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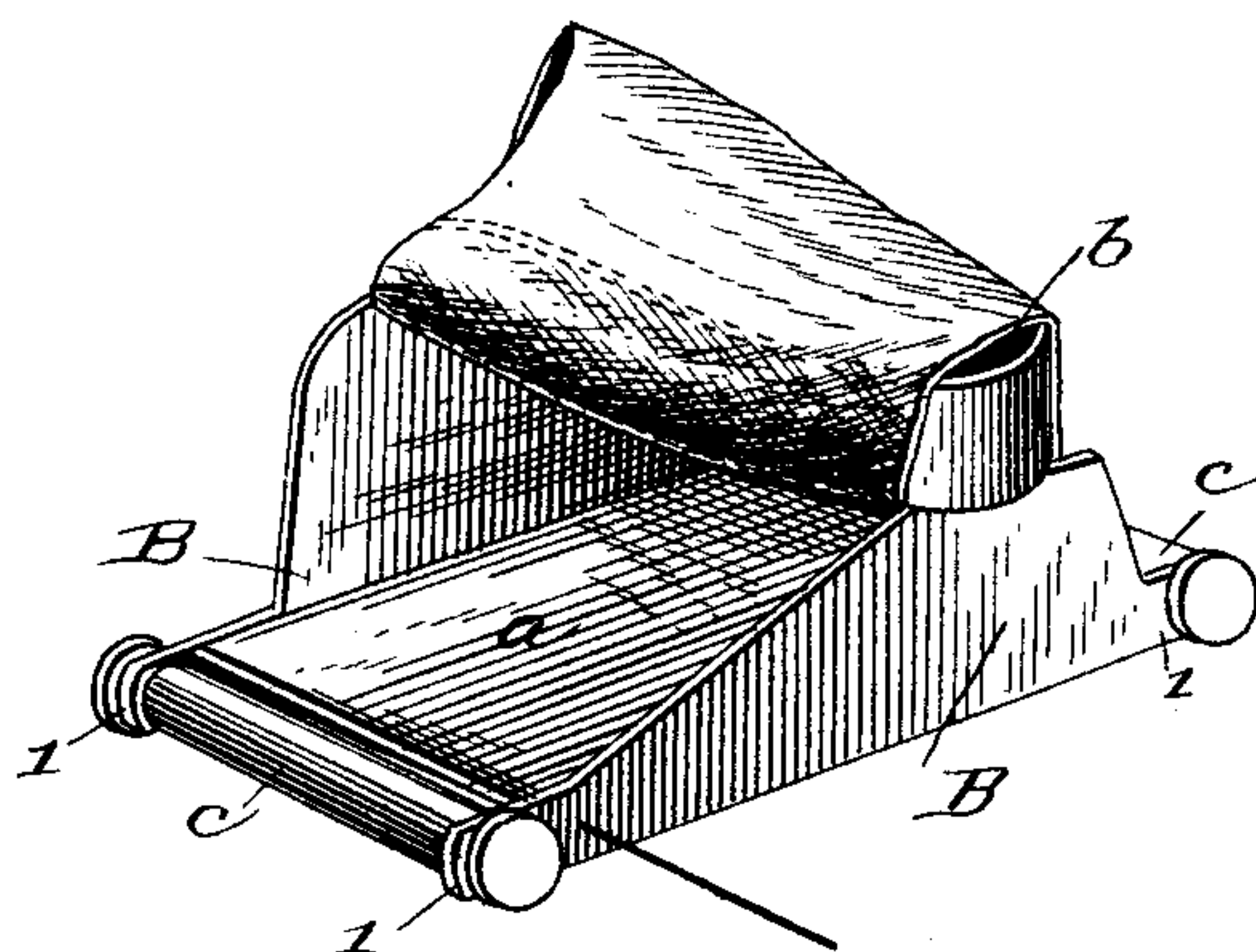
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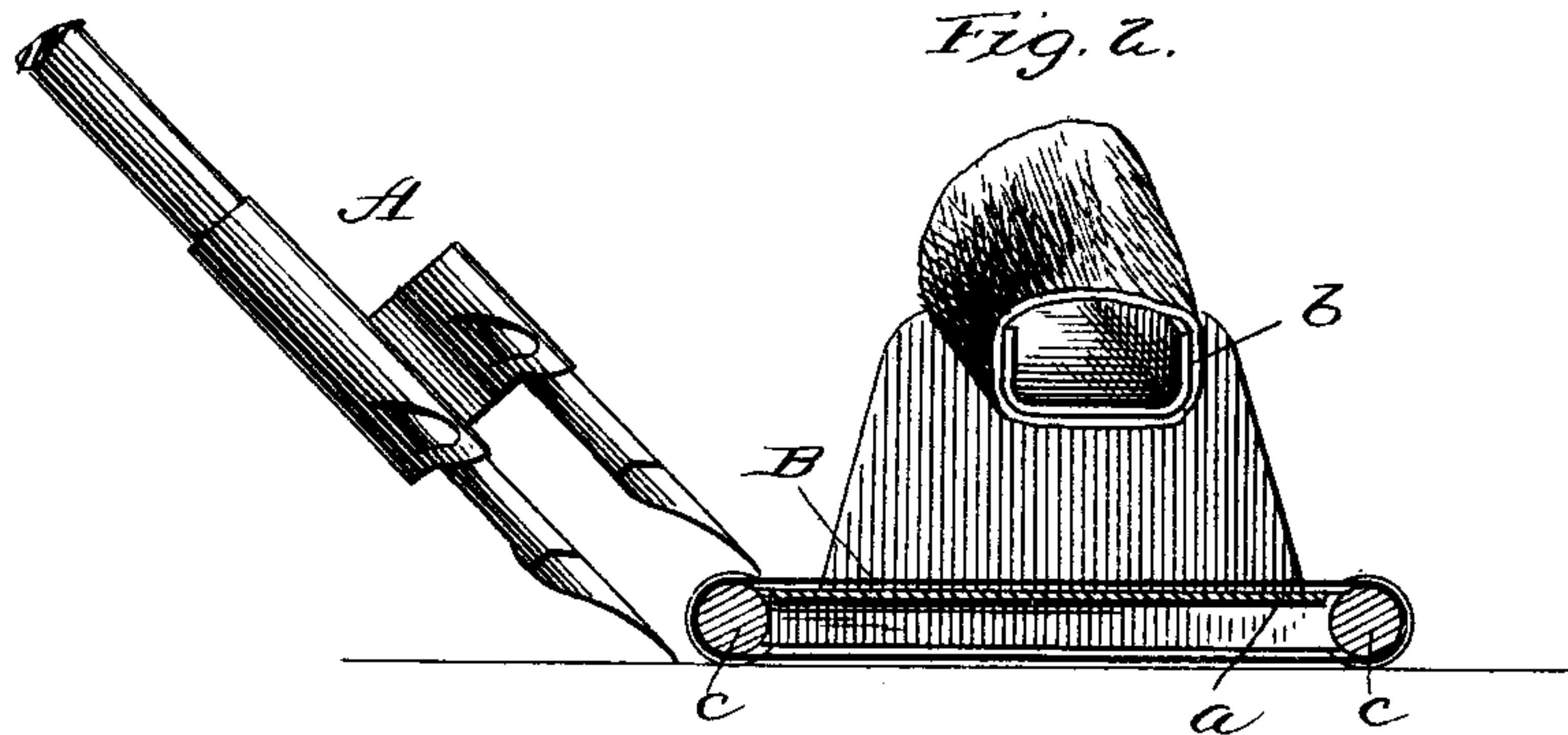
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## PAPER-HOLDER FOR DUPLICATING DEVICES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT J. WALLACE, of Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, have invented a new and useful  
5 Improvement in Paper-Holders for Duplicating Devices; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention is a device designed for the  
10 use of book-keepers or clerks, and is for the purpose of reducing the labor incident to this class of work by providing means whereby a duplicate copy of tabulated work or a trial-  
balance may be obtained without extra labor.

15 The invention in its broad features is similar to that form of paper-holding device shown and described by me in Patent No. 359,582, granted March 15, 1887, and is employed in combination with a double-pointed writing-  
20 instrument, like the one described in said patent.

The object of the present invention is to provide a device especially adapted to the work of posting ledgers for the purpose of ob-  
25 taining a trial-balance simultaneously with the completion of the work.

A further object is to provide a device which may be supported and manipulated by the left hand entirely.

30 The invention consists of a suitable frame having rollers or rounded edges at its ends to receive the paper which is placed about said rollers and joined at its ends so that it may be moved, and of a support for the thumb, where-  
35 by the device may be held.

Further, the invention consists of details of construction, all as hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device. Fig. 2 is a  
40 longitudinal section with the writing-instrument.

In the drawings, A represents the writing-instrument, which may be of the form shown or any other having two adjustable writing-  
45 points.

The paper-holding device is composed of a suitable frame, B, and a plate, *a*, about which the paper to receive the writing is passed. The frame extends upward upon either side of the  
50 plate and supports a thumb-rest or socket, *b*. At either end of the plate small rollers *c* are

positioned transversely, being journaled in ears 1, extending from the sides of the frame B. The plate is situated in a plane near the upper edge of the rollers, and upon either  
55 side the frame B extends below the plate as far as the lower periphery of the rolls. The paper to receive the work is passed around the plate *a* and the roller, so as to encircle the same. Its ends are joined together in any  
60 suitable manner, and thus it assumes the form of a belt capable of being turned at will. The thumb-rest is arranged upon the top of the frame extending transversely and diagonally across the same. A covering is provided  
65 extending about and over the thumb-rest, which forms a complete socket into which the thumb may be inserted. The covering may be of chamois or like material. The plate affords a surface upon which the writing may  
70 be done.

In use the device is carried by the left hand, the thumb thereof being inserted in the socket. This leaves the fingers free, and the position of the socket is such that the second or middle  
75 finger is brought in proper position to manipulate and turn the paper as desired. All the fingers of the left hand being free, the leaves of the ledger may be turned without inconvenience, the device remaining in place  
80 upon the thumb. The pens or writing-points are of course adjusted so that one bears upon the ledger or other original writing-surface while the other pen bears upon the paper.

While I prefer to manipulate the paper by  
85 the finger, as above described, I may employ small wheels upon the rolls, having roughened peripheries which will serve to turn the rolls and paper when the device is pressed slightly and moved upon them.  
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In order to avoid mistakes such as would occur should the device be used interchangeably for posting either side of the ledger, I contemplate using separate devices, one for the credit and one for the debit side. That  
95 for the credit side will be provided with a wire extending about an inch to the left, and that for the debit side will have a similar wire, but extending from the opposite side of the frame and to the right. The device of course  
100 may be employed in various positions for tabulated work or for duplicating notes or letters.



I claim as my invention—

1. The paper-holder consisting of the supporting-frame, the supports for the paper at either end, the paper passing about said supports as a band, the said supports being arranged in the extreme lower portion of said frame and in the same plane, whereby they form bearing-supports for the frame and bring the paper into close and proper position to the supporting-surface, substantially as described.

2. In combination, a paper-holder consisting of a suitable frame, the plate *a* and the roller at either end thereof, and the paper encircling said rollers and plate in the form of a belt, substantially as described.

3. The paper-holder consisting of the supporting-frame, the support for the paper at

either end of said frame, the thumb-socket arranged upon the supporting-frame, substantially as described.

4. In combination, the paper holder consisting of the supporting-frame, the support for the paper at either end of said frame, the paper arranged about said supports in the form of a belt, and the thumb-socket upon the frame arranged diagonally thereof, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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