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Fig. 1.

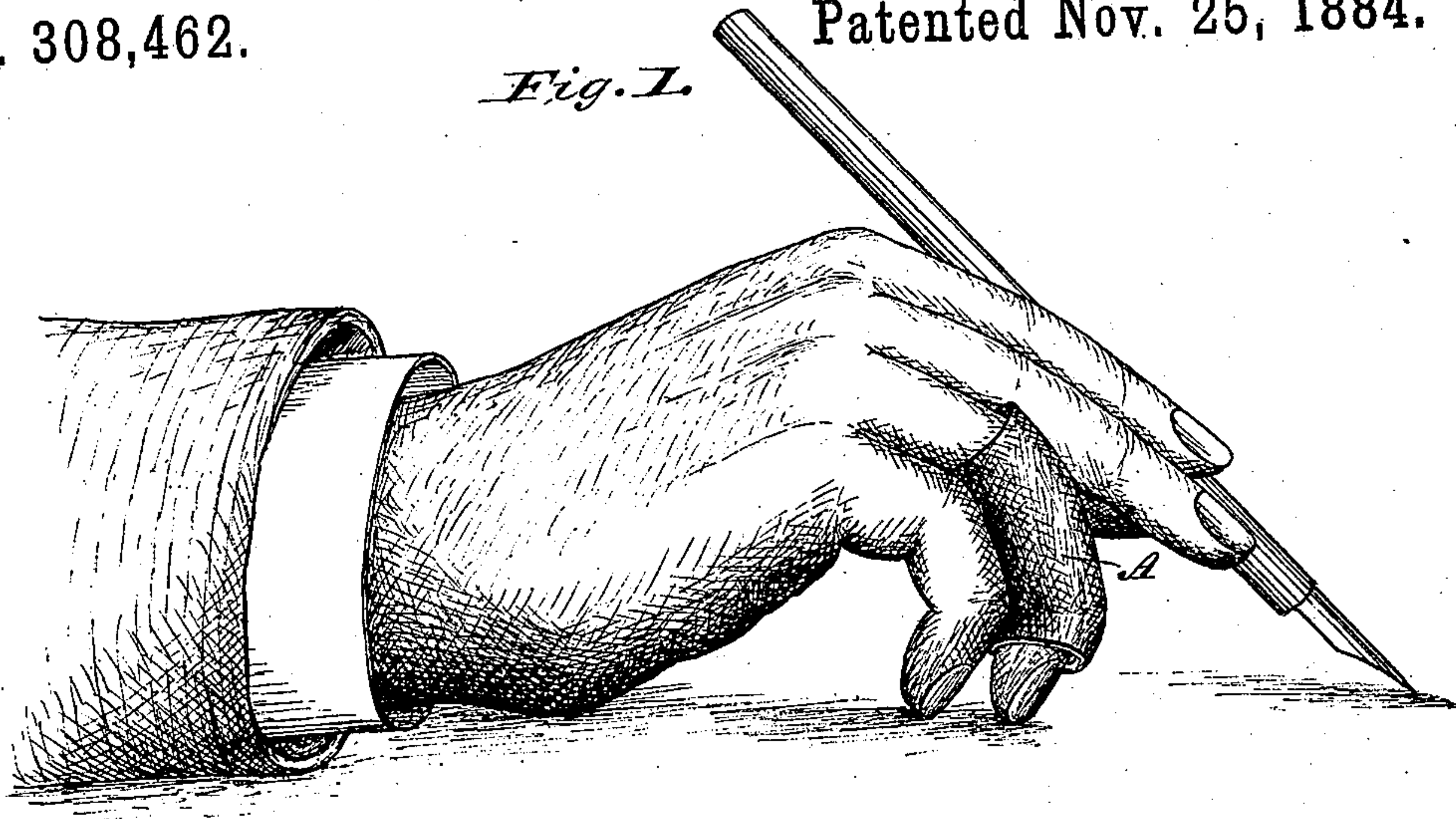
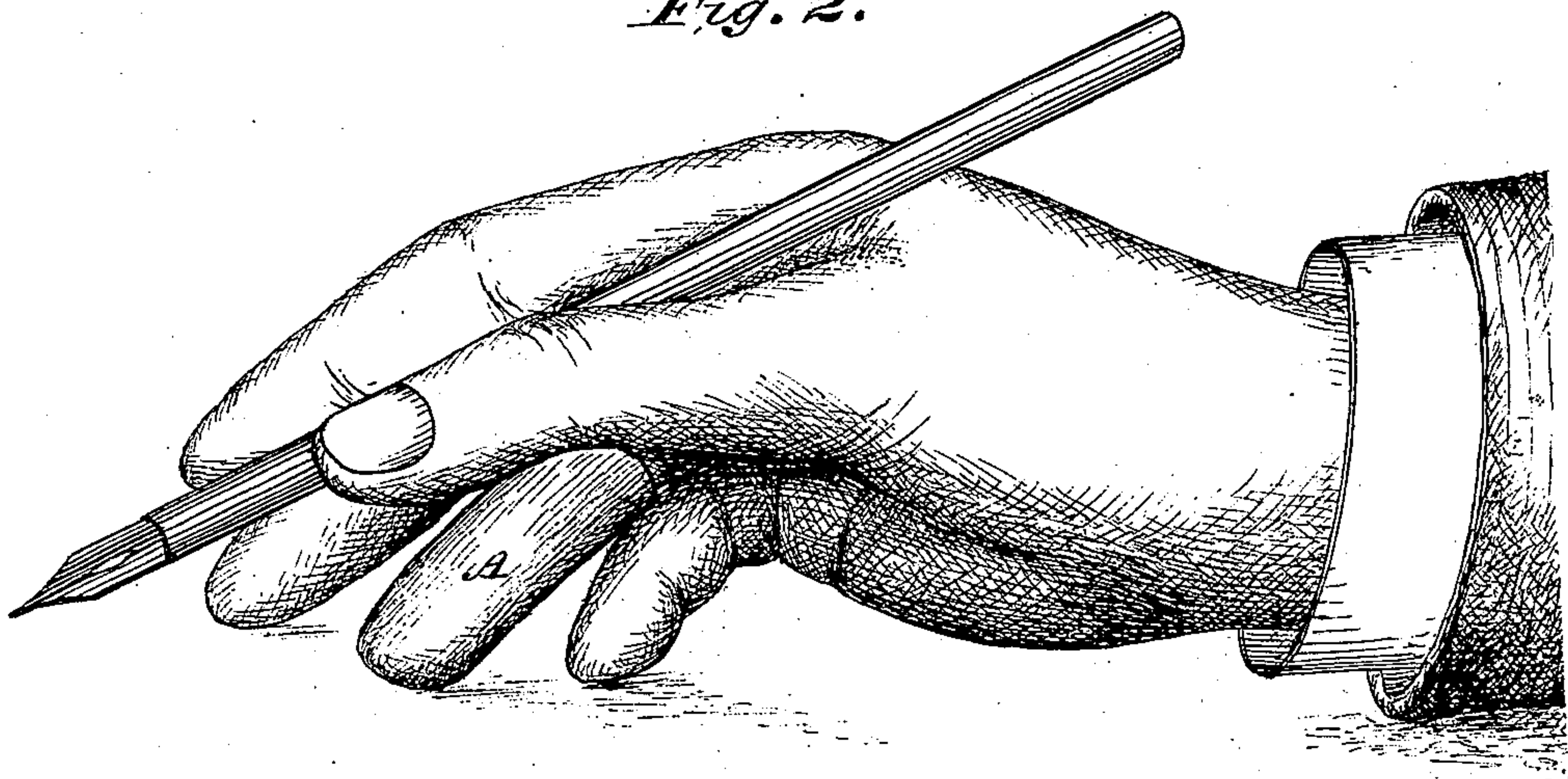


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALICE B. BROMWELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blotting Thimbles or Pads, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to blotting-pads.

The object of my invention is to provide a blotting pad or surface which can be carried on the finger of the writer, so that when it is necessary to use a blotting-surface it will be ready for use.

My invention consists in making a blotting pad, thimble, or finger-stall, and adapting it to fit over one of the fingers of the writer, said thimble being made of blotting-paper or other material having ink-absorbing qualities.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a hand on which an open-ended or tubular blotter is used. Fig. 2 is a similar view of a hand on which a blotting pad or thimble having the end closed is used.

A is the blotting pad or thimble, which is made of unsized paper, paper-pulp, or other material having liquid-absorbing properties.

The blotting pad or thimble is adapted to be worn on the thumb or fingers of the writer, and may be in the form of an open-ended tube or the form of a closed ended thimble or finger-stall.

The blotting-thimble may be lined with oil-cloth, or its interior may be coated with shellac or other water-repellent compound, so that in use the ink will not penetrate to soil the finger of the wearer.

The blotting-thimble may be molded from unsized pulp into the desired form, or made into tubes of the desired diameter, and then cut into the desired lengths.

The blotter may be adapted to be worn on any of the fingers or thumb; but in practice I find it more convenient to use it on the third finger or second finger from the index-finger. I do not wish, however, to limit myself in this particular.

This blotting device will be specially useful for bank presidents, secretaries, cashiers, and other persons having to affix their signatures to numerous papers; also to book-keepers and entry-clerks.

I am aware that a blotter has been made in the form of a cuff to be worn on the hand of the writer, and such I do not claim.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a blotting thimble or pad made of unsized or blotting paper adapted to be worn on the fingers or thumb of the writer, as set forth.

2. A blotting pad or thimble adapted to be worn on the fingers or thumb, made of unsized or blotting paper, and lined or coated on the inside with a non-absorbent or water-repellent material, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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