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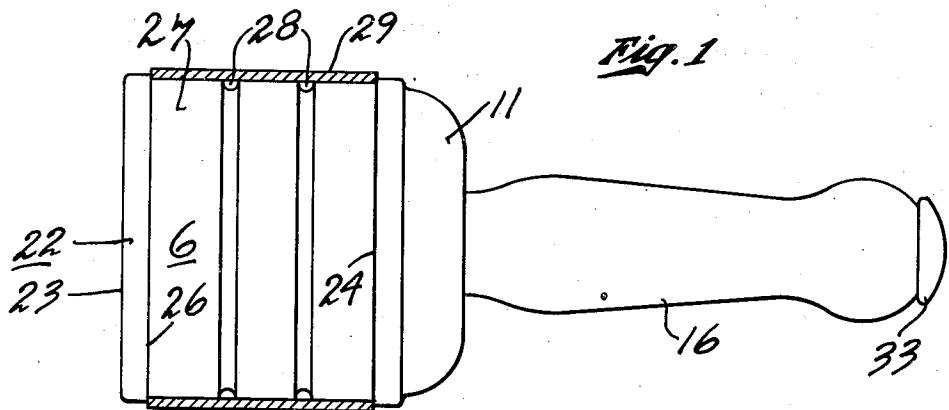


Fig. 1

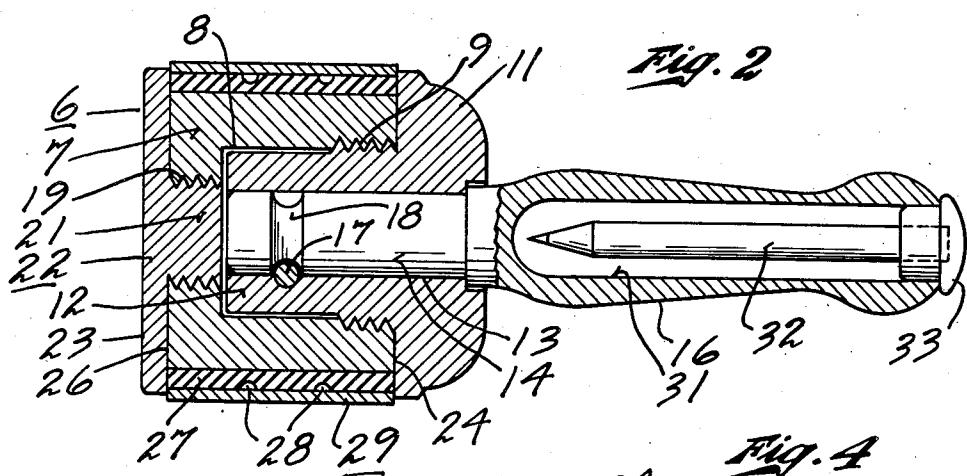


Fig. 2

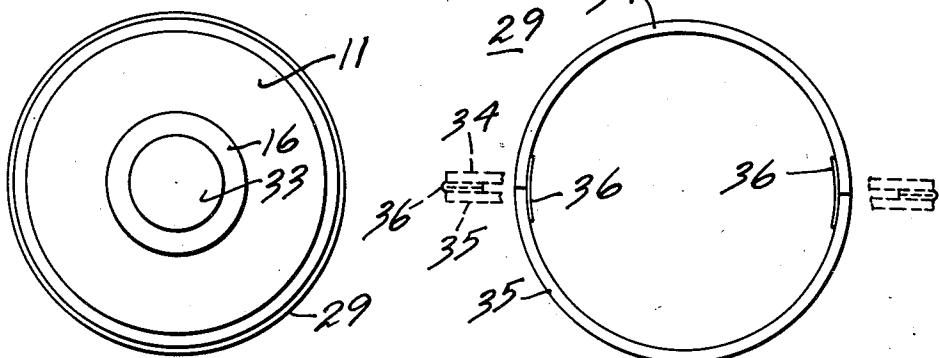


Fig. 3

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My invention relates to a combination roller blotter, pen holder, and paper weight and has for an object the provision of an article of this kind which is comparatively simple in construction, effective in operation, and relatively inexpensive to manufacture.

My invention further contemplates the provision of a device of this kind in which a suitable handle is journaled at the axis of a roller and formed with a chamber adapted to receive a pen, pencil, or the like.

Another object of my invention resides in the provision of an improved roller construction adapted to receive a cylindrical-shaped blotter which may readily be removed and replaced by a fresh blotter when desired.

A further object of my invention resides in the provision of an improved cylindrical-shaped blotter which may be folded and flattened when packed or stored prior to use on the roller.

My invention further contemplates the provision of a roller having its end remote from the handle flattened in order that same may be employed as a paper weight and also to make the pen or pencil mounted in the handle readily accessible to the user.

My invention further contemplates the provision of a device of this kind in which a layer of soft rubber is interposed between the outer wall of the roller and the inner side of the blotter to facilitate the blotting operation upon irregular or rough surfaces and to provide a greater surface contact.

My invention comprises other novel features, details of construction, and arrangement of parts which are hereinafter set forth in the specification and claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, forming part thereof, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a side elevational view of my improved device in which the blotter is shown in cross section;

Fig. 2 is a cross sectional view of my device showing the inner end of the handle in elevation;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of my device; and

Fig. 4 is an end detail view of my improved blotter.

Referring now to the drawing for a better understanding of my invention, I show my device as comprising a roller 6 formed with a body portion 7 which is recessed at 8 and threaded at 9 to receive a top member 11 having a relatively long hub 12 which is threaded for engagement with the threads 9. The top member 11 is bored at 13 to provide a bearing for the journal end 14

formed on the inner end of the handle 16 which is then held against displacement by means of a pin 17 mounted in the top member and engaging in a slot 18 formed in the journal end 14. The pin 17 is loosely mounted in the top member and may readily be removed therefrom when the top member is removed from the body portion 7. The body portion 7 is bored and threaded at 19 to receive a threaded stem 21 formed on the bottom portion 22. The bottom portion is formed with a flat outer wall 23 upon which the device is adapted to rest when same is employed as a paper weight.

Encircling the body portion 7 and extending between the inner walls 24 and 26 of the top member 11 and the bottom member 22, I provide a cylindrical-shaped member 27 which is preferably formed of soft rubber and having a plurality of grooves formed therein at 28 to assist in retaining the cylindrical-shaped blotter 29 against lateral displacement. The periphery of the inner walls 24 and 26 engage the edges of the blotter but terminate short of the outer surface of same. The handle 16 is hollowed out at 31 to receive a pencil 32, or some other article such as a pen, letter opener, etc., (not shown). As shown in the drawing, the pencil may be mounted in the inner end of a cap plug 33 which may be attractively formed in various designs and without detracting from the usual manipulation of the pencil, or the like, when securely attached thereto.

While the blotter 29 may be formed in one piece, it is desirable to form same in two parts 34 and 35 and then join their ends together by means of adhesive tape 36, as shown in Fig. 4. By forming the blotter in two parts, it may then be readily folded without creasing same to form a flat object suitable for packing and storage prior to use, as illustrated by the dotted lines in Fig. 4.

While I have shown my invention in but one form, it is obvious to those skilled in the art that it is not so limited but is susceptible of various changes and modifications without departing from the spirit thereof; and I desire, therefore, that only such limitations shall be placed thereupon as are imposed by the prior art.

I claim:

1. In a device of the character described, a roller having a body portion, a top portion having a relatively long hub extending into the body portion for detachable engagement therewith, a bearing formed through the axis of the top portion, a handle provided with a journal for rota-

tion in said bearing, means defining a groove in the journal of the handle, a pin extending through the hub of the top portion for engagement in said groove to prevent displacement of the handle, a bottom portion detachably mounted on the body portion, a cylinder formed of resilient material mounted on the body portion, and a cylinder of blotting material mounted on the resilient material.

10 2. In a device of the character described, a roller having a cylindrical body portion, a top

portion detachably mounted on one end of said body portion and extending transversely beyond it, a handle journaled for rotation in said top portion and projecting axially therefrom, a bottom portion detachably mounted on the other end of said body portion and extending transversely beyond it, and a blotter mounted on said body portion and held in position between the top portion and the body portion.

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