

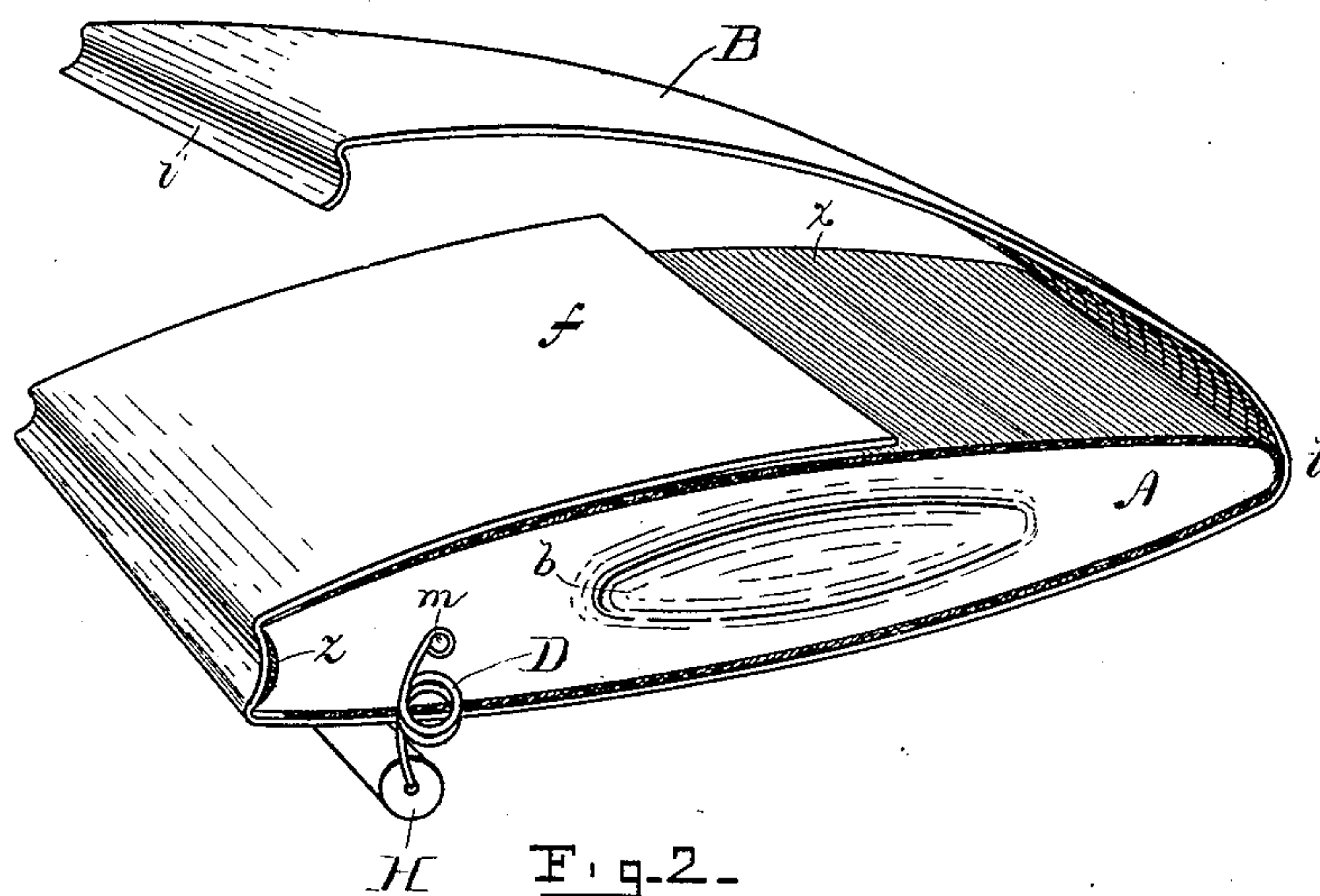
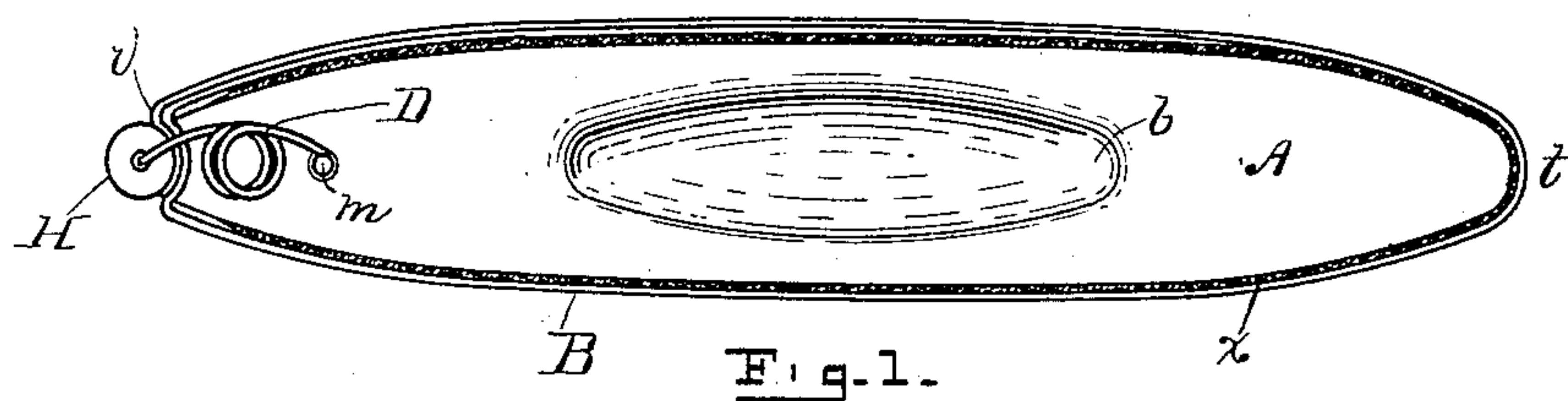
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BLOTTING-PAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLIFTON M. MOORE, of Revere, in the county of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blotting-Pads, of which the following is a description sufficiently full, clear, and exact to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which said invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved pad represented in position for use; and Fig. 2, an isometrical perspective view of the same, the blotting-paper being shown as released from the fastener.

Like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different figures of the drawings.

My invention relates more especially to means for securing the blotting-paper to the block; and it consists in a novel construction and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed, the object being to produce a simpler and more effective device of this character than is now in ordinary use.

The nature and operation of the improvement will be readily understood by all conversant with such matters from the following explanation.

In the drawings, A represents the body of the blotter, and B the blotting-paper.

The body consists of a block of wood, which is preferably made in the shape of a flattened oval in longitudinal section, and is provided on either edge with a depression or recess, *b*, by means of which it can be readily grasped or handled. The body is covered with felt or similar material, *x*, to form a cushion for the paper B. One end of the block A is grooved laterally, as shown at *z*, and near said groove, on either side of said block, is centrally secured one end of a coiled spring, D, as shown at *m*. A bar or roll, H, adapted to enter the groove *z*, is journaled on the outer ends of said springs.

In the use of my improvement the strip or

sheet of blotting-paper B is folded lengthwise over the block A in such a manner that one of its ends, *f*, will rest against the side of the felt-covered block and in the other in the groove *z*. The roll H is then forced into the groove *z*, as shown in Fig. 1, the paper B being held in position by the contractile action of the springs D on the roll H, which rests on the end *v* of the paper in said groove.

It will be readily seen that by the use of my improvement the paper may be quickly and easily adjusted upon the block, and that by folding the paper lengthwise and wrapping it around the block, as shown, long strips of paper may be employed, which will maintain their position on the block much better than short ones, and also afford a blotting or absorbent surface at the end *t*, which adds materially to the value of the blotter.

I do not confine myself to the use of the felt *x*, as it may be omitted, if desired, and the paper may be applied directly to the block, although I deem its use preferable.

Having thus explained my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a blotting-pad of the character described, the combination of the following instrumentalities, to wit: a flattened or elongated oval body provided at one end with a lateral groove, springs secured to said body near said groove, and a roll journaled on said springs and adapted to press on the paper in said groove and secure it on said block, substantially as set forth.

2. In a blotting-pad, the oval body A, provided at one end with the transverse groove *z*, a coiled spring, D, secured to each side of said body near said groove, the roll H, journaled on said springs, and the paper strip B, wrapped longitudinally around said body and secured in said groove by said spring-actuated roll, constructed, combined, and arranged to operate substantially as described.

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