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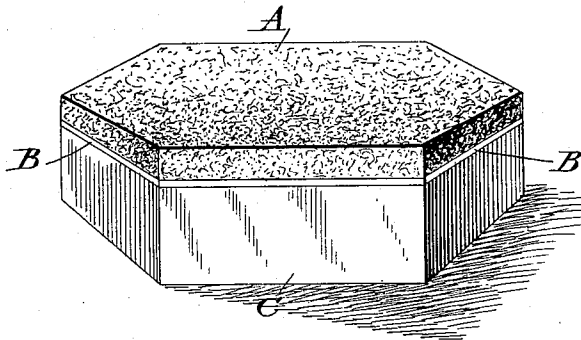
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## INKING-PAD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS ROBERTS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Green Cove Springs, in the county of Clay and State of Florida, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Inking-Pads, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in inking-pads used in distributing ink and other fluids to the surface of type, blocks, patterns, or other devices used in printing; and the object of my invention is to secure an inking-pad of simple and economic construction and which will present a flexible elastic cushion not subject to change with varying atmospheric conditions, and secure also a free and uniform distribution of ink to the surface of the type, block, or other device used in printing.

The accompanying drawing shows a perspective view of my improved inking-pad, wherein—

A represents the absorbent felt constituting the upper surface of the pad on which the ink is spread. This absorbent felt may be formed in any convenient shape and is preferably indicated in the drawing as hexagonal, but should be of sufficient thickness to absorb ink or other printing material to be supplied to the face of the type or other printing device. The base C of my improved inking-pad is also formed, preferably, of felt or other fabric and affords an elastic cushion which readily yields under the blow of a stamp worked either by hand or machine, and thereby obviates sudden shocks, which readily destroy pads devoid of yielding cushion.

Unless some means were provided to prevent the ink taken up by the absorbent pad A from passing to the base or cushion pad C such base or cushion pad would soon become saturated with ink and be thereby rendered

useless. I have therefore interposed between the pads A and C a piece of moisture-proof material, such as B, which is preferably of the same size and shape as the opposing surfaces of the pads A and C. This moisture-proof material B may be of any suitable thickness and be formed of any desired substance—such as rubber, celluloid, or the like—which will prevent the transmission of moisture between the pads A and C.

From the above description it will be seen that I have provided an inking-pad of very simple construction and one in which there is an elastic cushion or base pad surmounted by an ink-absorbent pad, and while I have shown them as of hexagonal shape it is evident that they may be formed of any desired shape or contour, it being only essential that the pad A shall present an absorbent surface for the ink and that the pad C shall present an elastic cushion upon which said pad A is mounted, the moisture-proof material B, separating the pads, being secured to each of them by any suitable means, as an adhesive substance, and effectually preventing the transmission of ink from the pad A to the pad C.

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

As an article of manufacture, an inking-pad comprising an upper ink-absorbing pad, an elastic base or cushion pad, and a moisture-proof material separating said pads throughout their opposing surfaces and secured thereto.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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