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Fig. 1.

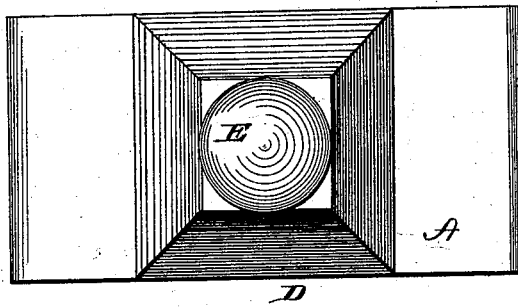
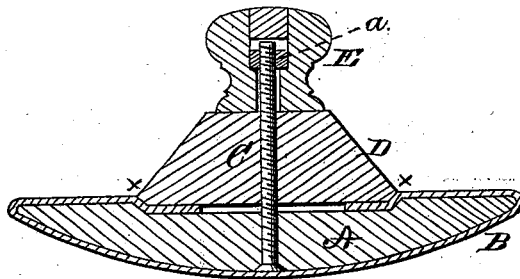


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BLOTTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES N. HUSTON, of Connorsville, in the county of Fayette, and in the State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blotting-Paper Holders; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of a holder for blotting-paper, the peculiarities of which will be hereinafter set forth.

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

In the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a plan view, and Fig. 2 a longitudinal section.

In the figures, A represents the body of the holder, which is constructed of wood. Passing up through the center of this block or body is a screw-bolt, C, which has a head fitting in a recess or countersink in the under side of the body, so as to prevent the bolt from being drawn out under any circumstances. The under side of the body A is made slightly rounding or oval. The upper side of the body is provided with a recess, as seen from *x* to *x*, and which is about the eighth of an inch in depth. This recess is at the center of the body, and its end walls are inclined, as shown.

D represents a block, made of any suitable material, and through the center of which the bolt C passes. This block is made square and flat upon its bottom, and then runs up in pyramidal form. The ends of the block D are also inclined, to correspond with the inclinations at the ends of the recess in the body A, so that when the blotter is placed on the same and the block clamped down the paper is drawn tight around the body without liability of being

torn. Upon the top of this block is knob E, which has a metal nut, *a*, inserted therein, to screw on the bolt C. The upper end of the bolt passes into the knob.

B represents the blotting-paper. This paper is first cut to suit the shape of the body A, and, passing around its under side and over its ends, has its ends inserted in the recess at *x x*, where they are caught and clamped by the block D.

It will be noticed that the block D covers only the central portion of the body A—say about one-third thereof—and the blotting-paper extends not only around the under portion of the body, but also over the top thereof, at each end, leaving a comparatively large surface on top that may be used for blotting purposes. This is of great convenience at many times. For instance, if the bottom of the blotting-paper should be soiled and a signature is to be blotted, the writer can reverse the blotter and use the top of either end for that purpose.

I am aware that blotters of a similar shape have been used; hence I disclaim the same; but

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the rounded wooden body A, formed with the recess *x* in its upper side, at its center, and having inclined end walls, the headed bolt C, having its head fitting in a countersink in the under side of the body, the block D, with inclined edges, and the knob E, with interior metal nut *a*, all constructed substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of September, 1878.

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