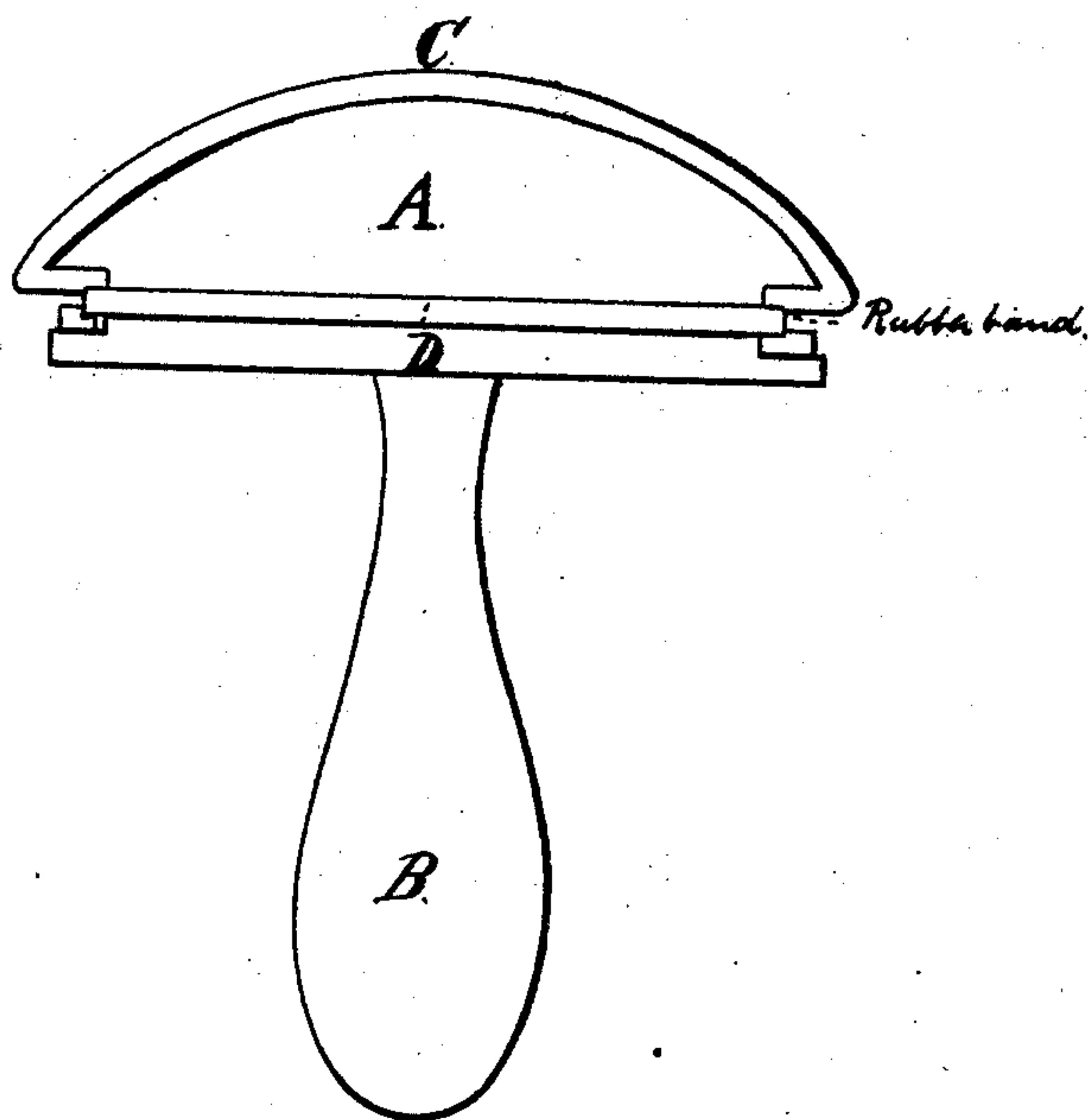


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BLOTTER.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 17,477, dated June 9, 1857.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, REUBEN G. ALLERTON, of the city and State of New York, have invented a new and useful blotter, consisting
5 of a segment of a cylinder having the convex surface covered with the blotting-paper or other blotting material and having a handle in the flat side and to be used by a single rocking motion, and of which the following
10 is a full and exact description, reference being had to the drawing hereto annexed.

In the drawing A is the stock of the apparatus which may be made of mahogany
15 or of any other suitable material. This stock as shown by the drawing has one side convex and the other side flat. It will be, of sufficient size for ordinary use, if it be about six inches long, and of such thickness that
20 a circle drawn in conformity with the convex surface would be three inches in diameter.

B is the handle which is inserted into the flat side of the stock.

25 C is the blotting paper or other suitable blotting substance and which covers the convex surface. A groove is cut into the stock and D is an india rubber or other elastic band placed around the stock into
30 the groove and holding under it the upper edge of the blotting material and which

keeps the blotting material snug onto the convex surface.

Other modes of attaching the blotting material may be substituted but by the use
35 of an elastic band for this purpose the blotting material can be easily put upon and removed from the stock as it becomes soiled and requires replenishing. The best way in practice is to place several layers of the
40 blotting material onto the stock under the band D and then as often as the outer layer becomes so saturated with ink as to become unfit for further use remove it, by simply
45 slipping it out from under the band which will sufficiently yield for that purpose whereupon the next layer will come into use and so on till all the layers have been used
50 when they can be replenished as above directed.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

A blotter constructed substantially as
above described having a convex surface
55 containing the blotting material with a handle in the opposite side so as not to revolve, but to be used by a single rocking motion.

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