thin and transparent or translucent, and it has a smooth polished surface, over which the hand of the user easily and quickly glides while using the blotter to take up ink from a freshly-written page, &c.

One of the most common objections to the use of an ordinary printed blotter is that the ink rubs off the blotter and soils the hand when the blotter is used, and to overcome this objection I provide the sheet of transparent celluloid or pyroxyline with the desired inscription on the inner face or surface of such sheet or on that face thereof against which the top layer of blotting-paper impinges, whereby the celluloid or pyroxyline layer provides the smooth or polished rubbing surface for the hand in using the blotter and at the same time obviates soiling the hand and preserves or retains the inscription or advertisement on the blotter.

Any desired inscription can be placed on the inner surface of the blotter—as, for instance, an advertisement, calendar, cut or picture, or any other matter, and this matter can be readily printed in colors on the back or inner surface of the pyroxyline layer and still be clearly visible or discernible through the transparent or translucent blotter.

My improved blotter is simple and cheap, is attractive, and useful for advertising and other purposes.

The layers of blotting-paper can be detached one after the other, if desired.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a blotting-pad comprising one or more layers of blotting-paper, a top layer of smooth or polished celluloid or pyroxyline material which is transparent and flexible and provided with an inscription on its inner face adjacent to one of the layers of paper, and devices for fastening the layers of blotting-paper and celluloid together, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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