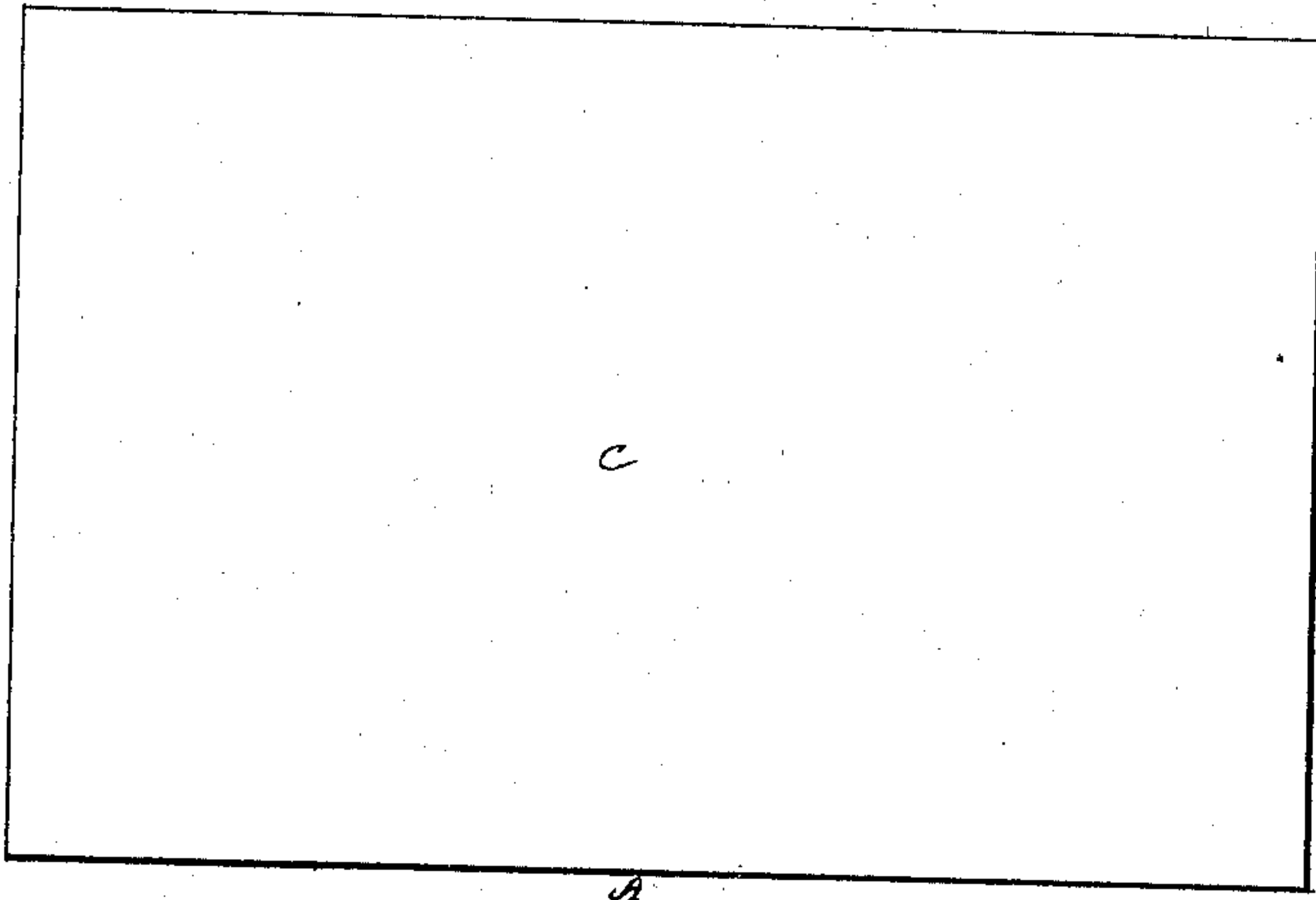


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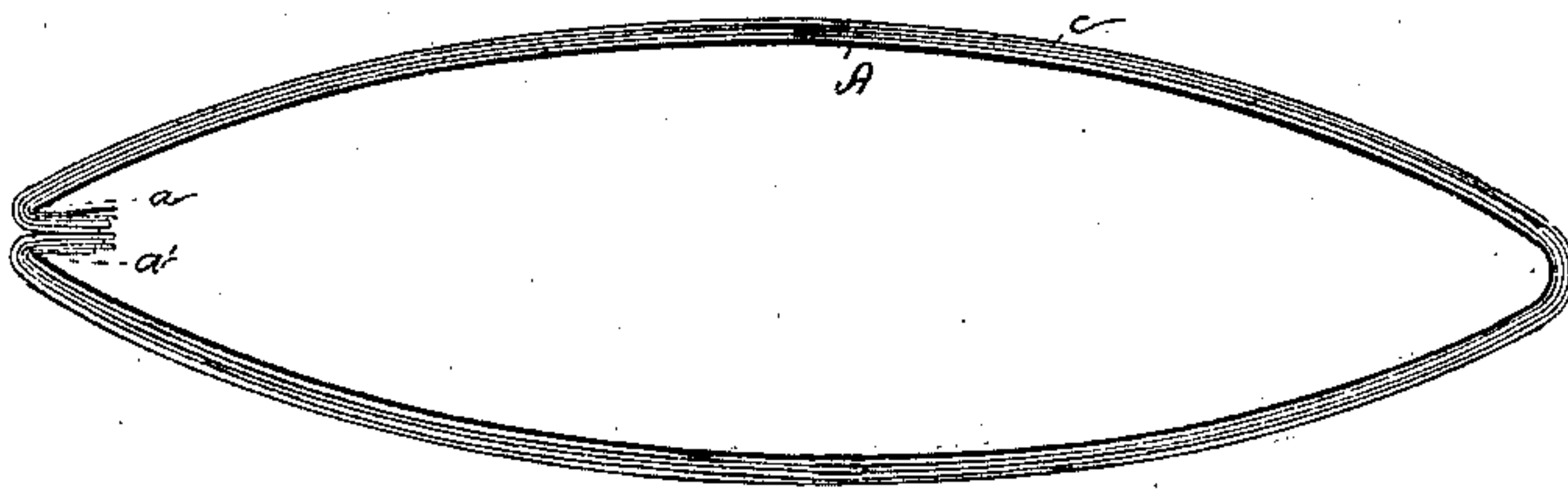
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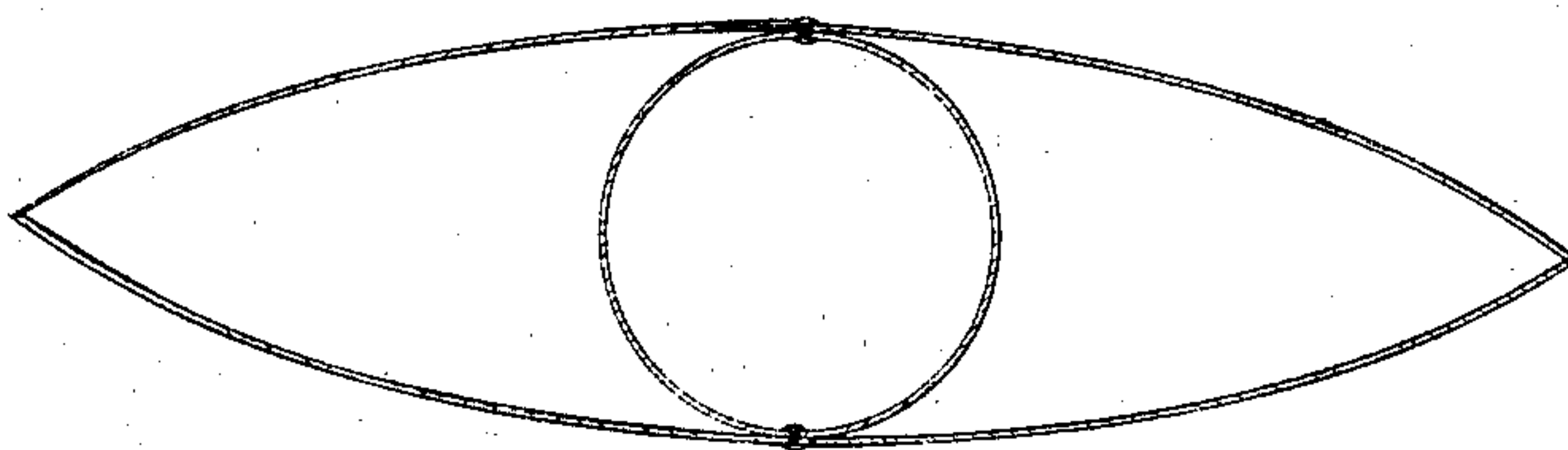
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BLOTTING-PADS.

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

*To all to whom these presents may come:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE C. HINMAN, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful or improved Blotting-Pad; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification, and represented in the accompanying drawing, of which—

Figure 1 denotes a top view; and

Figure 2, a side elevation of a blotting-pad, constructed in accordance with my invention.

My invention relates to that class of devices designed to remove the surplus ink from a paper which has been written upon, in order to prevent any smooching or blotting of such paper; and

My invention consists in making the body or metallic portion of the device of a single steel or metallic plate bent or curved longitudinally into the form of an ellipse, which, when enveloped by one or more sheets of blotting-paper, or absorbent material, shall form a blotting-surface upon each of its two sides.

In the said drawing—

A denotes the body or frame of the device, the same consisting of a steel or metallic plate, having its two ends bent around, and brought into contact, so as to form clamping-jaws *a a'*.

The form of the said frame or body is that of an ellipse, or a figure closely approximating thereto.

By thus making the said frame of a single metallic plate, and giving it the form described, such not only serves to cushion or give elasticity to the pad, but it enables each of its two sides to be used with equal facility.

The common blotting-pad has but a single blotting-surface, its opposite side or face being provided with a knob or handle. This I entirely dispense with, and thus make the pad a duplex or double-faced one.

The frame or body-portion made in my improved manner is to have one or more bands or strips, *c*, of blotting or absorbent paper, applied to its outer sur-

face, such paper being of a width corresponding with that of the metallic frame, and of a length a little greater than the perimeter of the said frame, in order that the ends of the paper may be extended between and beyond the jaws *a a'*, by which they are clamped and held firmly in position.

By my construction of the said body-portion with the clamping-jaws, arranged as described, and the blotting-paper applied thereto, as set forth, when one surface of such paper becomes worn or saturated with ink, we have simply to release one end thereof from the jaws and turn it back over the opposite side of the pad, and insert the free end again between the jaws, and we have a clean, new surface.

In the common blotting-pad, when one surface of a sheet becomes unfit for use, in order to reverse it both ends of it must be released, the strip changed end for end, and both ends reinserted between its holding devices and reclamped.

Figure 3 exhibits a modification of my invention, wherein I also obtain two blotting-surfaces, but the device is more complicated, without offering any additional feature of utility over that shown in the other figures.

My invention is not only simple in construction and efficient in operation, but can be made at small cost, and is not liable to get out of repair.

In using it, we simply grasp it between the thumb and fingers of one hand, and rock it back and forth over the inked surface to be operated on.

Having thus described my invention,

What I claim is as follows:

A duplex or double-face blotting-pad, substantially as described and shown, and for the purpose set forth.

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