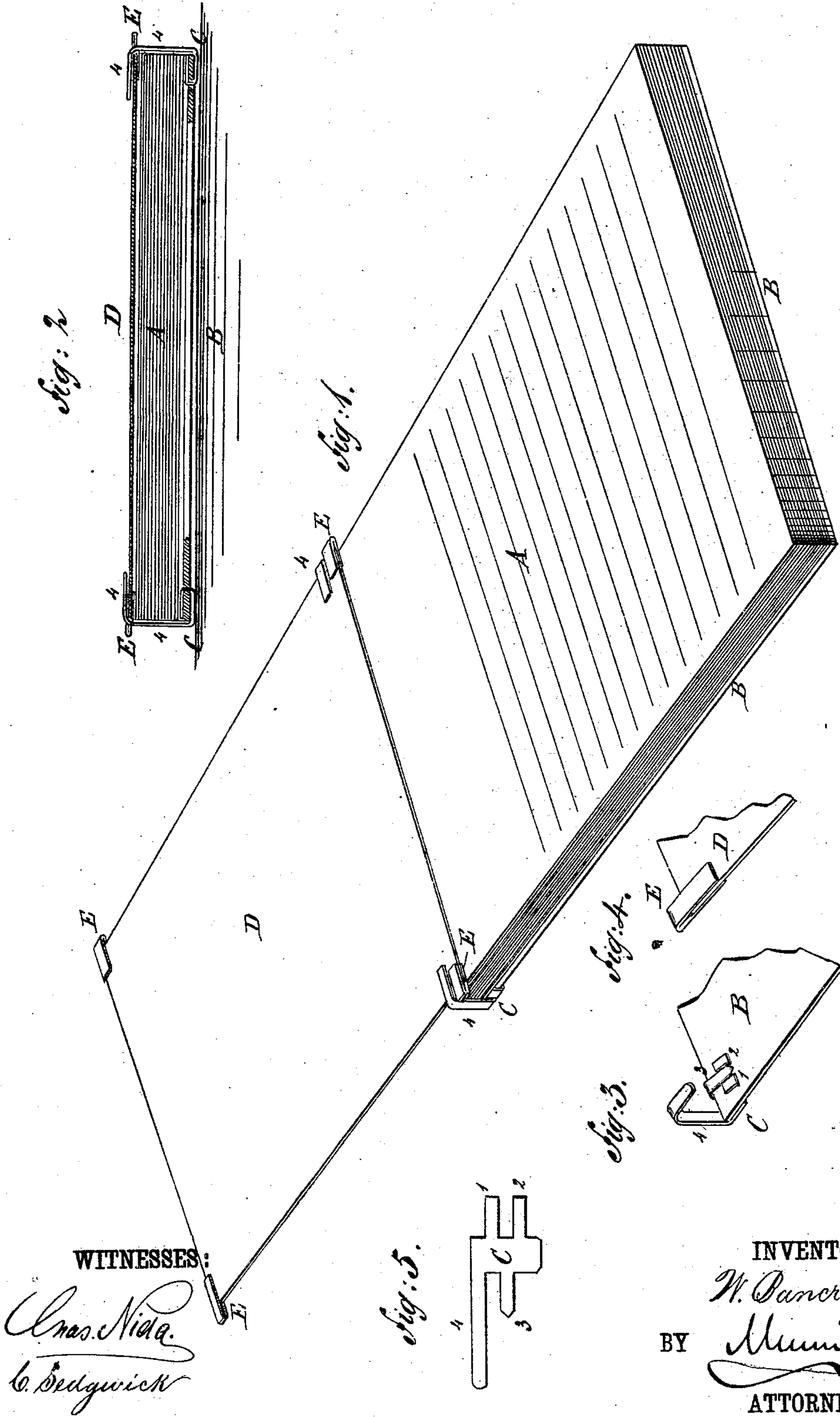


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BLOTTER-TABLET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM BANCROFT, of Wilmington, New Castle county, Delaware, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Blotter-Tablets, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improvement arranged for use. Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the same, partly in section. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a part of a tablet-back, showing a guide. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a part of a blotter, showing a stop; and Fig. 5 is a plan view of one of the guides before being shaped.

The object of this invention is to promote convenience by having blotters connected with tablets in such a manner that they can be readily used.

The invention consists in a blotter-tablet made with guides at the upper corners of the tablet, and stop-arms at the four corners of the blotter, to engage with the guides and prevent the blotter from being separated from the tablet while allowing it to be readily slipped off and on, as will be hereinafter fully described.

A represents a tablet, the sheets of which are gummed to each other and to the back B, at the lower end of the tablet, but are left free at the side and top edges.

To the upper corners of the tablet-back B are attached guides C, which are made of thin sheet metal, and with two points or prongs, 1 2, upon the inner edge of its body, to be passed through the back B and bent down upon the upper side of the said back.

Upon the outer edge of the body of the guide

C are formed a point or prong, 3, and an arm, 4. The point or prong 3 is bent around the edge of the back B and into the space between the bent ends of the prongs 1 2. The arm 4 is bent upward across the side edge of the tablet A, and is then bent inward, space being left between the inwardly-projecting ends of the said arms and the top sheet of the said tablet, to receive the blotter D, so that the said blotter can be slipped upward to uncover the tablet, as shown in Fig. 1, and allow it to be written upon, and can be drawn down over the tablet and then used as a blotter.

The blotter D is kept from being drawn off the tablet A in either direction by stop-arms, E, attached to its corners and projecting at its sides, so as to come in contact with the upright parts of the guide-arms 4, as shown in Figs 1 and 3.

The stop-arms E can be made of gummed cloth or other suitable material, that can be readily attached to the blotter D, and will have enough stiffness to prevent the said blotter from being drawn out of place.

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

1. A blotter-tablet constructed substantially as herein shown and described, and consisting of the tablet A, having guides, and provided with a blotter having stop-arms, as set forth.

2. In a blotter-tablet, the combination, with the tablet A, back B, and blotter D, of the guide C, provided with the back-fastening prongs 1 2 3, and the guide-prong 4, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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