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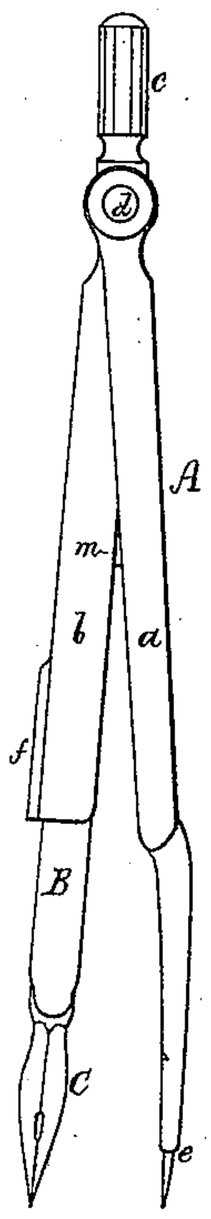

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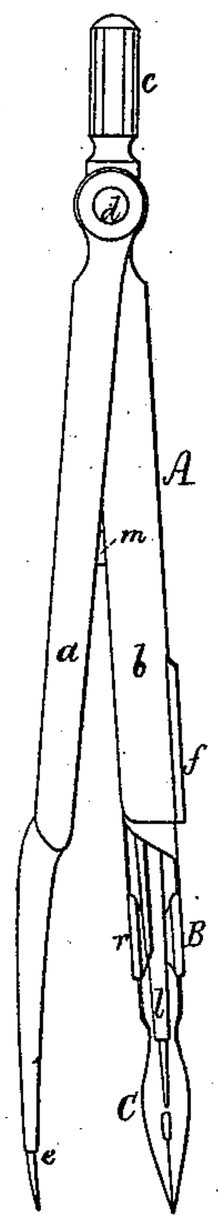

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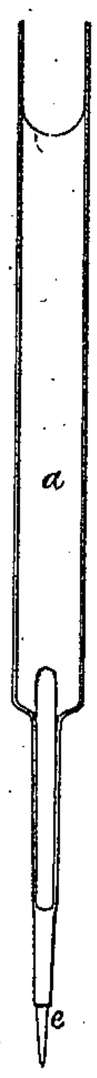

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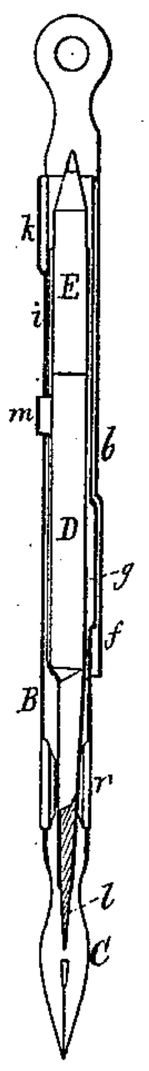

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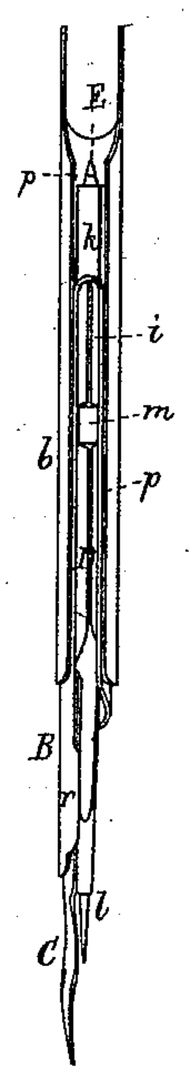

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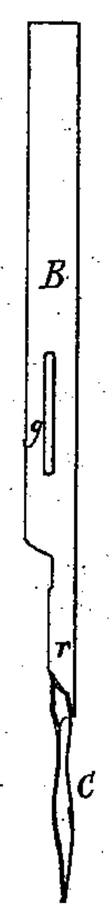

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IMPROVEMENT IN DIVIDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADOLPHE GRUBER, of Boston, of the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Drawing-Dividers or Compasses; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification, and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figures 1 and 2 are opposite side views of the instrument. Fig. 3 is an inner side view, and Fig. 4 a transverse section, of its pointed limb *a*. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal section, and Fig. 6 an inner side view, of its socketed or tubular and slotted limb *b*, with its tubular pen-carrier and pointed pencil-holder. Fig. 7 is a side view, and Fig. 8 an upper end view, of the pen-carrier.

The main part A of the instrument is composed of two limbs, *a b*, or such and a handle, *c*, arranged as shown, and hinged or pivoted together at one end of each, their pivot being represented at *d*. These limbs are made of sheet metal, one—viz, *a*—being trough-shaped or recessed, to receive the other, *b*, when folded down upon it. Furthermore, the limb *a* terminates in or is provided with a compass-point, *e*, extended from it, as shown. The other limb *b* is tubular, and on its inner side is slotted from end to end, as shown at *p*. At its free end it has a long grooved or concavo-convex projection, *f*, extended from it, to receive a similar projection, *g*, extended from one side the pen-carrier B. This pen-carrier is a tube slotted lengthwise, and provided at one end with a socket, *r*, to receive and hold a writing-pen, C. At its other end, and so as to extend over the slot *i*, as shown, is a concavo-convex or troughed projection, *k*, which is intended as a cover to the compass-point *e* when the pen-carrier is run pen foremost into the tubular limb *b*, and the two limbs are closed together.

Within the pen-carrier is a reversible pencil-holder, D, provided with a compass-point, *l*, extended from it, as shown. This pencil-holder is tubular, and slitted lengthwise, it being to hold a pencil, E, inserted in its open end.

The pencil-holder is furnished with a projection, *m*, extended from it through the slot of the pen-carrier, such projection being to enable a person, by pushing against it, to move the pencil-holder either way in the pen-carrier, in order to advance the compass-point or the pencil sufficiently beyond the said carrier for use, the projection *m* bringing up against either the pen-socket or the projection *k*.

On inserting the pen-carrier, pen-socket foremost, into the limb *b*, and closing the two limbs *a b* together, the projection *k* will receive and cover the compass-point *e*, and the projection *g* will enter the projection *f* and stop the point of the pen from being pushed against the handle *c*, to the injury of such point.

On reversing the pen-carrier—that is, on shoving it, open end foremost, into the leg *b*—the projection *g* may be made to enter the projection *f*, so as to stop the pen, or the compass-point *l*, or pencil, in the right position for being used with the point *e* for plotting or drawing.

The instrument above described, made mostly of sheet metal, can be manufactured very cheaply, and afforded at a small price to draftsmen, mechanics, or others. It can be folded together so as to be carried in the vest-pocket without danger of injury to the same.

I claim—

1. The combination of the troughed limb *a*, provided with the compass-point *e*, with the slotted and tubular limb *b*, provided with the concavo-convex projection *f*, to receive the projection *g* of the pen-carrier, such limbs *a b* being pivoted together or to a handle at their upper ends, as set forth.

2. The tubular pen-carrier B, provided with the pen-socket *r* and the projection *g*, arranged as set forth.

3. The slotted tubular pen-carrier B, provided with the pen-socket *r*, and the compass-point cover *k*, arranged as shown.

4. In combination with the part A, as described, the removable tubular and slotted pen-carrier B, and the removable reversible compass-pointed pencil-holder D, all constructed and arranged substantially as set forth.

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