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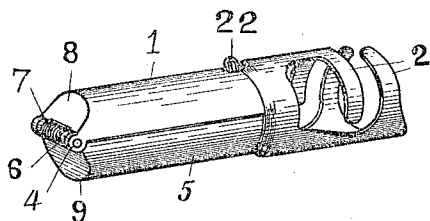


Fig. 1 -

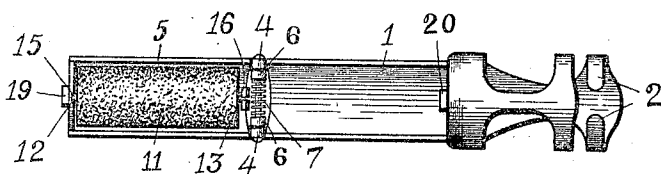


Fig. 2 -

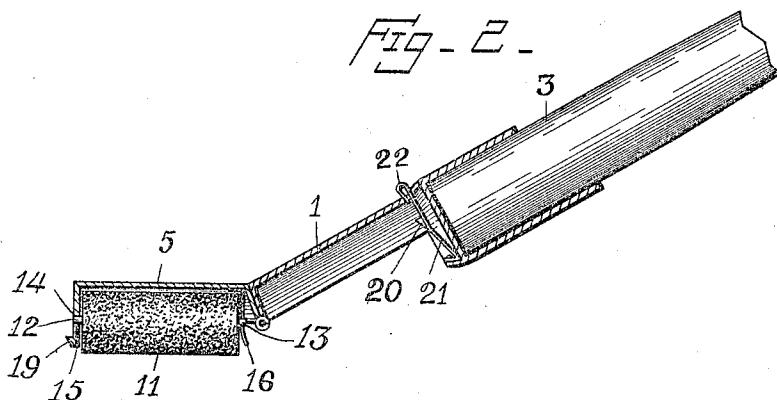


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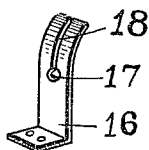


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GOSLEE FORBES GEIGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Blotter Attachment, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to blotters for drying writing, and the objects of my improvement are, to provide a handy and ready blotter; to provide a blotter that may be easily carried in the pocket, to protect the blotter from dirt and injury, easy accessibility, durability, facility of use, and comparative inexpensiveness of manufacture. These objects I attain by means of the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view; Fig. 2, a plan view of the attachment open; Fig. 3, a sectional view; and, Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the blotter-holding spring.

Similar reference numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

The device consists of a hollow cylindrical shell divided longitudinally into two parts. One part, the body portion, 1, is provided at one of its ends with spring fingers, 2, suitably arranged to frictionally engage a suitable holder, 3, which may be made of wood or any other suitable material, or may be a pen holder, and the other end is provided with a hinge-member, 4. The other part, 5, of the shell is provided at its outer end with a hinge-member, 6, corresponding to hinge-member 4 of body portion 1. The two parts 1 and 5 are thus hinged together at their outer ends, so that part 5 may swing open and outward to the position shown in Figs. 2 and 3. A coiled torsion spring, 7, is placed in the hinge, which tends to swing part 5 outward when released and hold it in the position relative to part 1 shown in Fig. 2. The outer ends of parts 1 and 5 are beveled as shown at 8 and 9, and the beveled faces come together, when part 5 swings, and forms a stop to limit the motion of part 5 and hold it at an obtuse angle relative to the axis of part 1, as shown in Fig. 3. It will be observed that this angle is such that when holder 3 and body portion 1 are held in the position in which a pen is held for writing, part 5 is horizontal or parallel with the paper.

Another blotter, 11, provided with jour-

nals or pintles, 12 and 13, is mounted longitudinally in part 5 of the shell, so as to adapt it to rotate easily therein. In the end of part 5 opposite the hinge-member, is provided a hole, 14, which serves as a bearing for pintle 12. A vertical groove, 15, is formed in the end wall of part 5, leading to hole 14, and this is preferably flared at the top, so that the pintle, 12, may be guided toward its bearing when the blotter is inserted. The pintle 13, on the opposite end of the blotter, is journaled in a spring, 16, which is perforated at 17 and provided with a groove 18, similar to groove 15, and for a similar purpose. The upper end of spring 16 is curved away from blotter 11, so that the pintles of the blotter may be laid in the grooves and pushed down and will spring into their bearings. To remove the blotter, it is necessary only to draw back spring 16, with the thumb or finger-nail, when the blotter will fall out. A catch, 19, is provided on the end wall of part 5, and a corresponding catch, 20, on a spring, 21, in the end wall of part 1 is adapted to engage catch 19 when part 5 is swung in and closed. Spring 21 is provided with a projection, 22, (Figs. 1 and 3) which extends beyond the wall of part 1. The wall of part 1 is longitudinally slotted where projection 22 issues, in order that the spring may be moved.

The use of my device may now be readily understood. By means of the spring fingers 2 it may be attached to any suitable holder 3, such as a pen-holder, or it may be carried in the vest pocket and used alone. When the blotter is to be used, it is held in the fingers, after the manner of a pen, with the projection 22 upward. A stroke of the index finger upward over projection 22 releases part 5 and allows it to fly open, through the instrumentality of spring 7, and extend in the position shown in Fig. 3, when the blotter 11 may be rolled across the writing quickly. The blotter 11 is made preferably of linen or other fiber which absorbs the ink rapidly, so that it will not offset when passed over a long line of writing. When the blotter is not needed, the part 5 is closed and will be held in the closed position by the catch 19 engaging catch 20.

Having thus described my invention, so that any one skilled in the art pertaining thereto may make and use it, I claim—

1. A blotter attachment, comprising a

roller-blotter, a cylindrical case for said blotter, said case divided longitudinally substantially into halves and the parts hinged together transversely at their outer ends, one half of said case constituting the body portion of the attachment and the other adapted to swing outward, and the swinging part provided with means for receiving the journals of said roller-blotter.

2. In a blotter attachment, a case divided longitudinally into two parts, one part being hinged to the other and adapted to swing outward longitudinally relative to the body of the attachment, and a roller-blotter journaled in the swinging part.

3. In a blotter attachment, a case divided longitudinally into two parts, one part being hinged to the other and adapted to swing outward longitudinally relative to the body of the attachment, and a roller-blotter journaled in the swinging part, means for clamping on a holder.

4. In a device of the class described, a semi-cylindrical casing provided at one end with clamping means for attachment to a

holder, the other end being beveled and provided with a hinge member, a second semi-cylindrical casing provided with spring bearings for a roller blotter, and having one end beveled and provided with a hinge member for engagement with said first mentioned casing, a catch for holding said casings in closed position, and a spring for holding said casings apart.

5. In a device of the class described, semi-cylindrical casings joined at one end by a spring hinge, the ends of said casings adjacent said spring hinge being beveled, one of said semi-cylindrical casings constituting the body portion and being provided with means for attachment to a holder, the other of said semi-cylindrical casings provided with bearings for a roller-blotter, and a catch to hold said casings in a closed position.

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