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RULER AND PAPER CUTTER.

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Fig. 1.

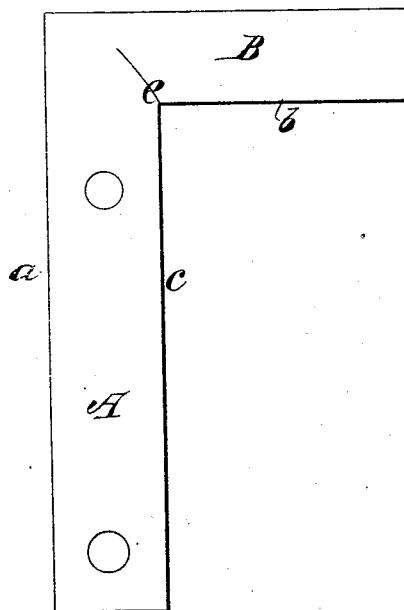


Fig. 3.

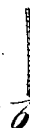


Fig. 2.



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RULER AND PAPER-CUTTER.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 48,756, dated July 11, 1865.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH WOODWARD, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Ruler and Paper-Cutter; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan of my invention. Fig. 2 is an end view of one side of the same, and Fig. 3 is an end view of the other side of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

This invention consists in a ruler and paper-cutter, of sheet metal or other suitable material, having a straight outer ruling-edge for ruling straight lines and a rectangular inner cutting-edge for cutting paper, in the form of two connected sides of a rectangular figure, as, for instance, cutting out checks from a check-book having two or more checks on a leaf.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

The ruler is made of a single piece of sheet metal or other thin, hard material, of the form of two sides of a rectangular figure, one side, A, of which has its out straight edge, *b*, turned downward, as shown in Fig. 2, to form a straight ruler, and the other side, B, of which is made so nearly flat that its inner straight edge, *b*, uniting with the inner straight edge,

c, of the side A, will form a continuous rectangular cutting-edge, which will lie down close upon any flat surface like the surface of a sheet of paper laid upon a flat table or the leaf of an open book.

C is a knob, secured to the side A to form a handle, and *d* is a hole in the said side, by which to hang up the instrument on a nail or other support secured in a wall or in the side of a desk.

For ruling, the instrument is laid down upon the surface of the paper, and the pen, being passed along the edge *a*, is guided in a straight line.

For cutting paper in a rectangular form, the instrument is laid upon the paper with the edges *b* and *c* upon the lines in which the paper is to be cut, and the paper is first pulled upward against one of the united edges *b c* as far as the angle *e*, and so cut by the said edge in one straight line, and is afterward, without moving the instrument, pulled upward against the other of said edges and cut in another straight line at right angles to the first.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The ruler and paper-cutter herein described, having a straight outer ruling-edge, *a*, and two united straight inner cutting-edges, *b c*, forming a continuous rectangular cutting-edge.

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