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Fig. 1.

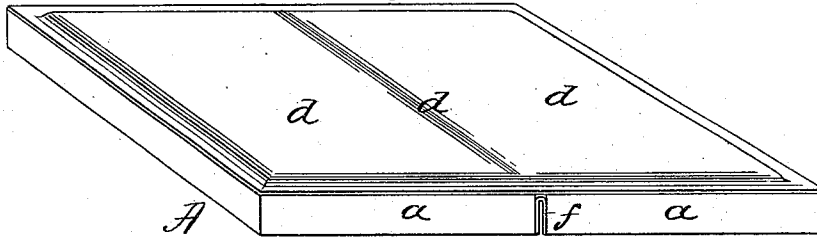


Fig. 2.

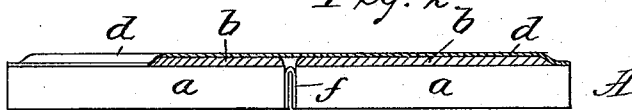


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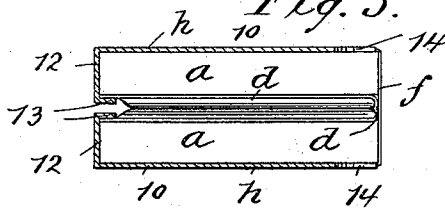


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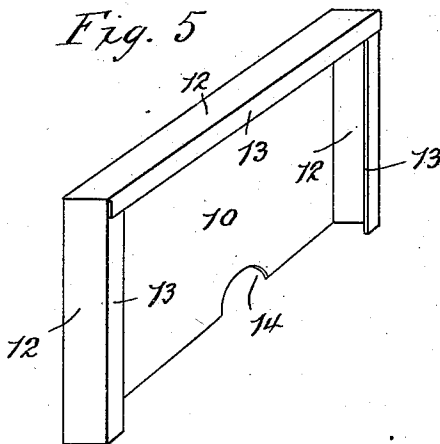
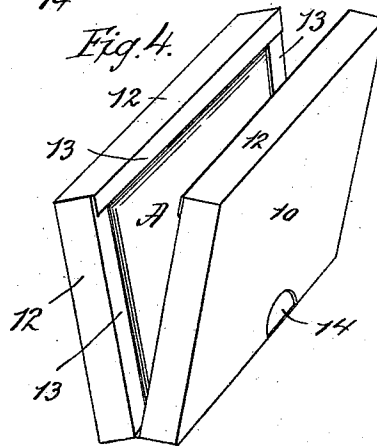


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH B. LAUGHTON, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Westfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Inking-Pads, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to inking-pads for rubber stamps.

The object of the invention is to acquire a novel construction of inking-pad which, first, will occupy less space than heretofore necessary when the pad is closed, and, secondly, which will have less liability, when the pad is closed, to dry up. The invention has otherwise the object to provide a construction of inking-pad embodying an improved metallic envelope or case.

The invention will be now fully described and explained, and set forth in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the folding pad opened for use. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same with portions of the pad and textile covering therefor shown in section. Fig. 3 is an end or edge view of the pad in its closely-folded condition. This view also shows in section the envelope for the pad. Fig. 4 shows the pad in the envelope, the parts being nearly closed. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one section or portion of the metallic envelope.

Similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all of the views.

In the drawings, A indicates the pad as a whole, the same comprising, as to one part, two base-pieces *a a*, of rectangular or other suitable form, which are of rigid material—such, for instance, as wood, vulcanized fibrous material, or the like; as to another part, the layers *b* of absorbent pad material of one or more plies or thicknesses and lying flat and evenly upon the top of the said bases *a a*; and also as to still another part of the top covering of permeable flexible material *d*, usually textile, which overlies both of the pad-covered bases and has its marginal portions secured by adhesive substance or otherwise to bases at or near the edges thereof.

In addition to the connection constituted by the superimposed permeable textile material

d the contiguous edges are united by the hinge *f*, which may advantageously consist of a strip of cloth, rubber cloth, leather or like flexible material.

The pad, the base of which, when open, occupies, for instance, a space of four inches, will, when folded, bring one of the base-layers over the other to occupy a space of but two by four inches. When the two faces of the pad are in contact, while the pad is not being used, the one half will serve to keep the other half moist. When the pad is opened out, as seen in Fig. 2, there will be a slight space under which the pad material does not lie, directly over the hinge-joint. This space is spanned by the upper layer of material *d*, which has thoroughly incorporated therein the inking material by reason of capillary attraction. Each half of the pad may be inclosed by a separate metallic cover or envelope *h*, such as seen in Fig. 5, the pair thereof also being seen in Figs. 3 and 4. Each of these consists of an outer wall 10 and the edge walls 12 12, each with the inturned lip 13; and each side wall 10 has at its edge a thumb-notch 14, whereby when it is desired to draw the pad-body out from its sheath such may be done by reason of the ability to grasp the edge of the pad at the portion exposed at the thumb-opening. The inturned edges 13 13, when the two parts of the pad are pressed closely together, more or less nearly close the openings leading edgewise to the pads, and measurably prevent the entrance of dust and foreign matter therebetween.

The present pad is susceptible of extreme cheapness, as well also as rapidity of construction, and hence the invention is regarded as important to a certain extent for this reason, which advantage, however, is only secondary to the more important ones attained by the folding capability, and which have been hereinbefore clearly stated.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. An inking pad consisting of two base supports edgewise hinged, a layer of absorbent material upon each base section extending to the hinged edge, and a layer of overlying permeable material which covers the absorbent

material and extends across the adjacent hinged edges of the base supports, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. An inking pad consisting of the two base
5 supports edgewise hinged and an ink containing pad on the top of each base combined with a sectional removable metallic case or sheath the same consisting of the two thin metal parts

each comprising a side wall, 10, with the thumb-cut, 14, and the edge walls, 12, with 10
inturned lips, 13, all substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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