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Fig. 1.

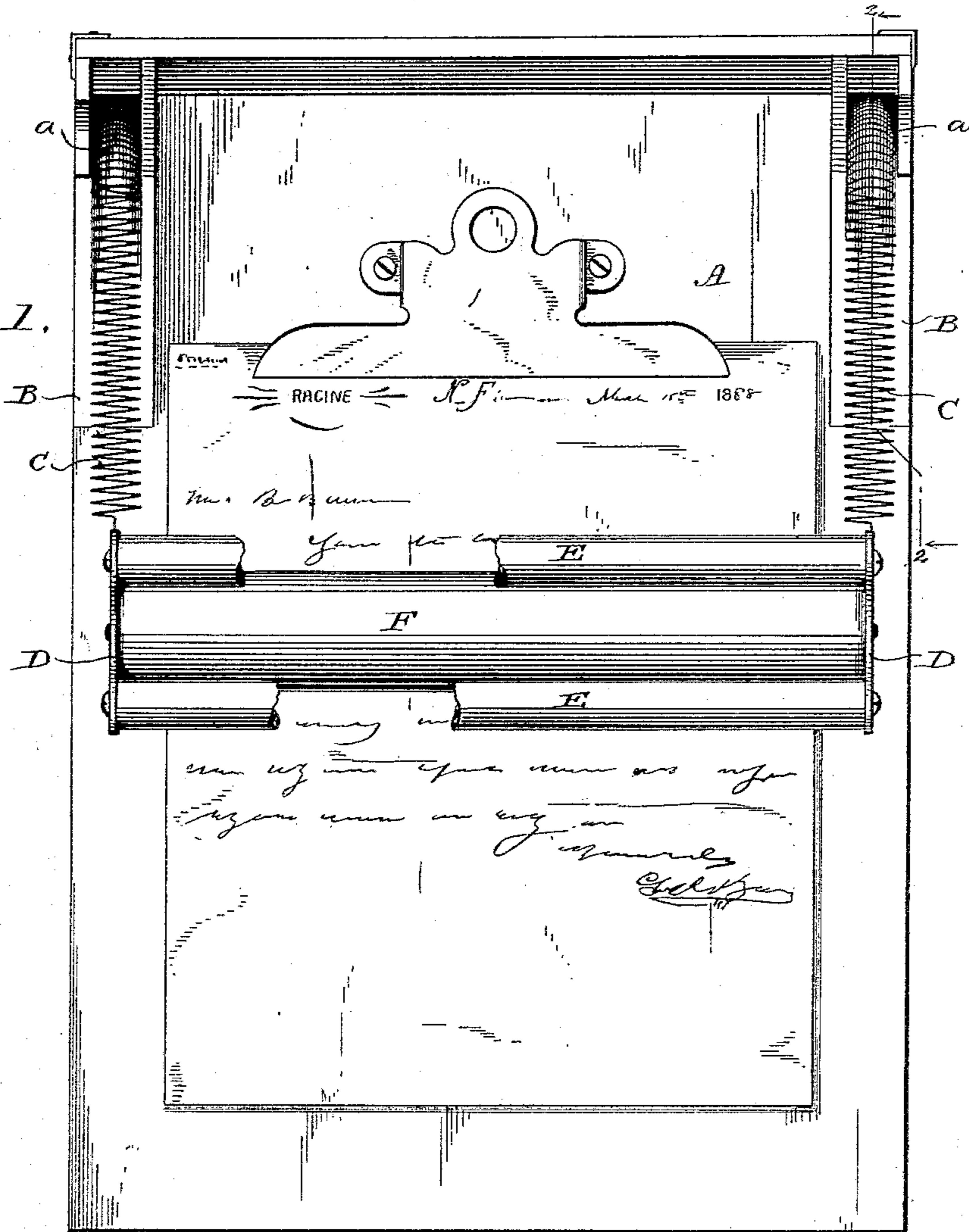
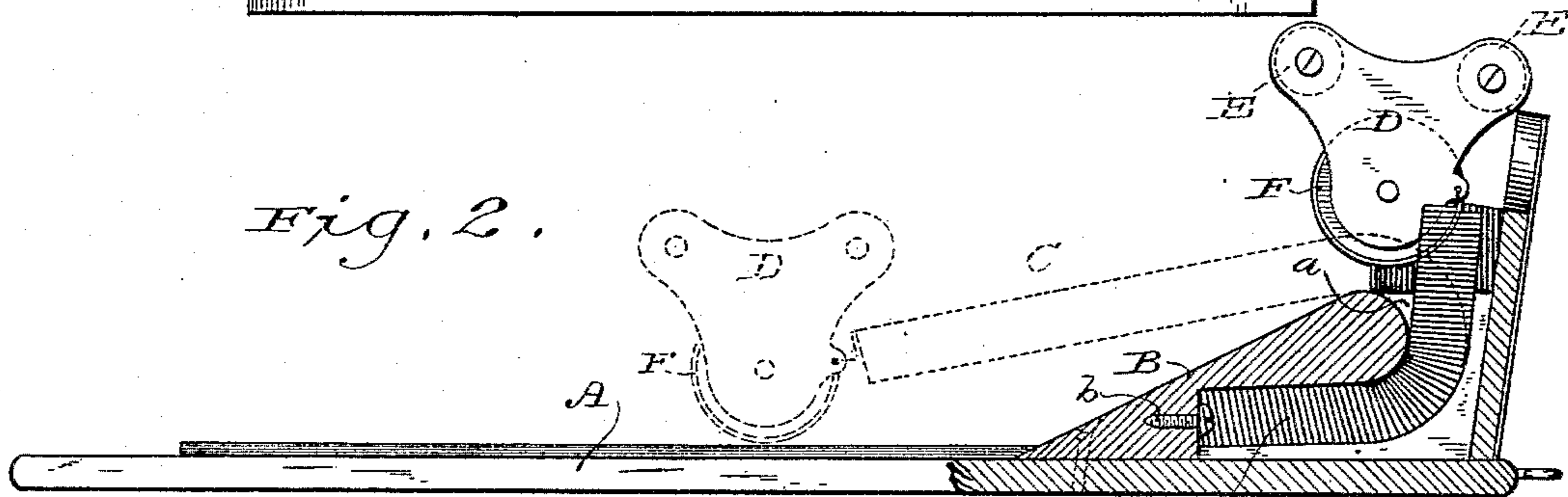


Fig. 2.

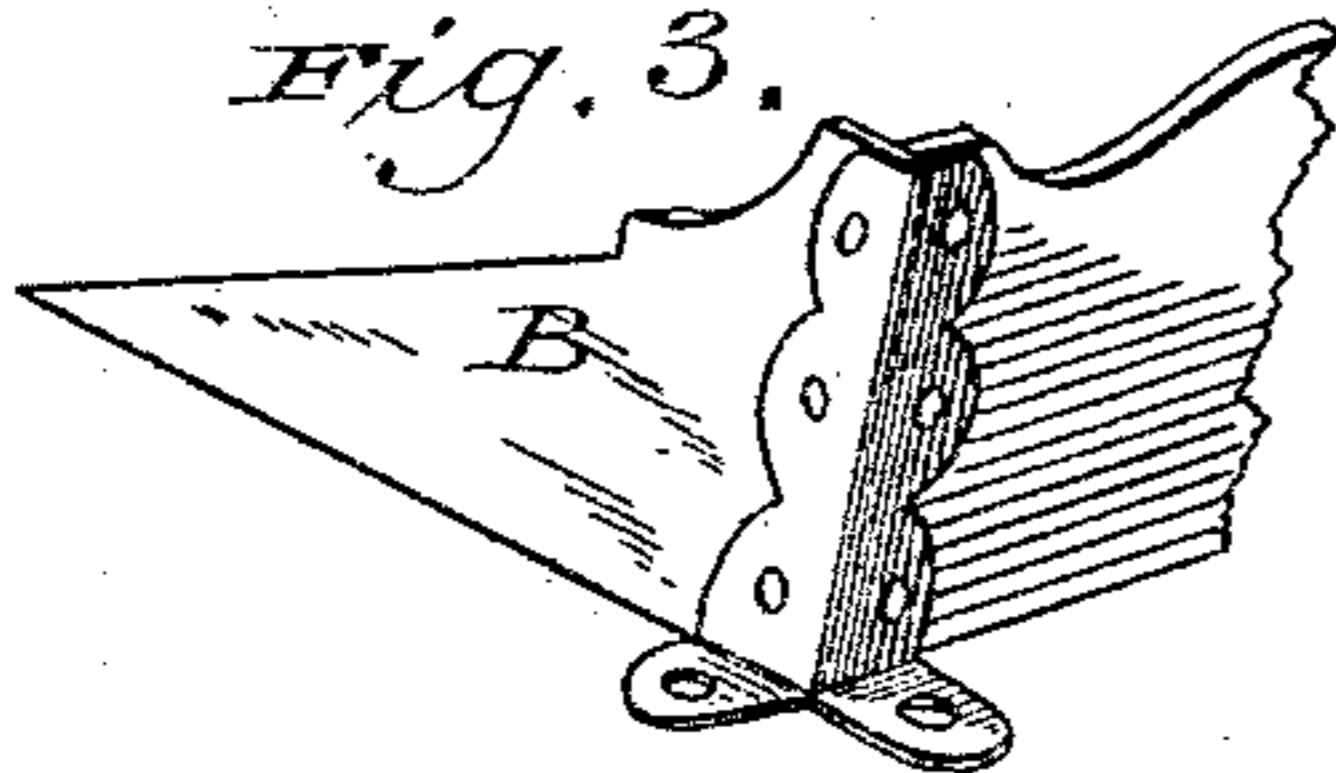


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Fig. 3.



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## ROLLER-BLOTTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, HOMER B. CAMPBELL and JAMES SHAW, both of Racine, in the county of Racine, and in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Roller-Blotter; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

Our invention relates to blotting-pads, and will be fully described hereinafter.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a letter-sheet holder with our invention in place thereon; and Fig. 2 is a vertical section on line 2 2, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detail view of a modification.

A is the sheet-holder, which may be of any desired form, and B are blocks that are secured to the front corners of the letter-sheet holder, and which are hollowed out to form a housing, *a*, for a spiral spring, C, one end of which is secured to the blocks, as at *b*, and the other to an end plate, D, of a frame, which consists of two plates, D, connected by bars E E, and each forming a bearing for one of the journals of a roller, F, which is suitably padded and covered with bibulous paper. The springs C are secured to the plates D by being hooked in perforations therein, and preferably the connection is made easily detachable; but we do not mean to confine ourselves to the mere details of construction or to the use of the letter-sheet holder shown, as the blocks may be made in the form shown in Fig. 3 and attached directly to a desk or table; or desks or tables may be formed with wells and the springs may be anchored in these wells; or the

springs may be anchored directly to the tops of desks or tables. Elastic bands or cords may also be used instead of the spiral springs.

When not in use, the pad and its frame are held in the position shown in Fig. 2—that is, with their ends resting each upon the top of a block, B—by the springs C, and hence out of the way; but when it is to be used the bars are grasped and the frame is drawn toward the operator, and the pad is rolled over the written surface, after which, on it being released, the springs will draw it back over the sheet and up the inclined surfaces of the blocks into the position shown in Fig. 2.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with a suitable support, of springs secured at one end to said support, and a frame carrying a roller blotting-pad secured to the other end of said springs, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with hollow blocks, of spiral springs secured therein at one end, and a frame carrying a roller blotting-pad secured to the other end of said springs, substantially as described.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing we have hereunto set our hands, at Racine, in the county of Racine and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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