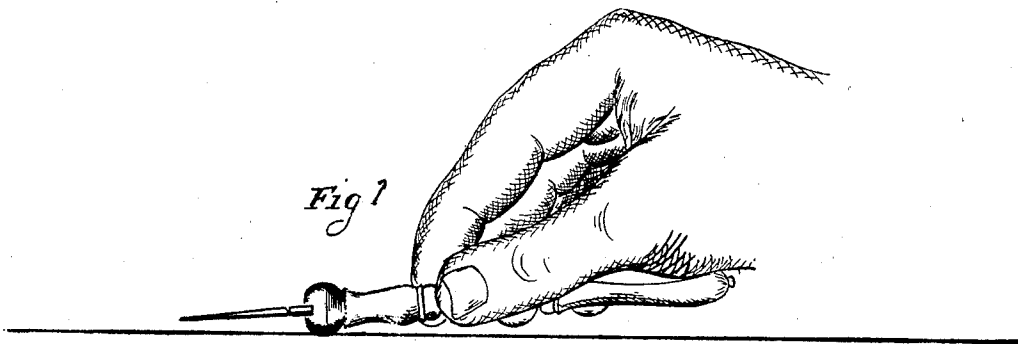


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IMPROVEMENT IN ERASERS AND BURNISHERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **49,558**, dated August 22, 1865.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, A. G. SHAVER, of the city and county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and Improved Method of Constructing Erasers and Burnishers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 represents the principal form of my invention.

The nature of my invention consists in constructing an eraser with the blade of any ordinary form, and provided with a metallic or mineral ferrule burnisher instead of the ordinary form, composed of bone or similar soft material.

That others may understand my invention, I will particularly describe it.

In Fig. 1 is represented a ferrule so formed that it may be used conveniently as a burnisher to smooth and polish the surface of paper or parchment after an erasure has been made. This ferrule A is formed of steel or other suitable metallic or mineral substance. It is required to be of the utmost hardness, and therefore it is not deemed advisable to construct it of any metal but steel, though agate or any similar mineral substance would meet all requirements admirably. In order to adapt it to be used as a burnisher it will be necessary that it should possess very convex sides protruding considerably above the surface of the handle of the instrument, so that while the

said convex surface is resting upon the paper to be burnished and the handle elevated sufficiently to be grasped firmly by the fingers, still there will be no danger of contact between the paper and the point or edge of the blade. This is obviously a necessary precaution, otherwise there would be constant danger of damage to the surface from which an erasure had been made. This point is fully illustrated in Fig. 1.

I am aware that erasers have been constructed with metallic burnishers, such having been the subject of Letters Patent granted to me; but I am not aware that they have ever been so constructed except the burnisher formed a part of the blade, and in that case the blade was necessarily constructed in a peculiar form different from the common style, which many prefer, and it is to accommodate this preference in the shape of the blade of an eraser that I have devised the burnisher which forms the subject of this application.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In combination with the blade and handle of an eraser or desk-knife, a ferrule of steel or any equally suitable metallic or mineral substance, constructed substantially as described, so that it may be used as a burnisher, as set forth.

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