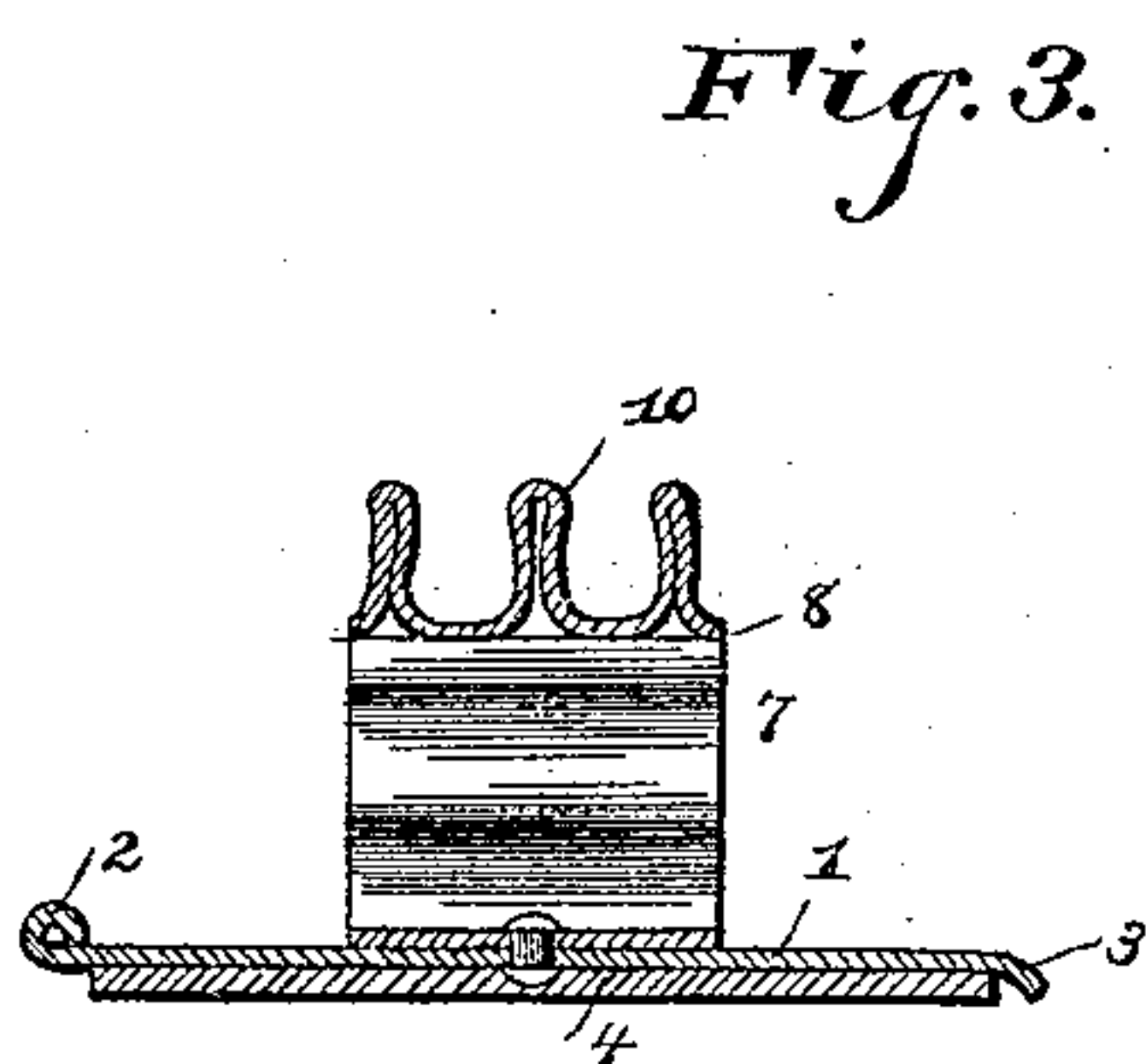
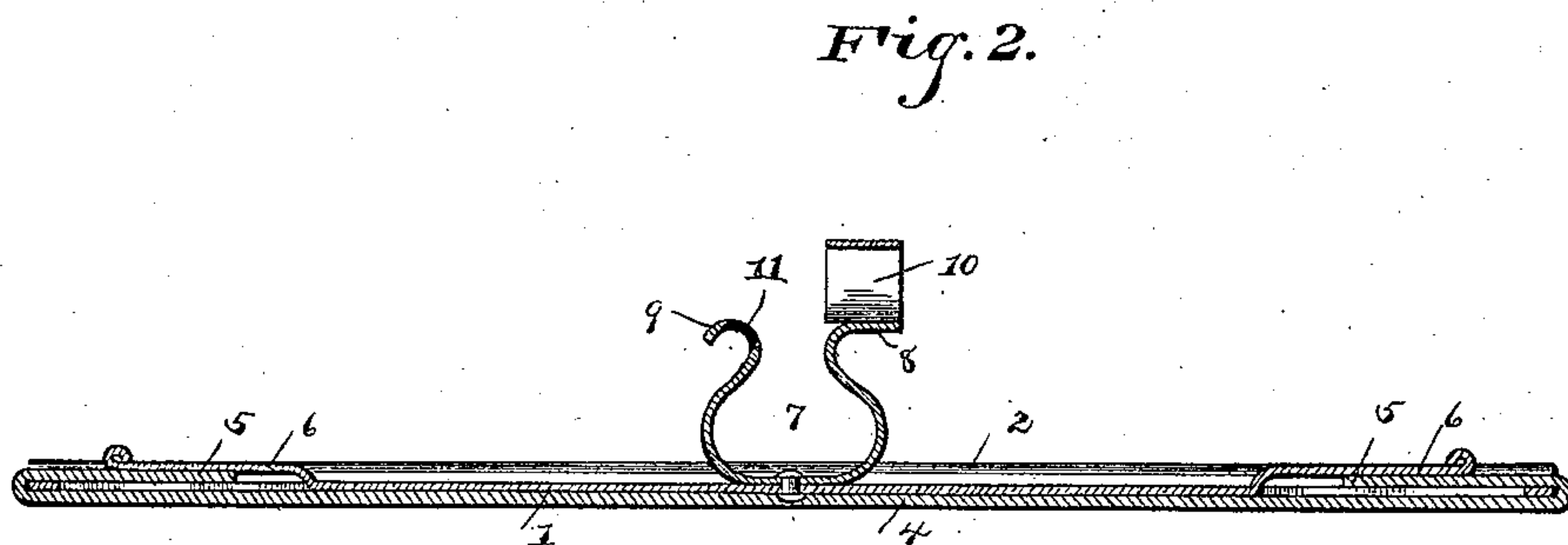
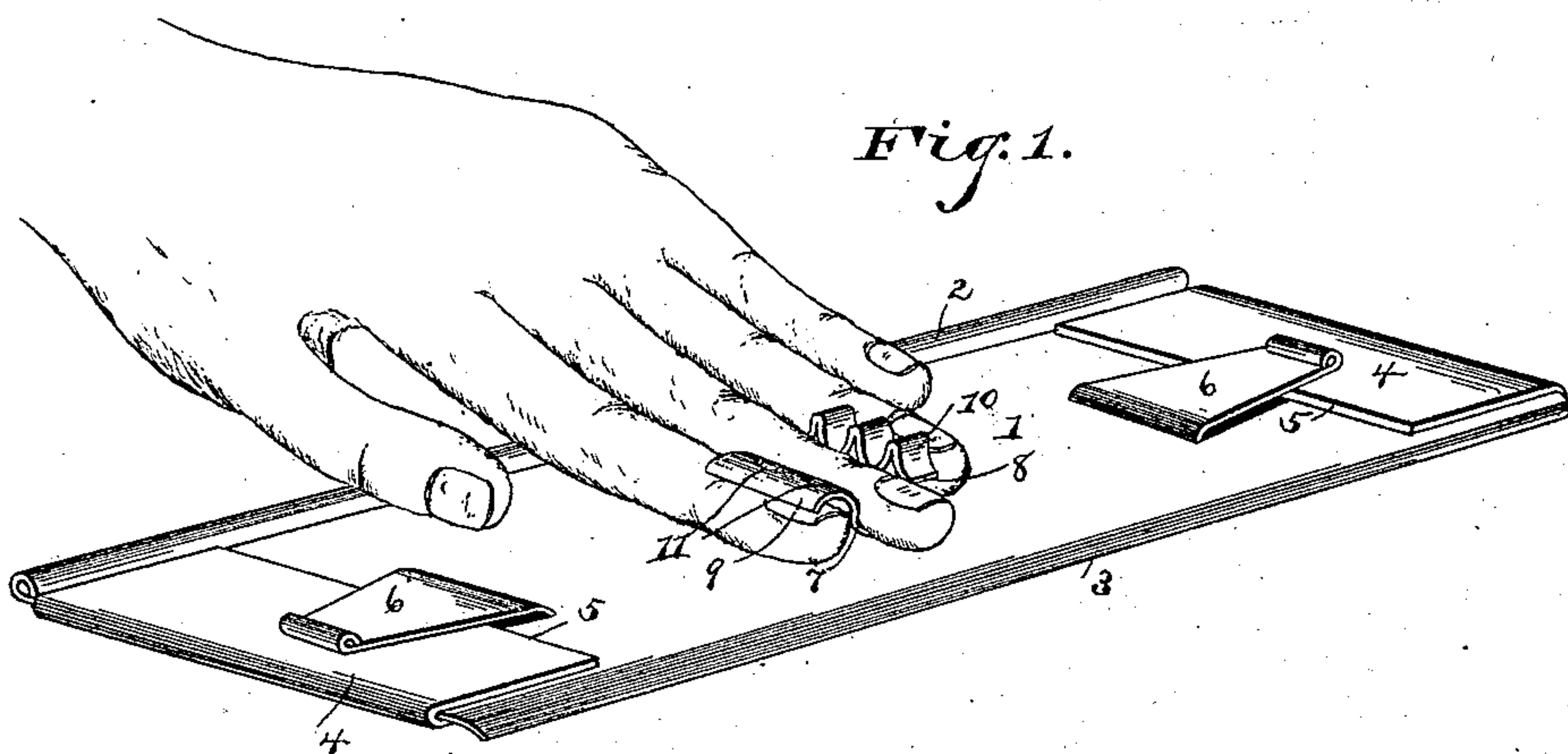


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WALTER BETTS, a citizen of the United States, and WILLIAM B. HERBERT, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, both residing at Galveston, in the county of Galveston and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Blotter, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in blotters.

The object of the present invention is to provide a combined hand-blotter, ruler, paper-cutter, and pen-rack, which device is designed more especially for the use of book-keepers and accountants, and is to be carried in the left hand, and is adapted to serve as an arm-rest, and is capable of holding pens in convenient position.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a blotter constructed in accordance with this invention and shown applied to a hand. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, 1 designates a blotter-frame constructed of suitable material, preferably sheet metal, and when constructed of the latter it consists of a single rectangular piece having one of its longitudinal edges rolled to form a ruler 2 and the other longitudinal edge 3 is straight and is bent downward at an angle and forms a convenient paper-cutter for tearing out checks, drafts, and the like. Blotting-paper 4 is arranged on the lower face of the frame 1 and extends longitudinally of the same and has its ends 5 bent over upon the upper face of the frame 1 and secured thereon by tongues 6, which are formed integral with the frame by being cut therefrom, and they extend outward toward the end of the frame and are slightly tapering and clamp between them and the frame the ends 5 of the blotting-paper. The tongues 6 are severed at three sides from the frame, and they are preferably ta-

pering and have their ends bent upon themselves or rolled to enable them to be readily raised or lowered to secure or release the ends of blotting-paper. The blotter-frame has centrally swiveled to its upper face an open finger-clip 7, constructed of suitable spring metal and adapted to receive a finger and capable of being opened and contracted to suit the size of a finger. The finger-clip 7 has its edges 8 and 9 curved outward, and the former is provided with open U-shaped penholder-sockets 10, adapted to receive and hold a pen when the latter is not in use and to keep the same in convenient position for use. The other flange 9 is provided with openings 11, adapted to receive the extreme ends of penholders to steady the same, and these openings 11 are arranged opposite the sockets 10. The sockets 10 are constructed of a strip of sheet metal bent, as shown, and secured by soldering or otherwise to the flange 8, and it has been found convenient to provide two for each blotter, so that a red and black ink pen may be held.

The device is more especially designed for book-keepers, accountants, and the like, and is conveniently held on a finger of the left hand and is adapted for carrying the pens when the same are not in use and when the leaves of a book are being turned by a book-keeper. The blotter is also adapted to serve as an arm-rest to be employed as a ruler and paper-cutter.

What we claim is—

1. A blotter comprising a frame provided with means for securing blotting-paper, and a finger-clip swiveled to the frame and constructed of spring metal and being open for the insertion of the fingers and provided with penholder-sockets, substantially as described.

2. A blotter comprising a frame having one of its longitudinal edges rolled to form a ruler and having its other longitudinal edge bent downward to form a paper-cutter and provided at its ends with outwardly-extending integral tongues adapted to clamp the ends of blotting-paper, a finger-clip swiveled to the frame and being open for the insertion

of the fingers and having its edges 8 and 9
curved outward, the latter being provided
with openings, and the penholder-sockets se-
cured to the edge 8 and arranged opposite
5 the openings of the edge 9, substantially as
described.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as

our own we have hereto affixed our signatures
in presence of two witnesses.

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