

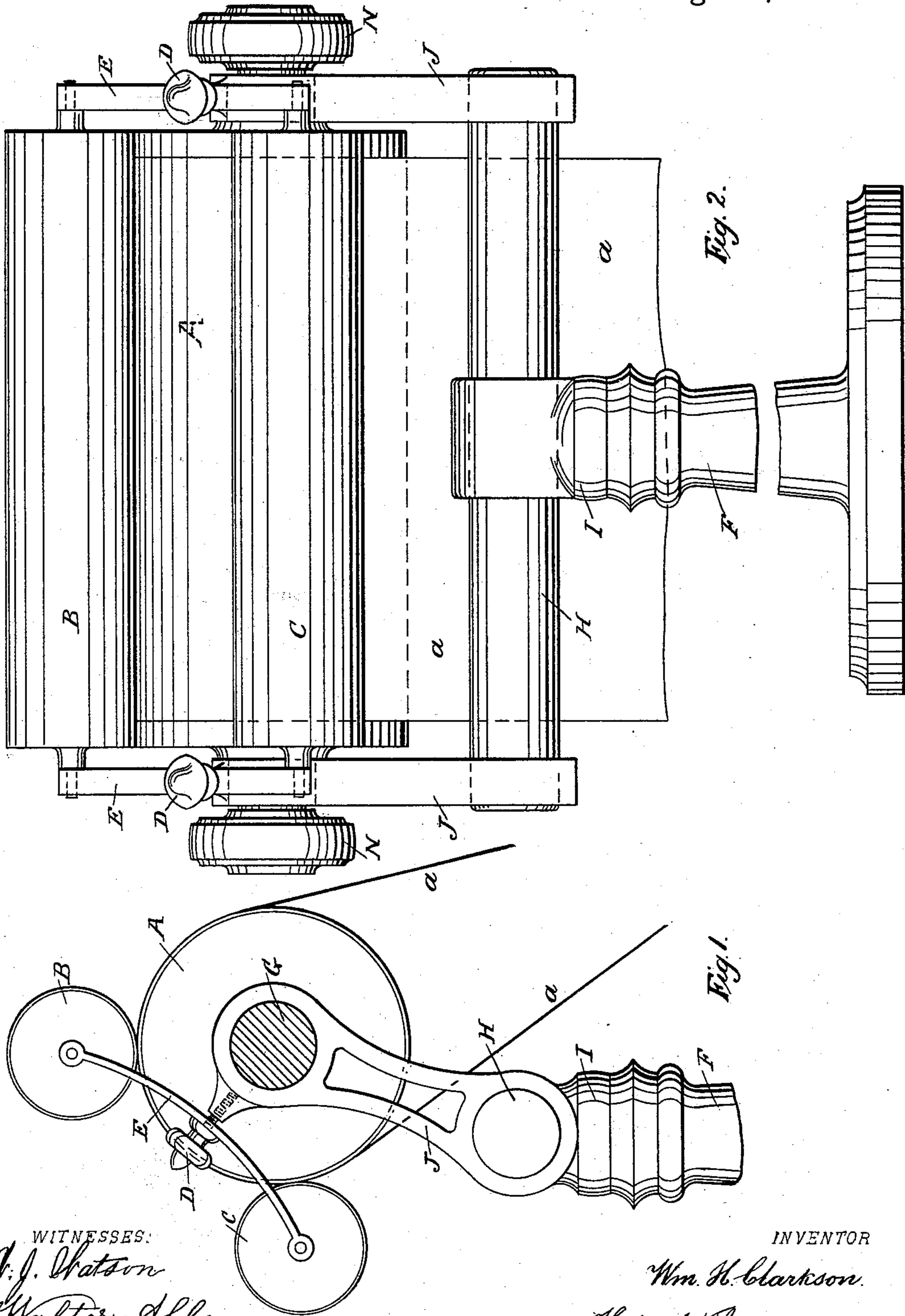
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## COPY-HOLDER AND BLOTTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. CLARKSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Copy-Holder and Blotter; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being made to the annexed drawings, forming a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

The object of my invention is to produce an improved copy or manuscript holder and blotter combined, by means of which papers to be read or copied can be held in the best possible position, and so that the matter to be copied may be kept constantly before the eye at one point or on the same line of sight, and so that each line of the copy can be made in turn to occupy the same place at the same elevation and distance from the eye of the operator from the first line to the last, so that the attention of the operator shall be directed to and confined to that particular part of the manuscript he is engaged in copying, and so that any surplus ink or moisture on the surface of the manuscript may be absorbed while passing through the machine.

Figure 1 in the drawings represents a side elevation of the copy-holder, in which the main spindle is shown in section at a point immediately behind the handle or knob by which it is manipulated. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the same.

Similar letters of reference where used in the different figures indicate corresponding parts.

My invention consists in the combination, with a cylinder to be rotated by hand, of two rollers which are pressed against the surface of said cylinder by springs, and with sufficient pressure to hold the paper or other sheet material when inserted between them and the surface of the main cylinder, and cause it to follow the motion of said main cylinder when rotated. I arrange the two rollers which press the paper on the cylinder toward the front and top of the same, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, and relatively to one another so that in the space between them a breadth of manuscript may be presented to the eye of the operator corresponding with

four lines of ordinary writing. His attention is consequently restricted to this breadth of paper as presented to him by the rotation of the main cylinder.

I will now proceed to describe my invention more particularly with reference to the annexed drawings.

In the drawings, A is the main cylinder, supported by journals G in the frames J J, wherein they revolve. B and C are two rollers supported by and pressed against the cylinder A by the springs E E. D D are thumb-screws, by which the tension of the springs E E can be regulated. H is a cross-bar, to which the frames J J are connected. I is a junction-piece connecting the cross-bar H with the stand F, which can be made of any convenient height. *a a* represent the sheet of manuscript inserted between the rollers and the main cylinder. N N are handles or knobs by which said cylinder is revolved, and by the motion of which every line of the manuscript in turn is presented to the eye of the operator, who reads it as it passes over the space between the rollers B and C.

The cylinder A and rollers B and C are preferably covered with blotting-paper or similar absorbent material, as that is not liable to slip, and it also absorbs any surplus ink or moisture on the surface of the manuscript.

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

1. In a copy-holder, the combination, with the revolving cylinder A, of the rollers B and C, connected to the frames J by the springs E, and adapted to be operated by the movement of the said cylinder, substantially as shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a copy-holder, the combination of cylinder A, rollers B and C, springs E, carrying said rollers, frames J, and thumb-screws D, for attaching said springs to the frames and regulating the pressure of the rollers on the cylinder, substantially as shown and described.

3. In a copy-holder, the combination of cylinder A, provided with handles N, rollers B and C, springs E, carrying said rollers, frames J, having journals G, in which cylin-

- der A revolves, thumb-screws D, cross-bar H, and stand F, having junction-piece I, substantially as described and shown, and for the purpose set forth.
- 5 4. In a copy-holder, the combination of cylinder A, covered with absorbent material and provided with handles for rotating it, rollers B and C, also covered with absorbent material, springs E, carrying said rollers, frames J, and thumb-screws D, for attaching 10 said springs to the frames and regulating the pressure of the rollers upon the cylinder, substantially as shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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