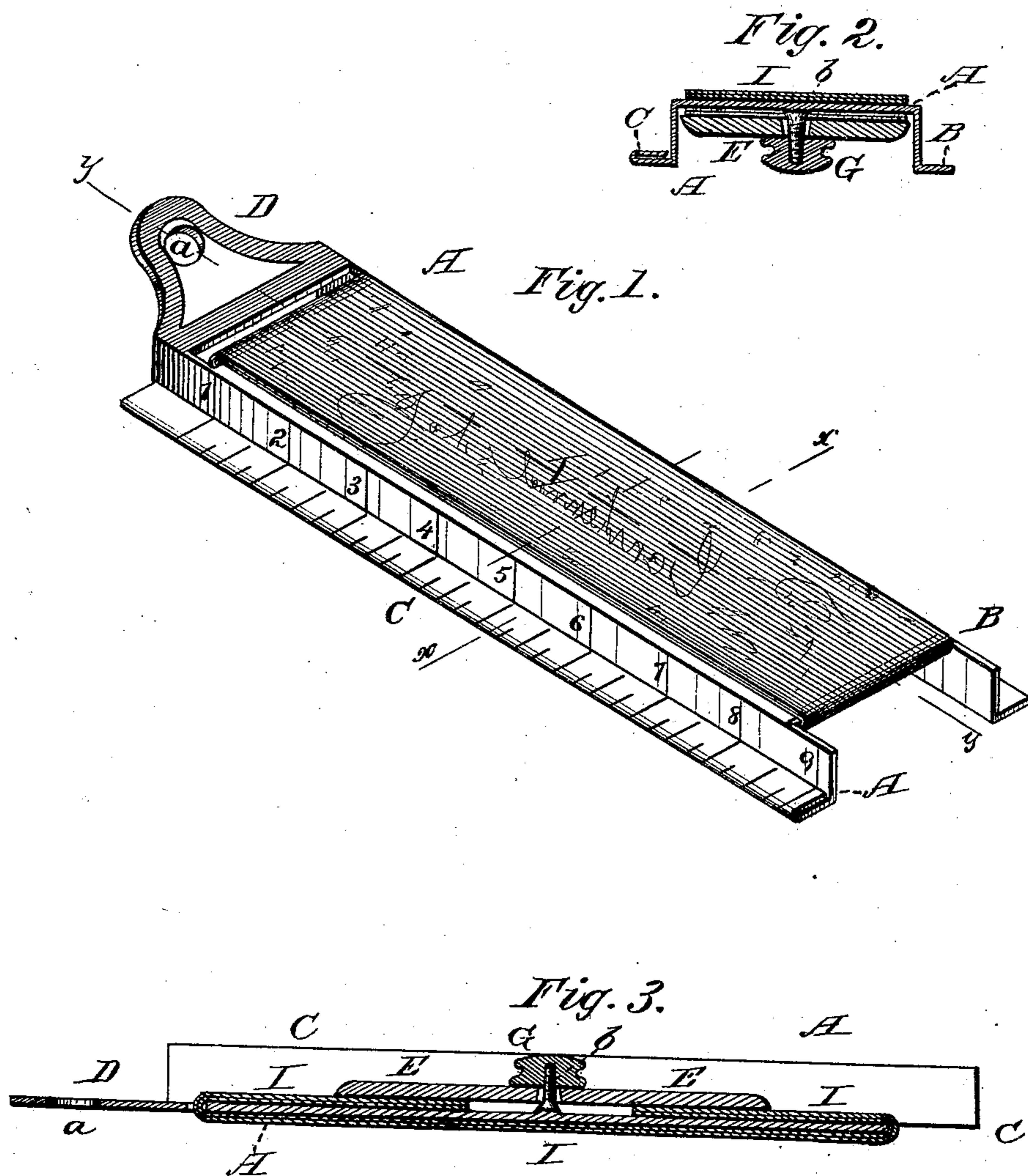


T. L. MONTGOMERY.

COMBINED BLOTTER, RULER, AND PAPER-CUTTER.

No. 180,362.

Patented July 25, 1876.



Witnesses:  
T. C. Dietrich  
F. H. Duffy

Inventor:  
T. L. Montgomery  
Per: C. H. Watson & Co. Attorneys.

# UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

THORNTON L. MONTGOMERY, OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

## IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED BLOTTERS, RULERS, AND PAPER-CUTTERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **180,362**, dated July 25, 1876; application filed May 26, 1876.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THORNTON L. MONTGOMERY, of Little Rock, in the county of Pulaski and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Blotter, Ruler, and Paper-Cutter; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a combined blotter, ruler, and paper-cutter, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a transverse cross-section on line *x x*, Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a central vertical section on line *y y*, Fig. 1.

A represents a rectangular sheet-metal plate of any suitable dimensions, formed with side flanges B and C, extending upward at right angles, as shown, and then bent outward again. The edge of the flange B is left sharp, to form a paper-cutter, while the edge of the flange C is doubled to form a ruler, and the outer side of said flange C is graduated and marked with inches and divisions thereof. The flanges B and C extend a suitable distance beyond both ends of the plate A, and at one end they are connected by a handle-piece, D, having a hole, *a*, for convenience in hanging up the device. The flanges B and C

extend at right angles from the blotter portion far enough to allow the knob G to be put on, as shown, and still to allow the device to stand level when used as a rule, ruler, or paper-cutter.

In the center of the plate A is secured a bolt, *b*, over which is placed a wooden or metal plate, E, fitting between the flanges B C, and the bolt *b* projecting through the same. On the end of the bolt is then screwed a knob, G, for holding the plates A and E together. This is for holding the ends of strips of blotting-paper I I, passed lengthwise around the plate A, as shown. The device thus forms a combined blotter, rule, ruler, and paper-cutter, and can be made plain or ornamented, as desired. The plate A with its flanges and head or handle piece can all be struck up of one piece of sheet metal.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, the device as described, consisting of the plate A, having angular projecting flanges B C, of such length as to allow the device to stand level, the head-piece D, plate E, secured as described, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

THORNTON L. MONTGOMERY.

Witnesses:

JAS. ATKINS,

J. M. PIRTLE, M. D.