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MAILABLE BLOTTER

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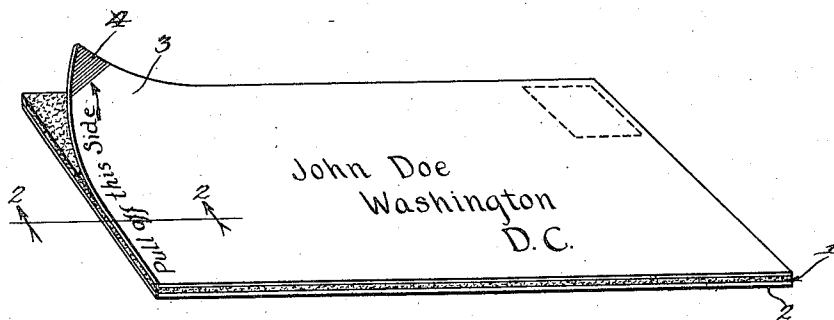


Fig. 1.

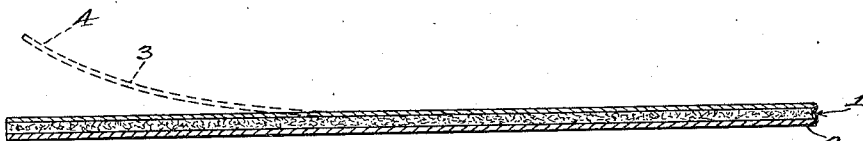


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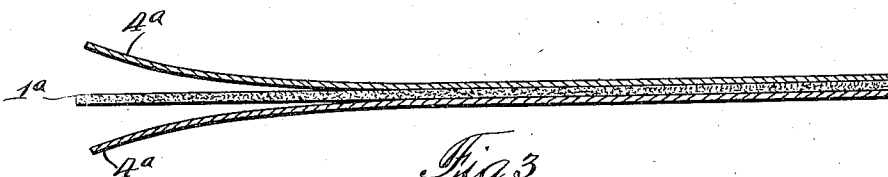


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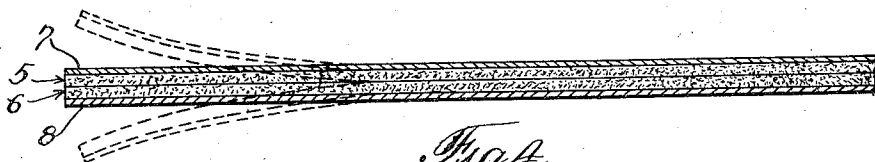


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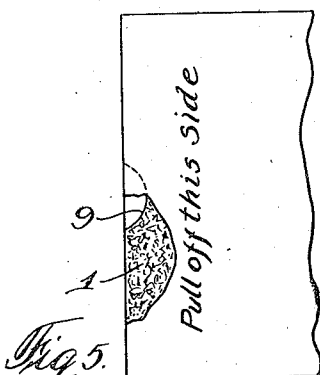


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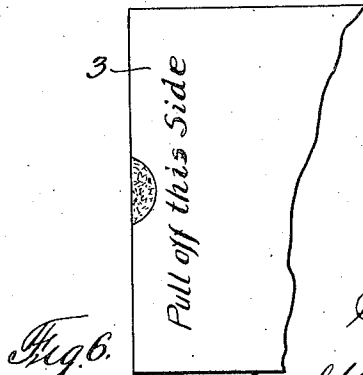


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This invention relates to blotters, and more particularly to blotters for advertising purposes and which are adapted to be sent through the mail.

5 Ordinarily, blotters are made of a single sheet of blotting paper having a suitable backing paper permanently secured to one side, on which advertising matter may be placed. However, it is necessary to enclose such blotters in envelopes
10 for mailing purposes, requiring considerable additional expense.

The present invention provides a blotter having the usual backing paper on one side, which may be used for advertising purposes, and, in addition,
15 provides means on the opposite side whereby the blotter may be protected for sending through the mail and which provides a suitable surface for the address and postage stamp. The device may, therefore, be sent through the
20 mail without the usual additional expense of an envelope.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a blotter having the usual backing surface, and also having a protecting cover adhering
25 to the opposite side which may be easily removed by the user without injuring the blotting surface.

It is a further object to provide a blotter of the character described, in which a protecting
30 element is provided in combination with the usual blotter, and in which the protecting element may be secured over substantially the entire surface of the blotter by means of a suitable adhesive of a character whereby the protecting
35 element may be easily applied and easily and quickly removed by the user. The protecting element is particularly desirable for addressing the blotter for sending through the mail, and may also receive advertising if desired, the usual
40 backing sheet being preferably permanently secured to the blotter whereby suitable advertising matter may be printed or otherwise impressed thereon to form a permanent part of the blotter.

Another object is to provide a blotter of the character described having an easily removable
45 protective covering for mailing purposes, wherein adhesive means is provided to cause the covering to snugly adhere to the blotting surface and be
50 easily removable without injuring the blotting characteristics.

It is also an object to provide a covered blotter in which a simple and efficient means is provided
55 for pulling up one edge of the cover whereby it may be easily removed.

Further objects will be apparent from the specification and the appended claims.

In the drawing,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one embodiment of the invention and illustrates a blotter
5 with the protecting covering partially removed;

Fig. 2 is a sectional detail view of the embodiment illustrated in Fig. 1 and taken on a line substantially corresponding to line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a sectional detail view similar to that
10 of Fig. 2, but illustrating a removable covering on each side of the blotter;

Fig. 4 is a slightly modified detailed sectional view illustrating the adaptation of the two
15 blotters, each with the usual backing and so arranged that each blotter forms a removable protecting covering for the other;

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary detail of the end of a blotter similar to that illustrated in Fig. 1, and
20 arranged to provide for easy removal of the protecting covering or sheet;

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary view similar to Fig. 5, but illustrates a slightly different method of
removing the covering.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the embodiment illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 comprises
25 a sheet of blotting paper 1 having the usual backing 2 permanently secured thereto by means of a suitable adhesive. This backing 2 may be of paper or fabric of the usual type used for such
30 purposes, and provides a suitable stiffening means for the blotter. In some cases the outer surface of the backing is covered with "Cellophane" or a suitable celluloid coating.

The backing surface 2 is particularly adapted
35 to receive advertising matter, which remains permanently on the blotter during use. The opposite surface of the blotter is provided with a protective sheet 3 which is preferably of paper, although any suitable fabric may be used. The
40 protective sheet 3 is particularly desirable to provide a suitable space for the address and other matter desired to be impressed thereon for mailing purposes.

The covering 3 is removably secured to the
45 surface of the blotting paper by means of an adhesive which permits its easy removal by the user and which does not injure the surface of the blotting paper and does not interfere with the
50 absorption of moisture by the blotter after the covering is removed. A vegetable adhesive is preferably used and may comprise suitably prepared white dextrin and borax. This is prepared in a dry form, and when it is required for use
55 a thin liquid solution is prepared and forms a

quick drying adhesive. One way of applying the coating is to coat the inner surface of the covering sheet with very thin adhesive and then place it on the surface of the blotter and run the blotter through suitable pressure rolls.

The removable covering may be marked with a suitable legend, such as "Pull off this side", as shown in the drawing, and a corner 4 or any other suitable portion of the covering may be given a distinctive color, or otherwise marked to indicate that the covering will be easily removed by pulling on the portion marked. The method of removing the protective covering is clearly illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, and the covering may be completely removed from the blotter and discarded, and the blotter may then be used in the ordinary manner. Substantially all of the adhesive remains on the cover and is removed therewith.

Fig. 3 illustrates a somewhat modified form in which a blotter 1^a is not provided with a permanent backing but, instead, is provided with a removable protective sheet or covering 4^a on each side. In this form either or both sides may be easily removed if desired.

Fig. 4 illustrates another slightly modified form in which two blotters 5 and 6 are each provided with a permanent backing 7 and 8, respectively. In this modification each blotter forms a removable covering for the other, and the blotting surfaces themselves are secured together by a suitable adhesive which provides for their easy separation and does not interfere with the absorbent characteristics of the blotter.

In Fig. 5 the sheet of blotting paper 1 is provided with a marginal notch 9 therein, which may be in the position shown or may be suitably located along any edge of the blotter. This provides a somewhat easier method of removing the protective covering 3. In order to remove the covering, it is only necessary to insert the finger nail or a suitable tool in the notch 9 and between the backing and the protective covering, and the covering may then be easily removed.

In Fig. 6 the covering 3 is notched as shown, instead of the sheet of blotting paper.

The backing sheet, as well as the cover sheet, is preferably hard finished on the outside and provided with a somewhat softer finish inside.

Modifications may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention, and it is desired, therefore, that the invention be limited only by the prior art and the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. The method of making a blotter comprising permanently securing a backing sheet to one side of a sheet of blotting paper, applying a thin vegetable adhesive to a cover sheet and pressing said cover sheet on the other side of said blotting paper, the characteristics of said adhesive permitting the easy removal of said cover-sheet and said adhesive without injury to the absorbent characteristics of said blotting paper.

2. As an advertising medium, the combination with a blotter having a permanent backing sheet on one side, of an easily removable sheet secured to the other side.

3. As an advertising medium, the combination with a blotter having a permanent backing sheet on one side, of an easily removable sheet secured to the other side by means of a thin solution of dextrin and borax.

4. As an advertising medium, the combination with a blotter having a permanent backing sheet on one side, of an easily removable sheet secured to the other side by means of a thin solution of dextrin and borax, and a marginal notch in one of said elements to facilitate the easy removal of said sheet.

5. In an advertising blotter, the combination with a sheet of blotting paper, of a backing sheet permanently secured to one side of said blotting paper and having a hard finished outer surface adapted to receive advertising matter thereon, a removable cover sheet on the opposite side of said blotting paper and adhering to the surface thereof and having a hard finished outer surface to receive an address, and a legend on said cover sheet to indicate the side to be removed.

6. The combination of two blotters each having a hard finished surface for printed matter and an absorbent surface for blotting, the absorbent surfaces of said blotters being removably secured together by an adhesive having characteristics whereby the absorbent characteristics of the blotting surfaces are not impaired by separation.

7. A blotter of the character described comprising a sheet of absorbent material, a fabric covering, and a layer of adhesive on said fabric and adhering to the surface of said absorbent sheet whereby said fabric is easily removable without impairing the effectiveness of the absorbent surface.

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