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Sand-Paper Holder.

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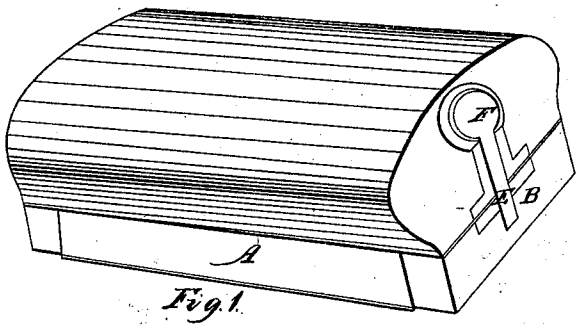


Fig. 1.

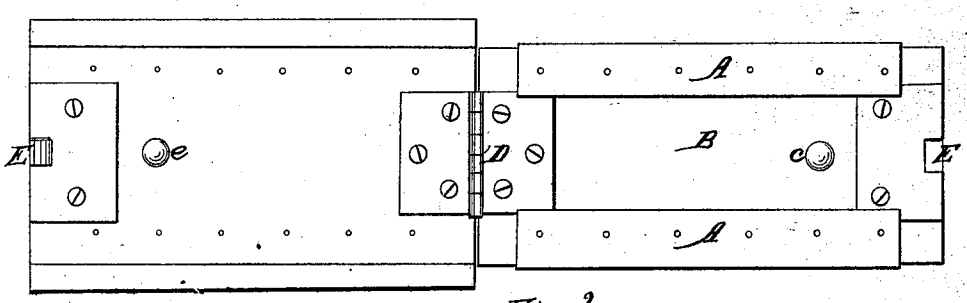


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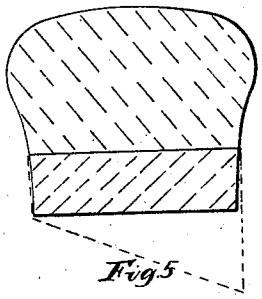


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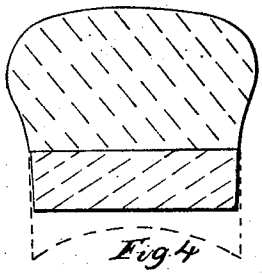


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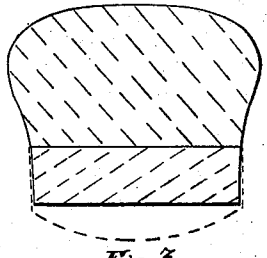


Fig. 3.

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IMPROVEMENT IN SAND-PAPER HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, TIMOTHY B. FITCH, of the town of Norwalk, county of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Article for Holding Sand-Paper Firmly when Using by the Hand; and I do hereby declare that the following is a correct description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a block in two parts hinged together to hold a portion of sand-paper when in use.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the holder when in use. Fig. 2 is a view of the holder when open to receive the sand-paper; Fig. 3, a sketch showing how a convex bottom may be placed on; Fig. 4, a concave bottom; Fig. 5, a beveled bottom.

I make the block or holder, Fig. 1, of wood or any other material of a size suitable to be grasped by the hand when using.

The lower part, B, has small sharp points on its upper surface to pierce through the edges of the part of the sand-paper that laps over the edges or sides of the bottom, as shown in Fig. 2.

In the middle of the face B is a steady-pin, C, to keep the block from shifting when closed, and a hinge, D, to fold the upper and lower parts together and to close on the edges A of the sand-paper. A spring-catch fastening, E, operated by the pressure of the thumb on the thumb-piece F, holds the two parts firmly together when in use.

This sand-paper holder can be made of any convenient size in length or width, and formed to shape suitable to be grasped comfortably by the hand. The paper is cut to the proper size for folding over the bottom block, as described in Fig. 2, and can be easily fixed on or removed, and is held firmly, so that it will not easily tear; and the form or shape of the bottom surface may be made to suit moldings or curves, as shown in the sketches 3, 4, 5; may be used for sand-paper, emery-paper, or any other thin friction or polishing article. It is simple, useful, and economical.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is

A sand-paper holder constructed and arranged in the manner substantially as herein set forth and described.

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