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Ruler.

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Fig. 1.

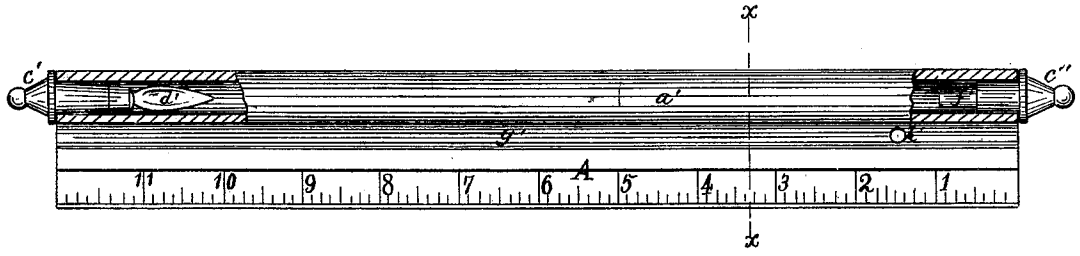
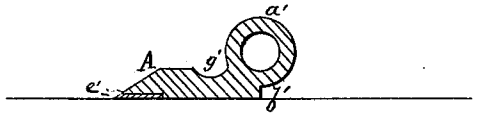


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN RULERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS BIRD MOSHER, of Portland, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented a new and Improved Ruler, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 is a plan of the ruler, partly in section. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same on line *x x*.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to provide an instrument that may be used not only as a ruler, but for several other purposes besides.

The invention consists of a narrow strip of wood or other suitable material, A, such as metal, hard rubber, ivory, and the like, of a length of twelve or fifteen inches, more or less, made flat on its under surface to prevent rolling, provided with a sharp edge, *e'*, to serve as a paper-cutter, and having a hollow cylindrical back-piece, *a'*, running its whole length on its upper surface, and so combined with it as to form a step, *b'*, along the line of junction, which step is sufficient to prevent ink from soiling or blotting the paper that one is ruling. The back-piece is made hollow throughout for the purpose of holding pencil or pen-handle, or other articles, and in each end of it is a plug, *c' c''*, the one of which forms the handle of an ink-eraser, *d'*, while the other forms the handle of a piece of erasive rubber, *f'*.

Close to the back-piece *b'*, and extending along the upper surface of the ruler, is the groove *g'*, forming a convenient receptacle for pen or pencil when hurriedly laid aside.

At *h'* is a hole through the ruler, by which it may be hung up.

It is obvious that this combination-ruler possesses many advantages, many points of superiority over others, and that it possesses the merit of being an exceedingly useful instrument.

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

The herein-described rule, consisting of the flat piece A, provided with the cutting-edge *e'*, the step *b'*, the groove *g'*, and the hole *h'*, and the hollow cylindrical back-piece *a'*, provided with the plugs *c' c''*, respectively attached to an ink-eraser, *d'*, and an erasive rubber, *f'*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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