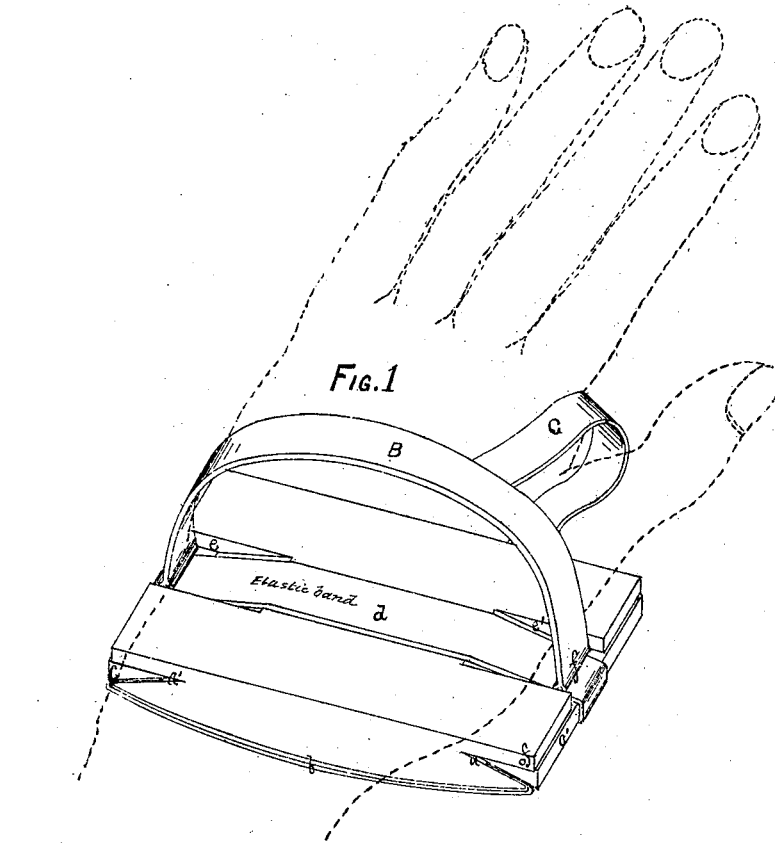


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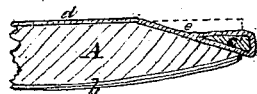
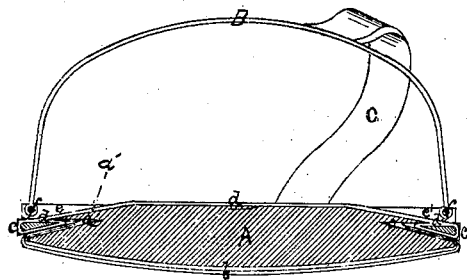


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN BLOTTING-PADS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 110,245, dated December 30, 1870.

To all whom it may concern.

Be it known that I, AUGUSTUS BURR KELLOGG, of Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blotting - Pads for Book-Keepers' Use, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is intended to fit on the ball of the left hand, for the use of book-keepers in rapid posting of accounts; and the invention consists in the manner of attaching the blotting-paper to the pad, and also in the arrangement of elastic straps or bands to retain the pad in place on the hand.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view, in full size, showing the position on the hand; and Fig. 2 is a sectional side elevation.

A is the wooden part of the pad. Each end is provided with a wedge-shaped notch or recess, *a a'*, into which the ends of the blotting-paper *b* (which first passes over the bottom of the pad) are received, and secured there by tightly-fitting wedges *c c'*. These are retained in place by an elastic band, *d*, which is fastened to each of these wedges, and then passes tightly, centrally, (lengthwise,) over the top of the body of the pad. Slanting recesses or slots *e e'* are formed on the top of the pad—one at each end—to receive and retain the elastic band *d*, and to give it greater tension in holding wedges *c* in place. In order to retain the entire pad on the ball of the left hand, I attach a band, B, generally elastic, to each end of the pad by means of rods or rivets *f f'*, or their equivalents. This passes over the back of the hand. To prevent the pad slipping forward or back, I attach to the first band

a short band, C, which passes between the thumb and forefinger, as shown in Fig. 1, which retains the device in place, and leaves the fingers of the hand perfectly free to turn over leaves or pick up the various articles a book-keeper requires while the right hand is engaged with the pen.

I am acquainted with a "blotting-pad and hand-rest" patented by P. Gorsline, April 20, 1869, which shows a single strap attached to a plate, and passing across the fingers.

The special features of novelty in my invention consist in an elastic band for holding the wedges in the recesses in the end of the pad, to retain the blotting-paper, which can be easily replaced when used up, and in the peculiar arrangement of an additional strap for retaining the blotter on the hand therefor.

What I claim is—

1. In a blotting-pad having wedge-shaped notches *a a'* in each end, and corresponding wedges, *c c'*, fitting therein, the elastic band *d* and recesses *e e'* on top, by which the wedges are retained in place, for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

2. In combination with the block A and band B, the band C, to fit on the hand between the thumb and forefinger, so as to retain the pad on the ball of the hand and to prevent slipping, as hereinbefore specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

AUGUSTUS B. KELLOGG.

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