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COMBINATION BLOTTER, PEN WIPER OR PEN CLEANER, AND PEN RACK.

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FIG. 1

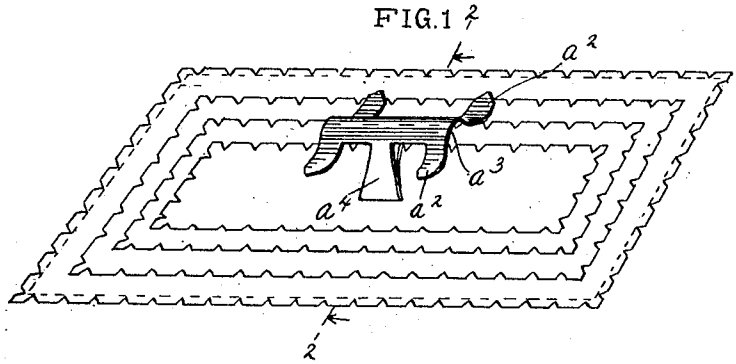
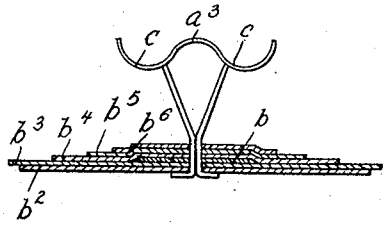


FIG. 2



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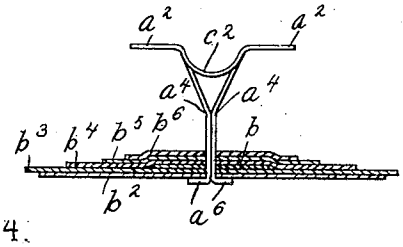

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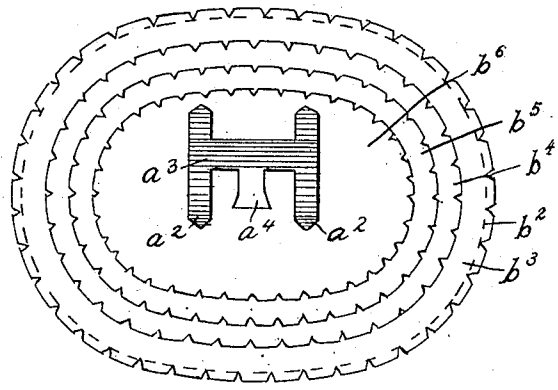

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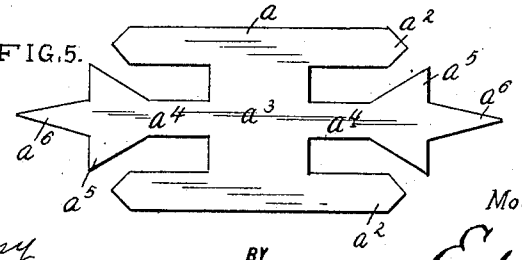

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MOSES H. SHAPIRO, a citizen of the United States, and residing at Hoboken, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Blotters, Pen-Wipers or Pen-Cleaners, and Pen-Racks, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to blotters, pen wipers or cleaners and pen racks; and the object thereof is to provide an improved device of this class which is simple in construction and comparatively inexpensive, and which will also form an attractive article of desk furniture or desk ornamentation.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawing forms a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of my improved combination blotter, pen wiper or cleaner and pen rack; Fig. 2 a transverse section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 a view similar to Fig. 2 but showing a slight modification; Fig. 4 a view similar to Fig. 1 but showing a modification; and, Fig. 5 a plan view of a metal blank which I employ in the construction of my improved blotter, pen wiper or cleaner and pen rack.

In the practice of my invention, I provide a metal blank a, shown in Fig. 5, and composed of parallel side members a^2, a central transverse member a^3 and central end arms or members a^4 connected with the central transverse member a^3 and which are longer than the side members a^2 and provided with triangular heads a^5 having central projecting prongs a^6. The blotter and pen wiper or cleaner proper comprises, in the form of construction shown, a central stiffening member b which may be composed of metal, stiff hard paper board or any other suitable material, a bottom blotter b^2 and a plurality of layers b^3, b^4, b^5 and b^6 of any suitable fabric, flannel or similar material being preferred, and the separate layers or sheets of fabric decrease in dimensions from the bottom upwardly, and the fabric sheets or layers b^3, b^4, b^5, and b^6 may be of any desired color and may be of different colors, red, white and blue being preferred, and when the blotter b^2, the stiffening member b and the fabric sheets b^3, b^4, b^5 and b^6 are placed together in a pile as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, the blank a shown in Fig. 1 is folded transversely of the central portion a^3, the central end arms or members a^4 are folded together and the prongs a^6 are passed through the parts b, b^2, b^3, b^4, b^5 and b^6 and bent to form holders or keepers as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The end part of the side portions a^2 of the blank are then bent downwardly, outwardly and upwardly and in opposite directions to form hook members or grooves c as shown in Fig. 2 to form a pen holder or pencil holder.

Instead of folding the blank a, as above described and as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the central part a^3 thereof may be folded downwardly as shown in Fig. 3 to form a central groove c^2 in which a pen or pen holder may be placed, and in this event the end parts of the side portions a^2 of the blank may extend outwardly as shown in said figure, if desired.

The only difference between the construction shown in Figs. 1 and 4 is in the shape of the pad portion formed by the blotter b^2 and parts b^3, b^4, b^5 and b^6, but said pad portion may be of any desired shape.

This device may be used in the manner of an ordinary blotter, and whenever necessary the bottom sheet b^2 which constitutes the blotter proper may be detached and a new one substituted and a number of said blotter sheets may be employed, if desired, and, in practice, the edge portions of the fabric sheets b^3, b^4, b^5 and b^6 are used for the purpose of wiping or cleaning a pen in the usual manner.

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

1. A combination blotter, pen cleaner and pen rack composed of a bottom sheet or sheets of blotting material, a plurality of sheets of fabric placed thereover and forming in connection therewith a pad, a pen rack composed of sheet metal and provided with prongs passed downwardly through said pad and secured beneath the same.

2. A combination blotter, pen cleaner and pen rack composed of a bottom sheet or sheets of blotting material, a plurality of sheets of fabric placed thereover and form-

ing in connection therewith a pad, a pen rack composed of sheet metal and provided with prongs passed downwardly through said pad and secured beneath the same, said pad being also provided centrally with a reinforcing or stiffening sheet.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of the subscribing witnesses this 25th day of June 1907.

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