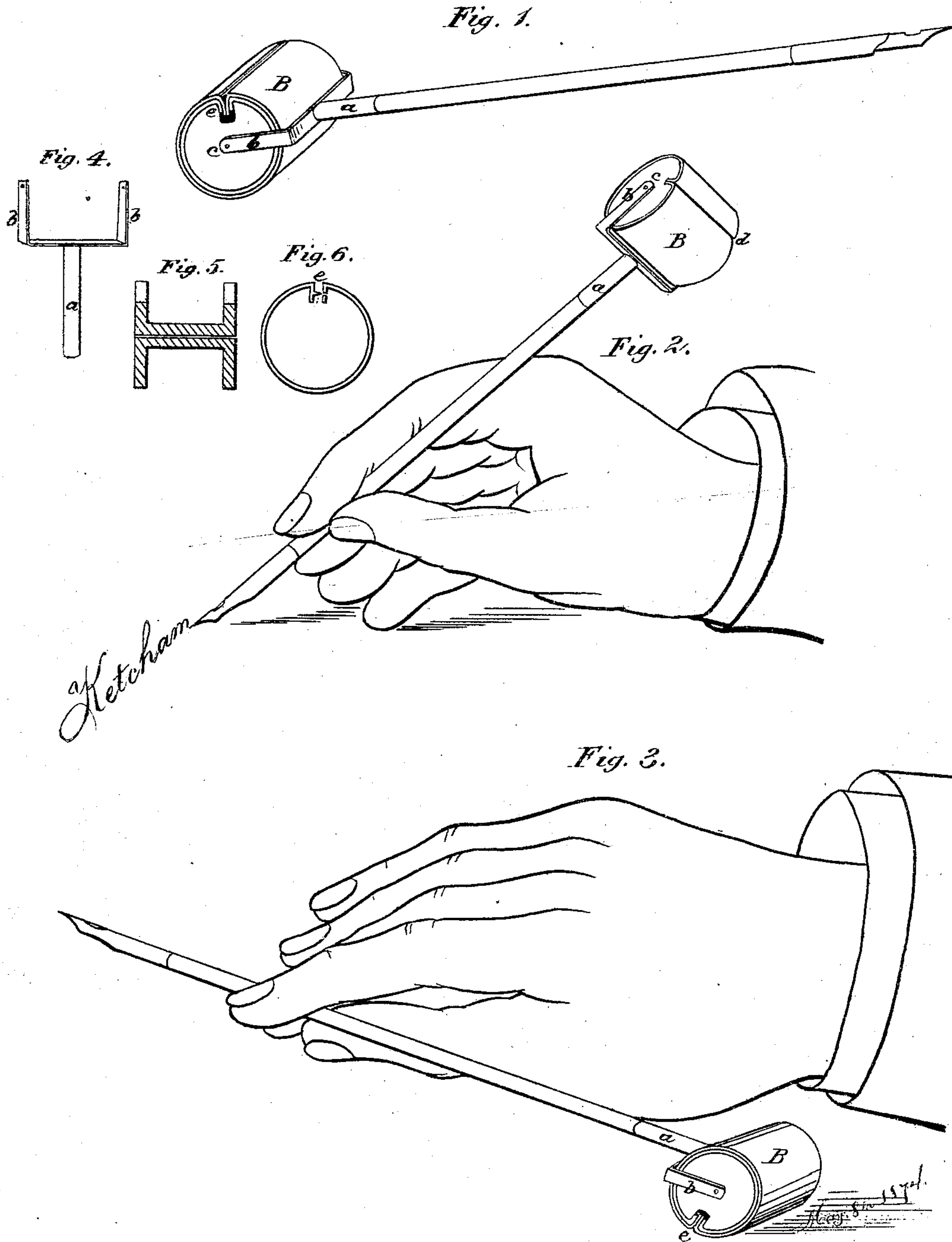


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IMPROVEMENT IN BLOTTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM JAY KETCHAM, in the county of Washington and District of Columbia, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Blotters; and the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the blotter in combination with a pen-holder. Fig. 2 represents the same in position for writing. Fig. 3 represents the same when used as a blotter. Figs. 4, 5, and 6 represent the several separate pieces forming the blotter-roller; No. 4 showing the frame, No. 6 the ring-clasp; which holds the blotting material in position, and No. 5 shows a section of a spool, forming a center and support for the clasp No. 6, secured by a pin or harbor in the frame No. 4.

My invention relates to a combination of two articles of stationery; and it consists in the construction of a revolving blotter secured to and combined with a pen-holder, thus embracing the two articles in one convenient instrument.

To enable others to make and use my invention, I will describe it more in detail, referring to the drawings and figures marked thereon.

Figs. No. 1, 2, and 3 need no special reference, as they relate to the instrument, and its uses in position.

Fig. 4 consists of a socket, *a*, provided with two prongs, *b b*, made of any suitable metal or other material, and of any suitable size to fit any common pen-holder in use, the prongs *b b* being separated a sufficient distance apart to receive the blotter B. Fig. 5 shows a section of a spool, made of light wood or other material, of suitable size for retaining the band or ring clasp No. 6 in position in the frame No. 4. Fig. 6 consists of a thin metallic band or ring clasp, of any desirable width and diameter, spring-tempered, so that when the strip of blotting-paper is wrapped around, and the ends of the same inserted in the longitudinal opening *e*, it is firmly held in place by the rebounding of the spring-clasp, thus forming a base for blotting material.

I claim—

The combination of a revolving blotter with a writing or ruling pen-holder, as and for the purposes specified.

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