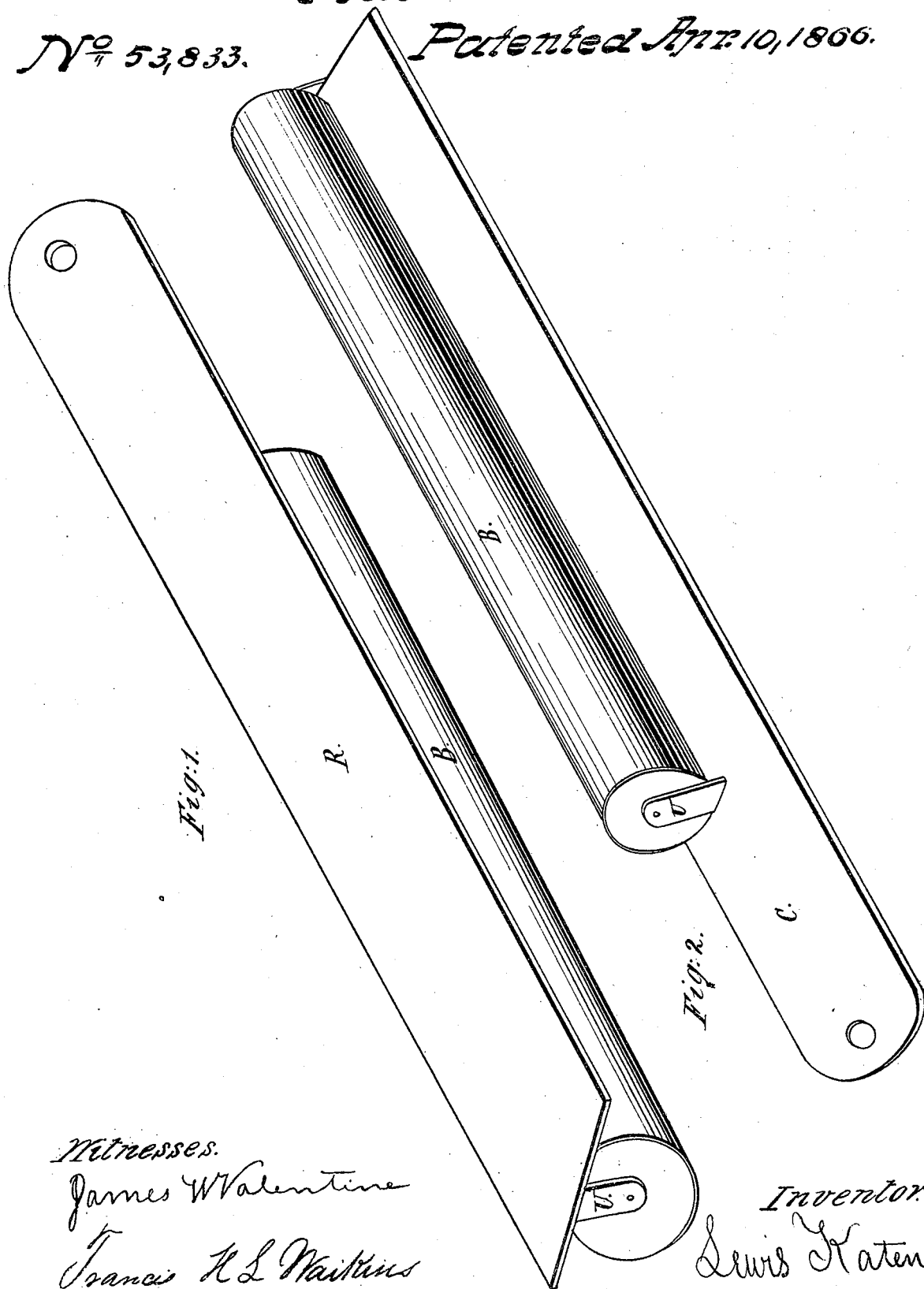


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COMBINATION OF RULER, BLOTTER, AND PAPER-CUTTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS KATEN, of Green Point, city of Brooklyn, Long Island, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Ruler, Blotter, and Paper-Cutter Combined; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and accurate description of the same, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents the article in position as a ruler or blotter, the ruler being uppermost and the blotter beneath. Fig. 2 represents the article reversed, the blotter being uppermost and the ruler beneath, in position to act as a paper-cutter.

The nature of my invention consists in so arranging a ruler, which may be made in part of wood, with a metallic edge, or entirely of metal, said ruler answering also as a paper-cutter. Attached to the ruler and cutter is a revolving cylinder, to which is affixed the blotter, thus uniting three useful articles in one convenient form, for the purposes herein set forth and described.

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

I take a plate of steel, tin, or other metal of

sufficient elasticity, of such dimensions as may be required—say ten or twelve inches long and from one to two inches wide—and of sufficient thickness to keep its shape—say an eighth or sixteenth of an inch. On one end of this plate I secure a small upright or stud, at a distance of several inches from which I attach another upright or stud. Between these uprights, and supported by them, I place a cylinder, with blotter attached, in such a manner as to readily revolve when in the act of passing over the paper. I take care to leave three or four inches at one end of the plate to be used as a handle.

I do not claim either a metallic ruler or a blotter attached to a solid body of any form, in themselves considered, for they have been separately used before; but

What I do claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The arrangement of the plate and the uprights, in combination with the revolving blotter, the whole so arranged and constructed that they may be used for the various purposes herein set forth and described by simply reversing the position of the article.

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