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FINGER-BLOTTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED R. KING, citizen of the United States, residing at Lindsborg, in the county of McPherson and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Finger-Blotters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to finger blotters, and has for its object to provide an attachment adapted to be applied to the finger of a person while writing, in order that the blotter may be used just after the writing has been completed. Such a blotter is of advantage to persons keeping books for the reason that entries are required to be made on different pages and these pages should be turned quickly in order to save time, therefore as soon as the entry is made the person using the finger blotter may blot the same so that the page may be quickly turned without danger of smearing.

With the above object in view the invention includes a metallic backing or body having a finger stall and a platen portion against which the blotting paper is held by means of flanges formed at the ends or side edges of the said platen portion. A section of resilient material is secured at one end portion of the platen which may be used for frictionally engaging the page of a book when it is desired to turn the same for the purpose of lifting the said page with relation to the stack of pages, so that the thumb or finger may be readily inserted under the top of the page.

For a full understanding of the invention reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of the blotter, viewing the same upon the upper side; Fig. 2 is a similar view of the underside; Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a modified form of the blotter.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the accompanying drawings by the same reference characters.

The blotter includes a frame or platen portion 1 which is preferably formed from sheet metal or rubber and which is provided at one side with a finger stall 2, also formed from sheet metal. The material of which the stall 2 is formed is not completed circumferentially of the stall, consequently

the end portions of the stall may be sprung with relation to each other, in order that the stall may fit fingers of different sizes.

As illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawing, the platen 1 is curved transversely of its length and is provided at its inner and outer edges with flanges 3 which receive between them the edge portions of a section of blotting paper 4. At one end of the platen a strip of rubber 5 or similar resilient material is secured between the flanges 3 at the opposite sides of the said platen.

In the form of the invention illustrated in Fig. 3, the platen 1 is curved longitudinally of its length and the flanges 3 are formed at the ends of the platen. A section of blotting paper 4 is secured under the said flanges and against the convexed face of the platen. Also a section of rubber is secured under one of the flanges 3 at the end of the platen 1. Therefore it will be seen that in both forms of the invention the parts are similarly arranged and connected with each other, the only essential difference being that in one instance the platen is curved transversely of its length, while in the other instance it is curved longitudinally of its length.

A writer having the stall applied to any one of the fingers of the right hand may blot his writings immediately after they are completed and therefore the page may be turned with safety. In order to turn the page the rubber strip 5 is borne down against the uppermost page and the hand is moved in a direction across the page, which movement will lift the uppermost page from the stack of pages and the thumb or finger may be readily inserted under the same, whereby the said uppermost page may be easily and quickly turned.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:—

A finger blotter comprising a platen, a finger stall attached thereto, a blotting material secured to the platen, and a resilient friction material secured to the platen and having an outer surface in alinement with the outer surface of the blotting material.

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

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