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IMPROVEMENT IN BLOTTING-PADS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PIERRE LOUIS JOSEPH DUPONT, of Paris, in France, (assignor to LÉON RHEIMS,) have invented an Improved Blotting-Pad, or substitute for blotting-paper and other ink-absorbers, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists in the substitution, for the blotting paper and powders at present used for drying writing ink, of a solid absorbent material composed of plaster-of-paris, say three parts, and pulverized chalk, say one part, ground up in water containing, in solution, a small proportion of dextrine or alum and any desired coloring matter. This mixture is run into molds of any required design and size, and the resulting block, tablet, paper-weight,

or other desk utensil is, when dry, varnished over all, with exception of the flat under surface, which, being pressed on fresh writing, dries up the ink more rapidly and effectually than blotting-paper.

What I claim is—

The improved substitute for blotting-paper and other ink-absorbers, composed of plaster-of-paris, chalk, and a solution of dextrine or alum, substantially as above set forth.

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