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Fig. 1.

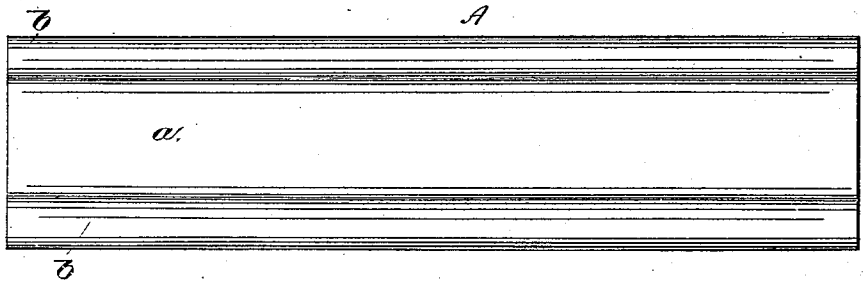


Fig. 2.



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SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 405,217, dated June 11, 1889.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RHODES LOCKWOOD, of Boston, county of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Combined Ruler and Blotter, 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 of a combined ruler and blotter constructed of a thin sheet or shell of rigid material—such as hard rubber—bent longitudinally to form ruling or straight edges, the latter, furthermore, being provided with grooves or channels to receive strips of blotting-paper for blotting purposes, and having the surface between the ruling-edges depressed to form a finger-trough, along which the fingers of a user's hand may travel in employing the device for ruling or blotting purposes.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1, in plan view, represents a ruler and blotter embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 an end view thereof.

The sheet or strip of material to be made into the ruler A will be preferably of hard rubber, bent as at *b b*, to form ruling or straight edges, and also to form grooves or channels 2 2 for the reception of the edges of one or more strips of blotting-paper *c c*, which strips may be drawn into the said grooves and held therein.

The blotting-paper strips may be easily renewed or be reversed or turned to present their inner sides out, if desired.

This ruler is depressed longitudinally from end to end between its ruling-edges, substantially as shown, to form a trough *a*, in which the fingers of the user's hand may travel in using the device for ruling and blotting purposes, such depression also affording on its other side the necessary projection as a base for the blotter. The ruler may be made of any other material, such as celluloid or of metal.

I do not claim a metal ruler having bent edges, as in Patent No. 44,874; neither do I claim a blotter having a back or top plate with bent edges to receive the blotting-pads, as in Patent No. 133,350; nor do I claim a blotter for attachment to one's hand or sleeve, in which is used a back of metal depressed longitudinally and having raised edges which are bent to receive the blotting-pad. Moreover, I do not claim, broadly, a blotting-ruler having its edges grooved or channeled to receive a blotting-pad.

I construct the ruler proper of hard rubber or the like rigid material, because such material best retains given shapes and is most easily made with true straight edges.

What I claim is—

As an improved article of manufacture, the within-described combined ruler and blotter, consisting of the thin sheet or shell of hard rubber or equivalent rigid material, having the bent ruling-edges *b b*, grooves or channels 2 2, the longitudinal depression *a* between the ruling-edges forming a trough for the travel of the user's fingers, and the blotting-paper *c*, substantially as set forth.

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

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