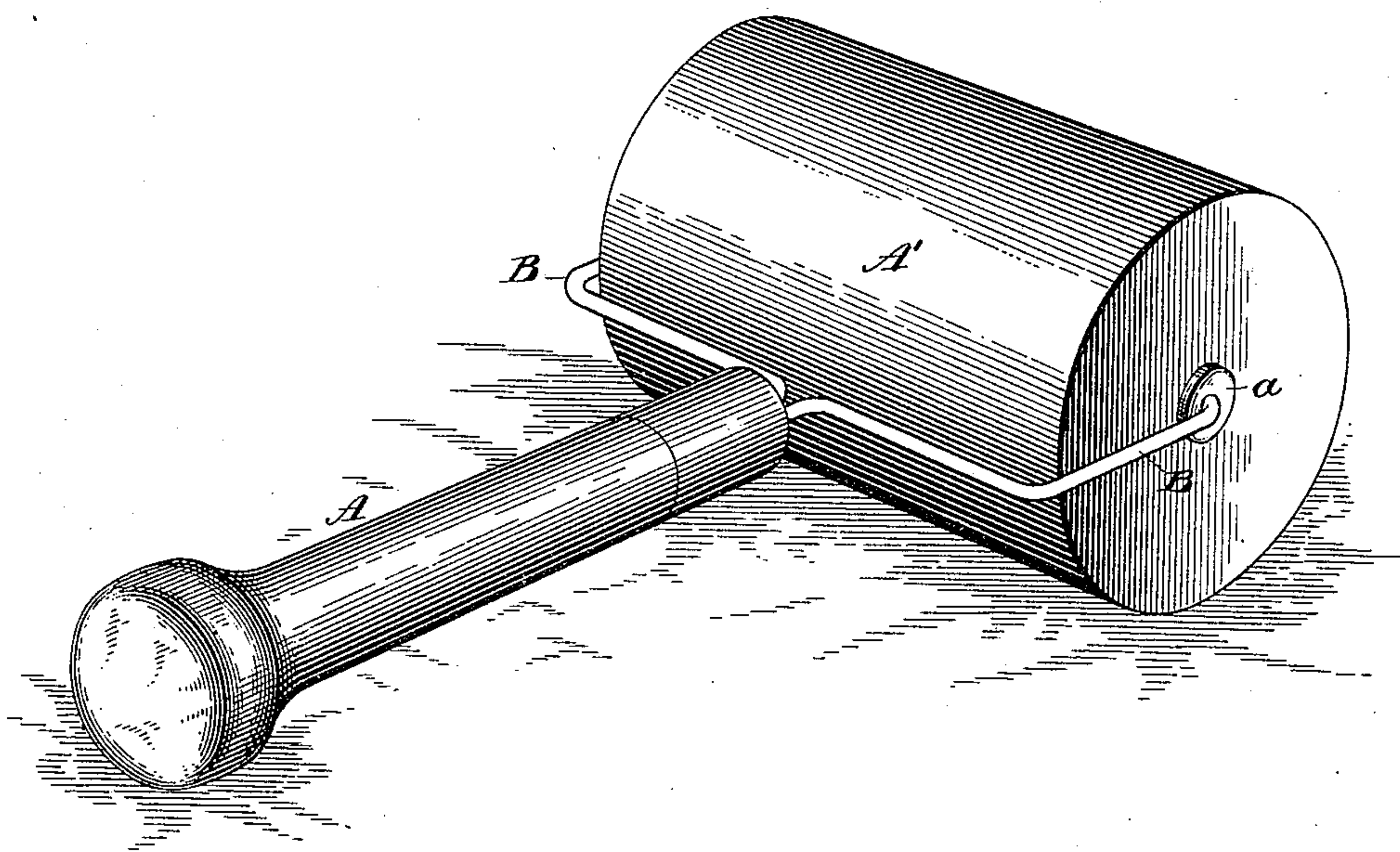


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## BLOTTING-PAD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS T. LUSCOMBE, of Carthage, in the State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Blotting-Pads, of which the following is a specification.

The blotting-pad in which my invention is comprised is one which is made from the natural tripoli rock. This substance I find possesses the absorbent properties requisite for a good blotting-pad, while at the same time it does not soften by water or moisture or mix with it. Moreover, the face of the pad can be readily renewed whenever necessary by rubbing with sand-paper or the like, which operation will remove the surface of the pad, which may be filled with the ink, and will present a fresh surface equal in absorbent properties to the original. The pad not only possesses the above advantages, but is cheap and durable. Moreover, the material of which it is composed is so heavy that of its own weight it will press sufficiently upon the paper to which it is applied to take up the ink thereon, so that the manual pressure which must be applied to the ordinary paper pad is here unnecessary. The pad, indeed, by reason of its weight will serve all the purposes of a paper-weight as well.

The preferred form of my invention is represented in the accompanying drawing, to which reference now will be made.

The drawing is a perspective view of the pad.

The pad here represented is what is known as a "roller-pad," consisting of a handle A, a yoke B, terminating at its outer ends in pins which form the gudgeons or pintles on which the roller-pad turns, and a roller-pad consist-

ing of a solid cylindrical block A, cut or fashioned from natural tripoli rock, having at its ends socket-bearings, in which are received the pintles on which the tripoli roller revolves. These socket-bearings (shown at *a*) are made of a material which will resist the wear due to friction, and are preferably of sheet metal, set into or fixed to the ends of the tripoli roller. Were the pintles on which the roller moves received directly into the tripoli itself, the frictional contact between them would result in grinding away and enlarging the bearings in the tripoli, and for this reason the separate bearings *a*, fixed to and revolving with the tripoli roller, are interposed between the pintles and the material of which the body of the roller is composed. It is obvious, of course, that the bearings might be in the yoke and the pintles or gudgeons might be fixed to the roller. This would be but a mere reversal of the arrangement shown in the drawing.

The yoke B is made of spring metal, so that its ends can be spread apart to permit the insertion or withdrawal of the tripoli roller.

What I claim herein as new and of my own invention is—

1. As a new manufacture, a blotting-pad of tripoli rock, substantially as set forth.

2. As a new manufacture, a roller blotting-pad consisting of a frame or handle and a rotating cylindrical block of tripoli rock supported therein in bearings, substantially in the manner described.

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

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