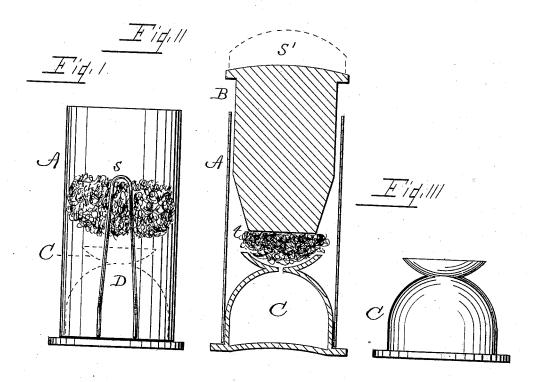
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## SLATE-ERASER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GOTTLIEB WILKENING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dayton, in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Slate-Erasers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in 15 slate erasers, the same consisting of a hollow cylinder, india-rubber reservoir, and aspongeholder, and to the said hollow cylinder is attached a wire clasp to hold a sponge.

The object of my invention is to supply the consing-sponge from a flexible reservoir which will yield the water necessary for the sponge on making slight pressure.

The device is illustrated in the accompany-

ing drawings, in which-

25 Figure 1 is a side view of the cylindrical case, the base of the reservoir, a wire clasp on the outside of said case, and a sponge held therein. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the slate eraser. Fig. 3 is a side view of the flexi-30 ble reservoir.

Like letters designate like parts throughout

the several views.

A is a cylindrical case, formed of tin-plate and open at both ends. To the outside of this 35 case is soldered the wire D, the upper free end of which stands out from the case, and between said wire or clasp and the case is held a dry sponge, s. The use of this sponge is to absorb the moisture after the marks on a slate have 40 been erased by means of a wet sponge.

C is a rubber reservoir, of the form shown in the several views. It has a flanged base, a, a cylindrical portion adapted to fill the case, and a central orifice at the top terminating in

a shallow cup, the use of which is to hold wa- 45 ter and yield the same on pressure at the top.

B is a piece of round wood, (shown only in section,) which fits loosely in the case. The end is slightly tapering, and on the face of it is attached a piece of sponge, t. The head 50 may be enlarged, and the dotted lines s' would indicate the position for a dry sponge, if desirable to attach one thereto.

The sponge t would absorb the water raised into the cup of the reservoir by pressure, and 55 this wetted sponge rubbed over the surface of a slate would efface the marks, and a dry sponge on the opposite end could be used to dry the same, instead of the sponge s held in the clasp, which is used for the purpose as be- 60 fore specified.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent,

IS-

1. A slate eraser comprising a hollow case, 65 a flexible reservoir with flanged base, and an aperture terminating in a cup at the top, and a holder with sponge attached to the tapering end thereof and suited to have contact with the cup of said reservoir within said case, sub-70 stantially as set forth.

2. The case A, for a slate eraser, having the clasp D on its outside to engage a sponge, and in combination with the reservoir C and a suitable holder for an erasing sponge, sub- 75

stantially as set forth.

3. In a slate eraser, the holder B, with sponges on both ends, in combination with the flexible reservoir C and the case A, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two

witnesses.

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