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RULING-MACHINE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD KNAPP, of St. Louis, Missouri, have made a new and useful Improvement in Ruling-Machines, of which
5 the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective showing
10 that part of a ruling-machine with which the improvement is immediately connected; Fig. 2, a vertical longitudinal section; and Figs. 3, 4, details, being top views illustrating the different positions of the paper while passing
15 through the machine.

The same letters of reference denote the same parts.

In ruling paper this difficulty occurs: The distance from the top edge of the sheet of the
20 head-line across the sheet is apt to vary upon different lots of paper, but to such slight extent, or so that the striker cannot be set to properly regulate the passage of the sheets through the ruling-machine—that is, the striker lifts
25 slightly too late, and in consequence the bottom edge of the sheet about to pass under the striker does not coincide with the cross head-line upon the sheet in advance, and when the vertical lines are ruled they will extend
30 above the head-line.

To obviate this difficulty is the aim of this improvement, which consists in a retarding device, A.

The sheets C¹ C² C³ are represented as passing
35 through the machine on the feed-apron B' in the direction indicated by the arrow D. In Fig. 1 the striker H has lifted but just after the cross-line E upon the sheet C² has passed. This causes a space, F, to occur between the

bottom edge, *c*, of the sheet C³ and the cross- 40
line E. A similar space is supposed to have occurred between the bottom edge, *c'*, of the sheet C² and the cross-line upon the sheet C¹; but, by means of the device A, the sheet C¹ is retarded in its movement sufficiently for the
45 edge *c'* to come over the cross-line upon the sheet C¹. The essential feature of the device A is a roller or rollers, *a a*, which bear down upon the sheet C¹, and thereby cause its movement to be retarded so that the succeeding
50 sheet C² in consequence slips farther onto the sheet C¹. The rollers *a a* are held in place by the arms *a' a'*, which in turn can be attached to any suitable fixture upon the machine—for
55 instance, the cross-bar G. The pressure exerted by the rollers *a a* can be varied by the adjustable weights *a² a²*. A brush might be used in place of the rollers *a a*. The vertical lines are ruled upon the sheet C¹ while it is in
60 its proper relation to the sheet C².

I claim—

1. A ruling-machine provided with means, substantially as described, for retarding the forward movement of the sheets of paper, said
65 retarding means being located in advance of the striker, whereby the successive sheets are made to overlap the desired distance at the contiguous edges.

2. In a ruling-machine, the combination of
70 the bar G and the retarding device A, consisting of the arms *a' a'*, the rollers *a a*, and the weights *a² a²*, with the feed-apron, all arranged and operating as described.

Witness my hand this 27th day of June, 1883.

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Witnesses:

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