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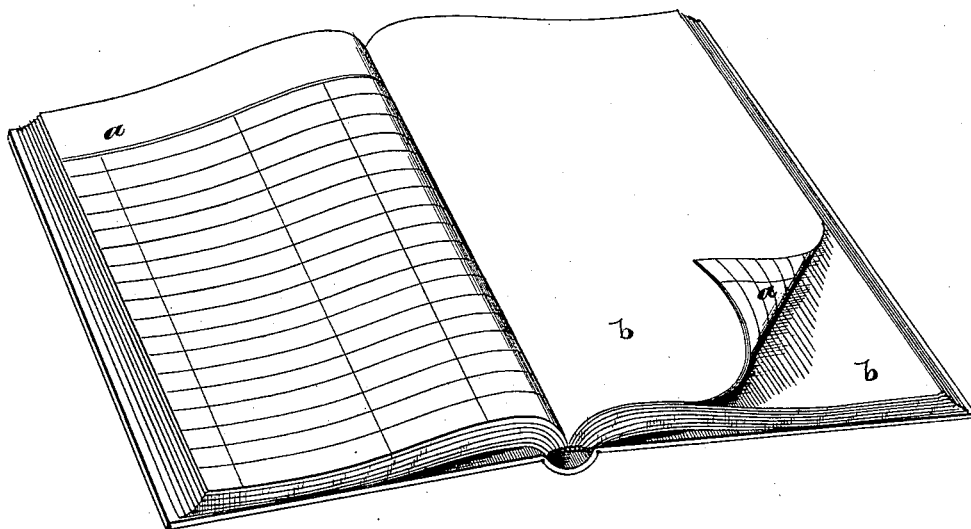
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COMBINED ENTRY AND BLOTTER SHEET.

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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE F. BARDEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Vineland, in the county of Cumberland and State of New Jersey, have invented new and useful Improvements in Combined Entry and Blotter Sheets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a novel entry and blotter sheet for hotel-register, account, or other entry book in which the entries are written in ink, whereby one surface of each leaf serves to receive the written entry, while the opposite surface of such leaf serves as a blotter for the entries upon the opposite or adjacent page.

To such end my invention consists in a leaf or series of leaves, each composed of a single integral sheet of sized or otherwise prepared paper, suitable for writing purposes, having connected therewith two separate absorbent or blotter sheets, which are equal in size, when taken together, to the writing-sheet, one of said blotters being united to the sheet on one side or surface, and the other on the opposite surface, the arrangement being alternate relatively to the writing-sheet—that is to say, one part of the blotter being applied to the lower left-hand portion of the extended writing-sheet and the other part of the blotter to the right-hand upper surface, or vice versa, whereby the sheet may be folded in the middle and in either direction, and always bring a writing-surface against a blotter or absorbent surface. The blotters are united to the writing-sheet by cement or otherwise to constitute a single leaf composed of the two materials.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hotel-register having the leaves made in accordance with my invention, and Fig. 2 a sectional view of one of the sheets.

In order to enable those skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will now describe the same in detail, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, where I have illustrated my invention embodied in what is known as a "hotel-register."

The leaves comprising the book are each composed of a sheet, *a*, of paper or other ma-

terial, sized or otherwise prepared on both surfaces to receive the entries in ink, and two separate sheets, *b b*, of absorbent or blotting material, the two sheets being united to the writing-sheet upon opposite surfaces and in alternating positions by glue, paste, or other cement to constitute a combined and united sheet or leaf of writing and blotting paper. The exposed surfaces of the sheet *a*, where used as a hotel-register, account-book, or other record-book, are ruled in any desired manner to suit the conditions required for the entries, and the leaves so prepared are sold to the consumer, by whom they may be centrally folded and bound or held in book form, one half-surface of each leaf serving to receive the entry in ink, and the other half-surface of each leaf serving as a blotter therefor, and the same also upon the other side or face of the sheet when folded centrally in either direction. I thus provide a sheet in which each alternate half-surface is a blotter for the entries on the opposite half-surface or page. If desired, the blotting-surface of the leaves can be supplied with printed matter of any description—such as advertisements, &c. By uniting the sized and absorbent sheets to constitute a single leaf, whereon one surface receives the entry in ink and the opposite surface serves as a blotter for the sized adjacent surface or opposite leaf upon the same side of the sheet, the blotter is always in a smooth and proper position to perform its function when the leaves are folded centrally.

I manufacture the device in single sheets in the form shown in Fig. 2; and they may be sold to the consumer in that form for use in any suitable binder.

One advantage of the invention is that when the sheets in the binder are exhausted they may be removed, spread out flat, and stored away, thereby occupying a more convenient space for such purpose.

I am aware of Letters Patent No. 131,056 granted to N. Floyd, September 3, 1872. This patent is owned by the L. L. Brown Paper Company, of Adams, Massachusetts, which is the assignee of my present invention. Said patent covers simply a section of blotting-paper having a section of sized paper, of equal size,

pasted upon one side thereof. It cannot be folded without practically destroying the sheet, and even when folded either two writing-surfaces or two absorbent-surfaces will be brought  
5 into contact. It is not possible to bring a writing-surface against an absorbent-surface. I claim nothing shown in said patent.

What I claim as my invention is—

10 **As a new article of manufacture, a combined entry and blotter sheet composed of a single sheet of sized paper, *a*, and two sections of absorbent paper, *b*, the latter being united to**

the former upon alternate and opposite faces, whereby the sheet may be folded centrally in either direction, and bring a writing-surface  
15 against an absorbent surface, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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