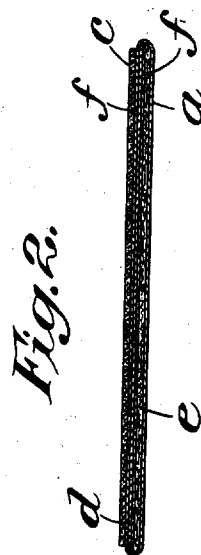
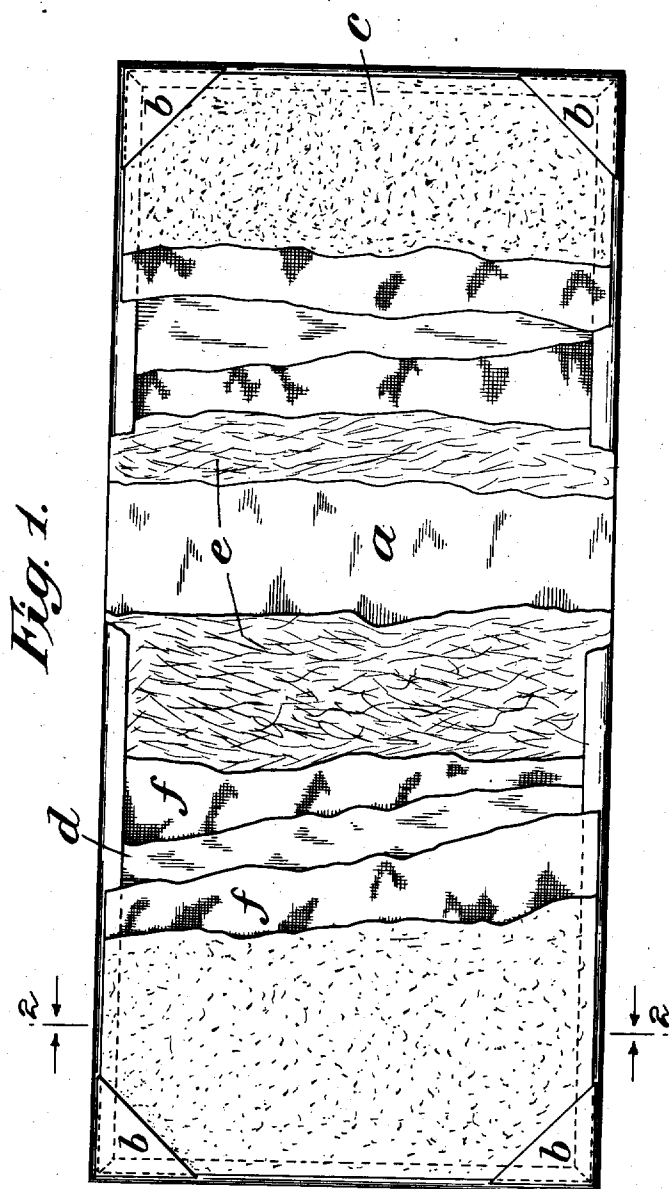


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL H. FITZGERALD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the borough of Brooklyn of the city of New York, in the State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blotter-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

The object of the invention is to provide a frame or holder for a piece of blotting paper which frame or holder shall be exceedingly flexible so that when in use it may be bent freely without danger of being broken and which, after use, will tend to return to its natural shape.

It has been customary heretofore to bind together several thicknesses of hand blotters and to provide a smooth top piece, such as is furnished by a celluloid strip, for instance, in order to furnish a smooth surface to rub against. Any excessive bending or such a blotting pad will not only cause the blotters to break but will tend to destroy the shape of the pad and to make it unsightly.

In accordance with the present improvements, a resilient strip is provided in connection with a soft top piece or back for rubbing against, the effect of which is to keep the holder in shape and at the same time to permit excessive bending or distortion while in use.

The invention will be more fully described in connection with the accompanying drawings in which,

Figure 1 is a plan view of a device embodying the improvements, which device, as shown, is broken away in order to illustrate its structure and Fig. 2 is a view in section, the plane of the section being indicated by the line 2—2 in Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings, it will be noted that the improved device consists of what may be referred to as a top piece or back *a* over which the hand is passed in order to rub the blotter well down upon the wet ink, means such as the corner pieces *b* employed for securing a blotter *c* to the back piece, and interposed strips of material between the blotter and the back. In the present case, the interposed material between the blotter and the back is made up of what may be

referred to as a resilient piece *d* and a soft filling *e*, between the resilient piece and the back, such as cotton batting. The resilient strip or piece may be simply a very thin layer of steel but it has been found very satisfactory in practice to employ a piece of paper board, such as red pocketbook paper, for this purpose. In order to prevent the red pocketbook paper from creasing or from becoming broken, a strip of muslin, such as Holland cloth, is pasted upon each side of the strip of paper board, as illustrated in the drawings at *f*. Thus, in the present case, the resilient piece consists of the strip *d* and the two strips *f* pasted one on each side of the strip *d* respectively. Such a construction furnishes a strip having the desired qualities of flexibility and resiliency and does not entail any considerable expense in the manufacture of the improved device.

The top piece or back *a* is preferably of soft smooth leather, such as would be provided by a very thin strip of leather or imitation leather.

In order to impart additional softness to the back, the layer *e* of cotton batting or the like is provided, but this layer may of course be dispensed with without departing from the spirit of the invention.

One or more blotting paper strips *c* may be inserted underneath the corner pieces *b*, but preferably only one such strip will be employed at a time, the same to be removed and a new piece inserted after it has absorbed enough ink to render its further use undesirable.

When the device is used, it may be bent or flexed to the extent of almost being folded without injury thereto, and it will return substantially to its original or normal shape thereafter.

It will be understood that various changes may be made in the embodiment of the improvements shown and described herein without departing from the spirit of the invention.

I claim as my invention:

1. A blotter holder comprising a layer of soft material constituting a back which can be flexed, means to secure a blotter thereto, and a layer between the blotter and back consisting of paper board and muslin pieces pasted upon each side of the paper board.

2. A blotter holder comprising a leather back, means to secure a blotter thereto, and a strip between the blotter and back consisting of red pocketbook paper with Holland
5 cloth pasted upon each side of the red pocketbook paper to restore the holder to normal shape after being used.

This specification signed and witnessed this 17th day of December, A. D., 1908.

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