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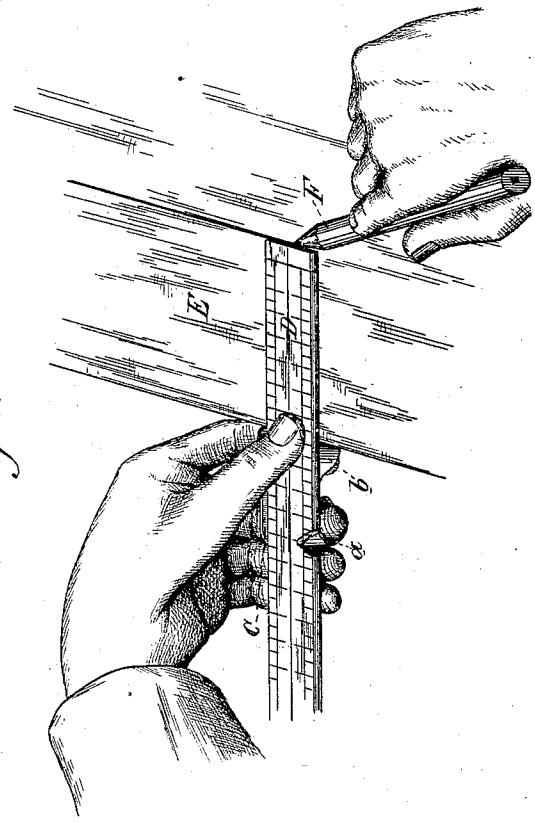


Fig. 2.

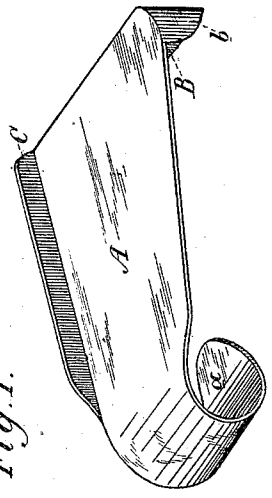


Fig. 1.

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RULE-GAGE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JONATHAN W. HUNT and JOHN BRESSLER, of Cresent City, county of Del Norte, and State of California, have invented an Improvement in Rule-Gages; and we hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

Our invention relates to a new and useful rule-gage, the object of which is to enable the operator to mark off, with the assistance of a rule, any stated width by a continuous line accurately parallel with the edge of the material, and also to enable him to draw a line at right angles with the edge, whereby the device serves as a try-square.

Our invention consists in a plate, preferably of metal, so bent as to be adjusted upon the fingers of one hand and having a flange against which the rule bears, and an end at a true right angle with said flange to bear against the edge of the material, as we shall hereinafter fully describe by reference to the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of our rule-gage. Fig. 2 is a view of same, showing its application.

The plate A, which is made, preferably, of a metal sheet, is bent downward and curved at one end to form a socket, *a*, and at its other end it is bent down to form the straight end B, the forward end of which is curved to form the bearing *b*. The back edge of the plate is turned upwardly to make the flange C, which is at right angles with the end B.

The use of our gage is illustrated in Fig. 2, and is as follows: The index and second fingers of the left hand are slipped under the plate A, the index-finger finding a rest against the bearing *b*, while the second finger passes through the socket *a*. The gage is thus securely held to the fingers. The rule D is then laid upon the plate with its edge against the flange C, and is held tightly in that position by the thumb. The end of the rule (projecting the required distance) is laid upon the material or board, E, to be marked, and the end B is pressed closely against the edge of said material. Then, with the pencil F held against the end of the rule, a continuous line parallel with the edge of the board E may be made by moving both hands in the usual manner, the end B being held firmly to the board and the rule being held tightly against the flange C. The gage remains snugly fitted on the fingers, the socket *a* being tight enough to hold firmly, and the bearing *b* preventing it from slipping back. It is obvious that as the rule in this position is but a continuation of the flange C, which is at right angles with the end B, the rule and gage form a try-square for temporary use.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A rule-gage consisting of a plate adapted to fit and to be held upon the fingers, and having a straight end adapted to be pressed against the edge of a board or material, and a flange at right angles with the end against which the rule is to be held, substantially as herein described.

2. A rule gage consisting of the plate A, having a downturned curved end, forming a socket, *a*, for the second finger, a downturned straight end, B, bearing against the outer side of the index-finger, and an upturned flange C at its rear edge at right angles with the end B, substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

3. A rule-gage consisting of the plate A, having a downturned curved end, forming a socket, *a*, for the second finger, a downturned straight end, B, curved at its forward end, forming a bearing, *b*, for the end of the index-finger, and an upturned flange, C, at its rear edge at right angles with the end B, substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands.

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