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COMBINED INK ERASER AND BURNISHER.

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Fig. 1

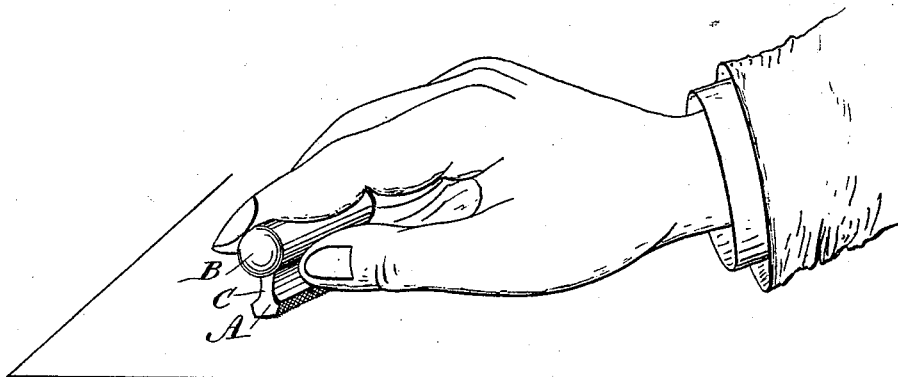


Fig. 2

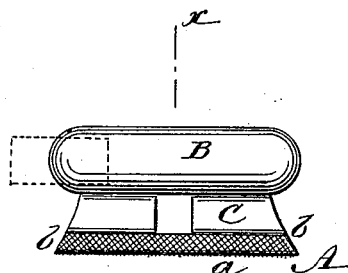


Fig. 3

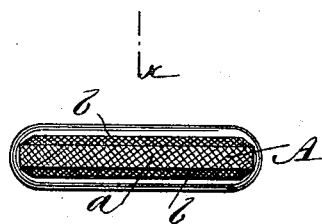
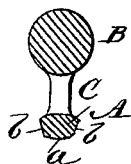


Fig. 4



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COMBINED INK-ERASER AND BURNISHER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE SUMNER COUCH, of Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented a new and Improved Combined Ink-Eraser and Burnisher, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists in a cheap, simple, neat, and efficient steel ink-eraser in the form of a fine file having special erasing-surfaces, and constructed to also form a burnisher of the paper after the erasure has been made, the whole being in a convenient shape to handle for either purpose, substantially as hereinafter described.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a combined ink-eraser and burnisher embodying my invention, and as held in the hand when used to erase. Fig. 2 is a side view of the device; Fig. 3, an under view of the same, and Fig. 4 a transverse section on the line $x x$ in Fig. 2.

The device, which may be made wholly of metal and in one piece, consists, as represented in the drawings, in part, of a flat steel base, A, cut on its face or under side, a , and also on its sides $b b$, which slope outward in an upward direction to form a fine file on its several surfaces, and in part of an upper parallel rounded or cylindrical head-piece, B, united with the file-cut base, A, by a web, C.

The head-piece B, which is made smooth and may be nickel-plated, constitutes a burnisher for smoothing the paper after the erasure has been made by the file-cut base A, and also forms a handle by which to hold the implement when using it as an eraser, as shown in

Fig. 1, the web C also constituting a support for the finger or fingers, and serving to give an enlarged and convenient holding-surface. The device may be held to do the necessary erasing either by its flat file-cut bottom a or by either one of its like cut sides $b b$, according to the width or character of the erasure to be made.

When using the implement as a burnisher, it is only necessary to invert it from the position it occupies as an eraser, holding it by the fingers applied to the inner side of the head-piece B and sides of the web C. Both in its use as an eraser and burnisher it may be worked from either end in a given direction at starting, so that, however it may be picked up, it will always be in a position for use as an eraser or as a burnisher, accordingly as its base A or burnishing head-piece or back B is undermost.

If desired, the combined ink-eraser and burnisher may also be made to form a pencil-mark eraser by drilling a hole in one end of the burnishing head-piece or back B and inserting a piece of rubber therein, as indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 2.

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

The within-described metallic ink-eraser and burnisher, the same consisting of the base A, having a file-cut under surface and inclined opposite file-cut sides b , the smooth rounded burnishing head or back B, and the web C, uniting said parts A and B, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

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