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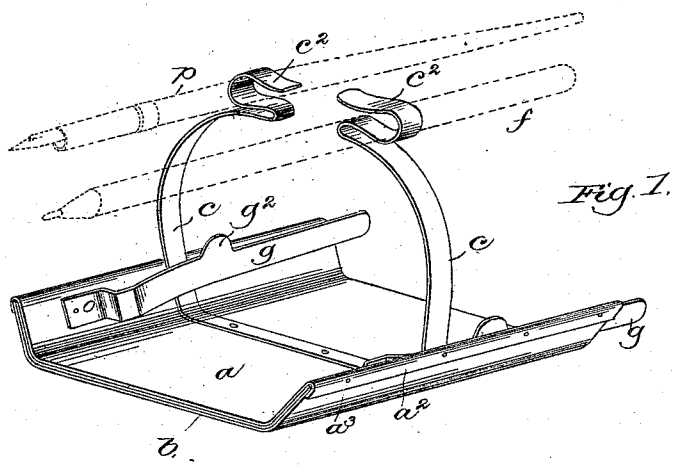


Fig. 1.

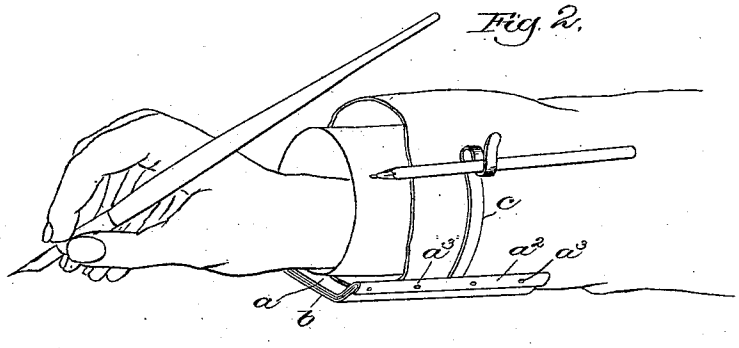


Fig. 2.

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BLOTTING-PAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES J. BAILEY, of Newton, county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Blotting-Pads, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

My invention consists in a blotting-pad composed of a paper-holder and spring holding arms or fingers by which to attach the said pad to a sleeve or cuff, as will be described.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one of my improved blotting-pads, and Fig. 2 shows the same applied to a sleeve.

The pad is composed, essentially, of a thin sheet-metal back plate, *a*, one or more sheets of blotting-paper, *b*, held by it, and of the spring holding-arms *c c*, composed of thin metal, and adapted to engage a sleeve or cuff, as will be described. The plate *a* will, preferably, be of thin sheet metal—such as brass nickel-plated—and the side and edges of the said plate will be turned over, as at a^2, and indented by a prick-punch, as at a^3, to form burrs to engage the paper *b*; or the turned-over portions of the said plate may be otherwise grooved, ribbed, indented, or corrugated in a suitable manner to receive and hold the edges of the sheet or sheets of paper, the portions of the back plate which engage the blotting-paper extending parallel with the length of the arm, and being always above and so as not to contact with the paper being written upon. The spring-clip *c* in Fig. 2 is shown as a piece of spring-steel shaped to constitute two spring-arms, and adapted to be sprung over and so as to clasp the sleeve or cuff, thereby retaining the pad thereon when writing, so that the blotting-paper can be laid, whenever desired, on the written word or line from which it is desired to take up the surplus ink, thus avoiding manipulating the pad by hand. The ends of the arms *c c* are bent, as at c^2, to form a holder for a pencil or pen, thus enabling a pencil, *f*, or a pen, *p*, to be held on the arm, instead of above the ear or in the mouth, as commonly done by book-keepers. The spring-fingers *g* enter and connect the pad with the sleeve or cuff, and have prongs or ears g^2, which, by pressure against them of the thumb and finger, will enable the prongs to be forced toward each other for ready insertion in a sleeve.

The described pad also acts as a cuff or sleeve protector, and as such is of lighter weight than any cuff-protector known to me.

I claim—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a blotting-pad provided with metallic spring-arms *c c*, adapted to be sprung apart at its ends to embrace the sleeve or arm and hold the pad in place, substantially as described.

2. A blotting-pad provided with a spring-clip having a holder for a pen or pencil, substantially as described.

3. A blotting-pad provided with spring-fingers to enter the sleeve or cuff, to hold the pad in place, substantially as described.

4. A blotting-pad provided with a spring-clip, *c*, and spring-fingers *g*, the former to embrace and the latter to enter the sleeve or cuff, substantially at described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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