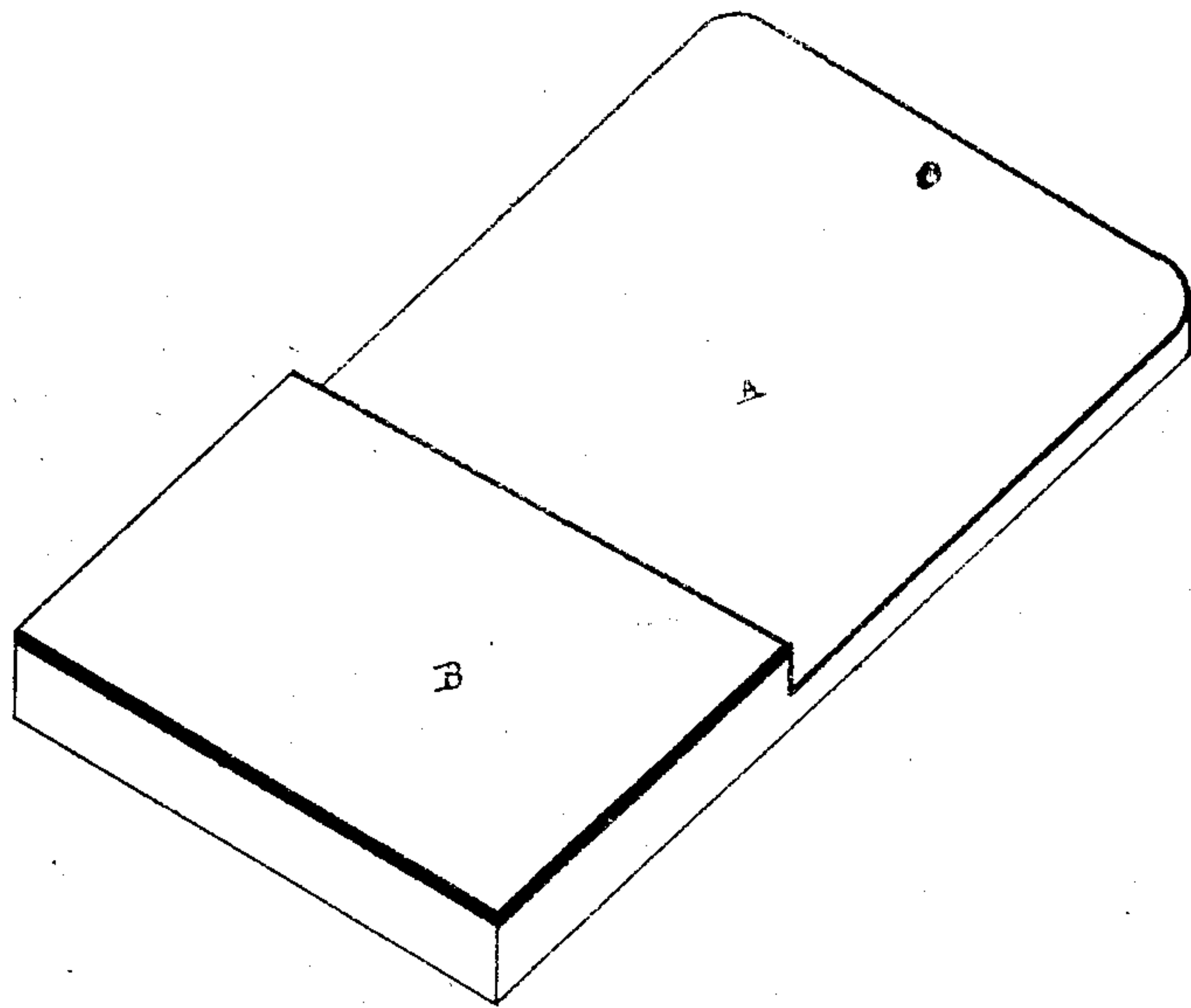


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## IMPROVEMENT IN HAND-RESTS FOR BOOKS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 134,116, dated December 17, 1872.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM F. WEST, of Haverstraw, in the county of Rockland and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hand-Rests for Books; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, that will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon which form a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in covering that portion upon which the arm is supported with silicate of slate or some equivalent substance upon which pencils will freely mark, for the convenience of book-keepers, as will hereafter be more fully set forth.

The accompanying drawing represents a perspective of my invention.

A B represent an ordinary book-rest, used by all book-keepers and others. The raised portion B of this rest is covered with silicate of slate or any equivalent substance upon which pencils will freely mark, so that book-keepers, and others who have to add up long columns of figures which extend over

many pages can readily put down the result of each addition as it is made without marring their book or having to constantly keep slips of paper for that purpose. The slips of paper are not only liable to get misplaced and lost, but the marks made upon them are not readily erased when error is made nor so conveniently used.

The silica or slaty substance is always at the foot of the page, in the most convenient position for use, and as the pencil-marks can be always erased in an instant, this improvement will be found to be of great assistance to all those who have to use the rests.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and for which I desire to secure Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a hand-rest for books having the portion B covered with silicate of slate or its equivalent, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of October, 1872.

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