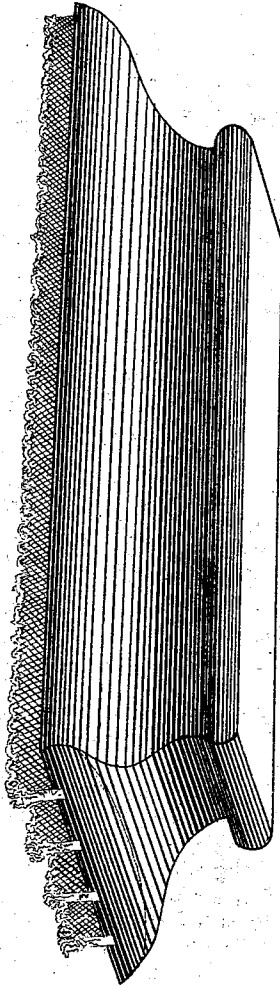


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH B. WALKER, of the city of Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented a new Rubber to Erase Chalk-Marks from Blackboards and other surfaces; and do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same.

I take a block of wood of any convenient size, say six inches long, two inches wide, and one and a half inch thick. I cut or mold the edges to give convenient hold for grasping with the fingers, as shown in the accompanying drawing. I next groove the under surface to admit folds of heavy cloth (as sail-duck) to form a brush or rubber. I then stop the pores of the wood with a solution of gelatine, and

coat the entire block with a colored varnish of shellac. I next fix the cloth in the grooves by a hot iron or other means, and finally affix the manufacturer's stamp.

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

A blackboard-rubber consisting of a block having grooves for the reception of sheets of cloth placed edgewise therein, so that the rubbing is effected by the ends of the threads, and arranged as described, so that the threads run diagonally to the rubbing-surface, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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