

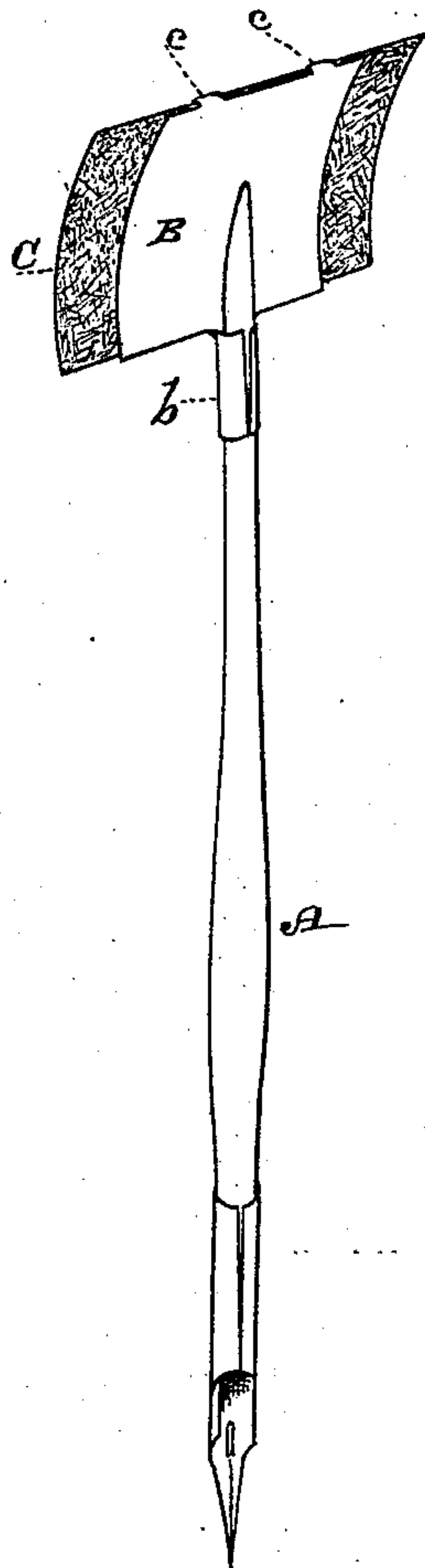
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES FRANKLIN MILLER, of the city of Oakland, county of Alameda, and State of California, have invented
5 an Improvement in Combined Pen - Holder and Blotter; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to a new and useful
10 combined pen-holder and blotter; and it consists of a pen-holder having secured to the top of its staff a light frame or plate carrying a small blotting-pad, as I shall fully describe.

The object of my invention is to facilitate
15 the work of those who use pens, especially book-keepers, accountants, entry-clerks, and others whose work demands the writing in various parts and places of small entries, and the turning of pages and sheets.

It is well known that the blotting sheet or
20 pad is of all the articles about a desk the most easily mislaid or covered up, and no small loss of time and considerable vexation are occasioned by a search for it. This inconvenience is particularly noticeable to those
25 who have but a few words or figures to write here and there, and when this has to be done in rapid succession the time lost in taking up the blotter, using it, and laying it down is
30 quite appreciable. These difficulties I obviate by having the blotter attached to the pen-holder, whereby it cannot be mislaid, and its use is convenient and rapid.

Referring to the accompanying drawing,
35 the figure is a perspective view of my combined pen-holder and blotter.

A is the pen-holder, consisting of the usual staff and pen-socket. B is a small plate of light sheet metal or other substance, having
40 formed at its lower end a socket, *b*, in which the upper end of the pen-holder fits. The edges of the plate are provided with little tongues *c*, which are bent over and secure the blotting-sheet C to the face of the plate. I do
45 not of course confine myself to such a plate as

is here shown; but I prefer at present the device illustrated in the figure as being suitable in lightness and strength, combining with these qualities simplicity and economy. The plate B is curved backwardly, giving its face a convexity extending from side to side, and in order to strengthen the socket by which it is attached to the pen-holder, I have the end of the latter beveled off, and I project it up against the back of the plate, as shown. The
55 plate is fitted to the pen-holder in such manner that when the pen is in use the blotter shall be on top, so that by merely turning the pen-holder end for end and still grasping it the blotter is brought down upon the paper. 60 As much pressure as necessary may be placed upon it, as the plate finds a bearing against the top of the pen-holder, and cannot be broken off.

The device can be used rapidly and with
65 convenience. The weight added to the top of the staff is inappreciable.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 70

1. A combined pen-holder and blotter consisting of the pen-holder A, the plate B, having the socket *b* fitting over the top of the staff of the pen-holder, and the blotting-sheet C, secured to the face of the plate, substantially as herein described. 75

2. A combined pen-holder and blotter consisting of the pen-holder A, the staff of which has a beveled top, the backwardly-curved plate B, having socket *b*, through which the
80 top of the staff of the pen-holder fits and projects, bearing against the back of the plate, and the blotting-sheet C, secured to the face of the plate, substantially as herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
85 hand.

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