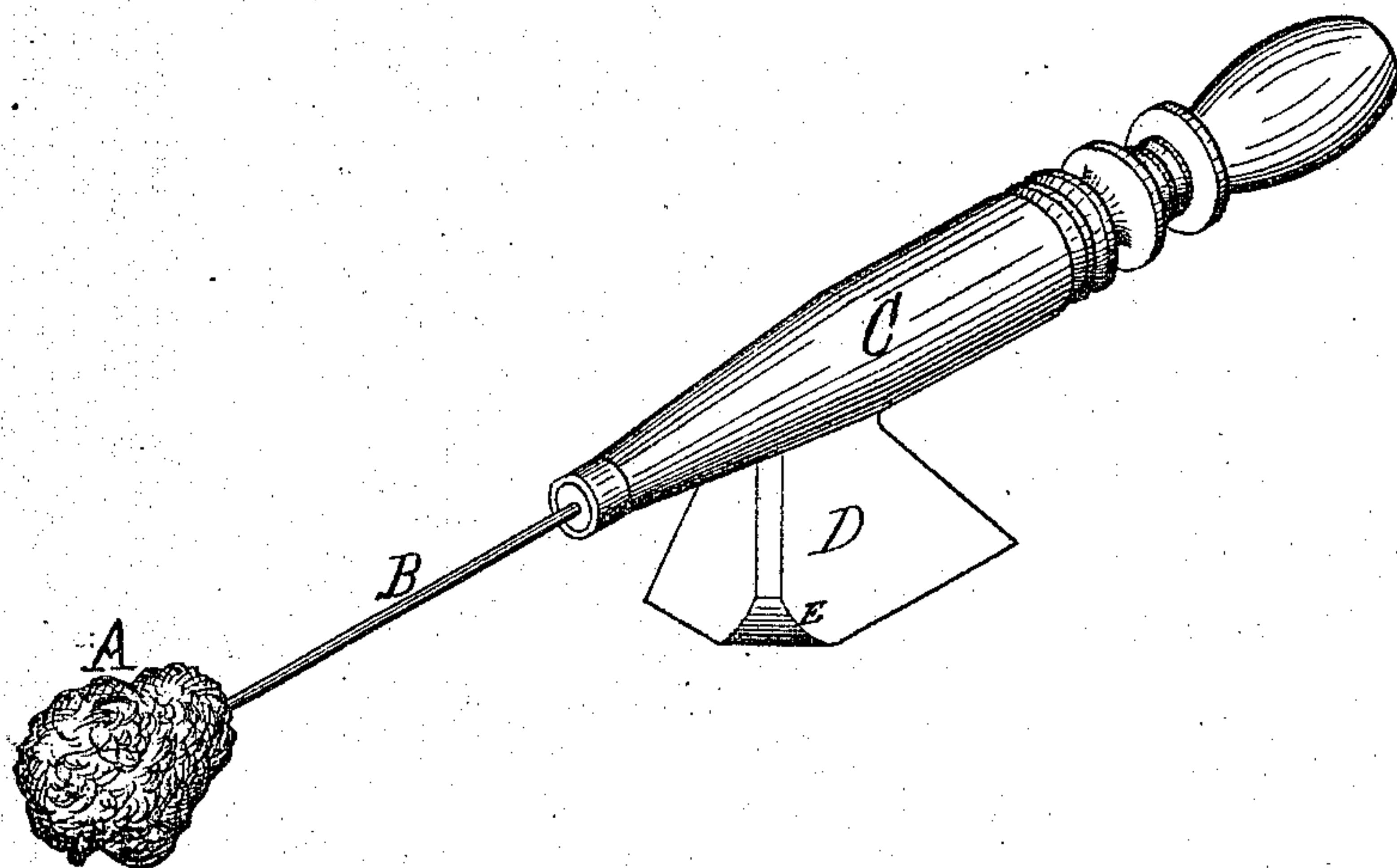


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## DEVICE FOR MOISTENING AND CLOSING ENVELOPES.

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, REDFORD W. WALKER, of the city of Washington, District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful Device for Moistening and Sealing Envelopes or Wrappers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

### *Nature and Objects of the Invention.*

My invention relates to a convenient device for moistening the adhesive matter upon envelopes or wrappers, and sealing the same.

### *Description of the Accompanying Drawing.*

Figure 1 is a side view of the invention.

Figure 2 is a view showing the conformation of the lower surface of the sealer.

### *General Description.*

A is a sponge or its equivalent, used for moistening the adhesive matter on the envelopes or wrappers, which is securely attached to the arm B, the arm B being provided with a handle, C, to which the sealer D is securely attached.

D is the sealer, being a block of any convenient form, having one corner of its lower surface so constructed as to catch or turn the lip of the envelope into a proper position for sealing, as hereinafter described.

The sponge A, being moistened, is passed down and over the adhesive matter on the lip of the envelope or wrapper, until the sealer D passes below the lower extremity of the lip, and the corner E of the sealer

is brought into such a position that, upon being moved upward, it will catch the lapel of the envelope or wrapper and turn the same down. The sponge is then raised and the motion reversed, whereupon the sealer D, being brought in contact with the lower extremity of the reverse side of the lip, as above described, turns the same down upon the body of the envelope or wrapper, in which position the sealing may be readily effected by means of the sealer.

The device herein described may be used for affixing stamps having adhesive matter on their reverse sides; this is effected by moistening with the sponge A the place whereon it is desired to affix the stamp, then, placing the same on the dampened surface, with the side covered with the adhesive material downward, and pressing the stamp with the lower surface of the sealer.

### *Claim.*

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

The device herein shown, consisting of the arm B, provided with the sponge A, handle C, and sealer D, for the purpose of moistening and sealing the flap of an envelope or wrapper, substantially in the manner herein described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing device for moistening and sealing envelopes, as above described, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of June, 1870.

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