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Ruler.

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FIG. 2

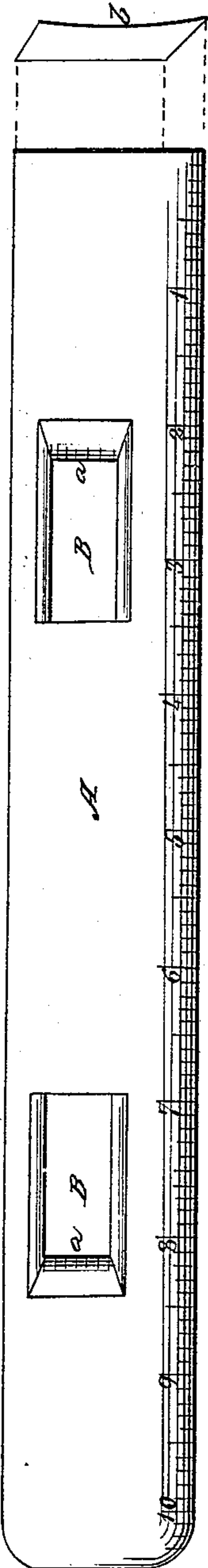


FIG. 1

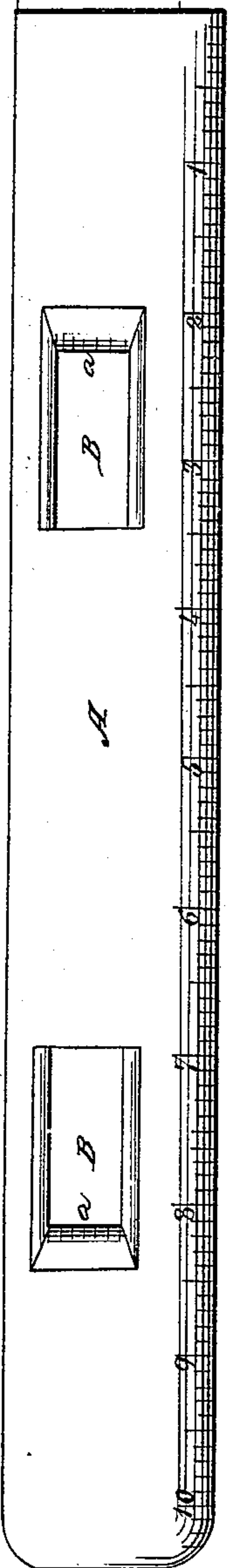
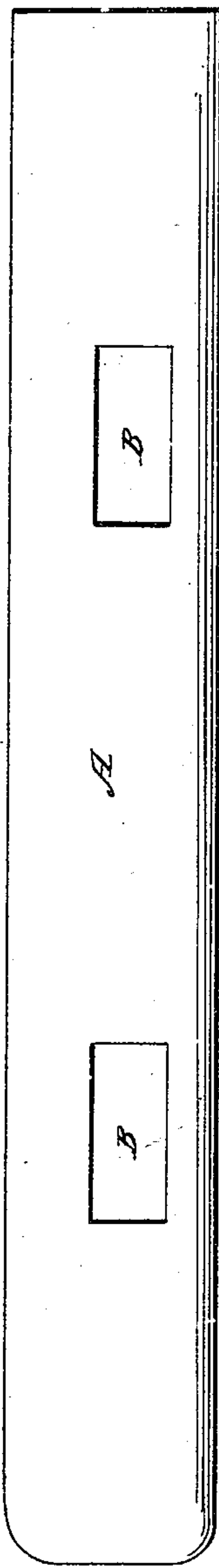


FIG. 3



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COUNTING-HOUSE RULER.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, DANIEL WEBSTER CLEGG, of San Francisco city, San Francisco county, State of California, have invented a new and "Improved Counting-House Ruler;" and I do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawings are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains to make and use my said invention or improvements without further invention or experiment.

The nature of my invention is to provide a ruler combining a paper-cutter and a ruler for all ordinary purposes, such as ruling columns for dollars and cents, including a line for separating the hundredths from the thousandths of dollars in the dollar column, pounds, shillings, and pence, together with any desired width of parallel lines for all purposes.

In order to accomplish this I employ an ordinary ruler, having oblong openings, with sides bevelled, or otherwise, so that the operator is enabled to make the kind and width of line desired. Referring to the drawings—

Figure 1 is a plan or top view,

Figure 2 an end view, and

Figure 3 a bottom view of my improved ruler.

Similar letters indicate like parts in each of the figures.

A is the ruler, with one edge rounded, and the other bevelled, or otherwise. B B are oblong or other shaped openings or slots, bevelled or otherwise, as desired, so that the width of the ruler, laying the fine bevelled edge to the line or edge of the book or paper, will form the base lines for the divisions, which are made by bringing the rule toward the person as desired, in accordance with the spaced parallel lines *a a*, at the bottom of the bevelled holes or under side of the ruler. A slight concavity, *b*, is made in the lower face of the ruler, the object of which is to prevent blotting, as the line will ordinarily become dry when ruling, before the space is travelled over. Also the edge of the ruler is made more efficient for the purpose of a paper-cutter by reason of this concavity.

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

A ruler, A, having a concave bottom, with graduated holes or openings B B, substantially as specified, and for the purposes set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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