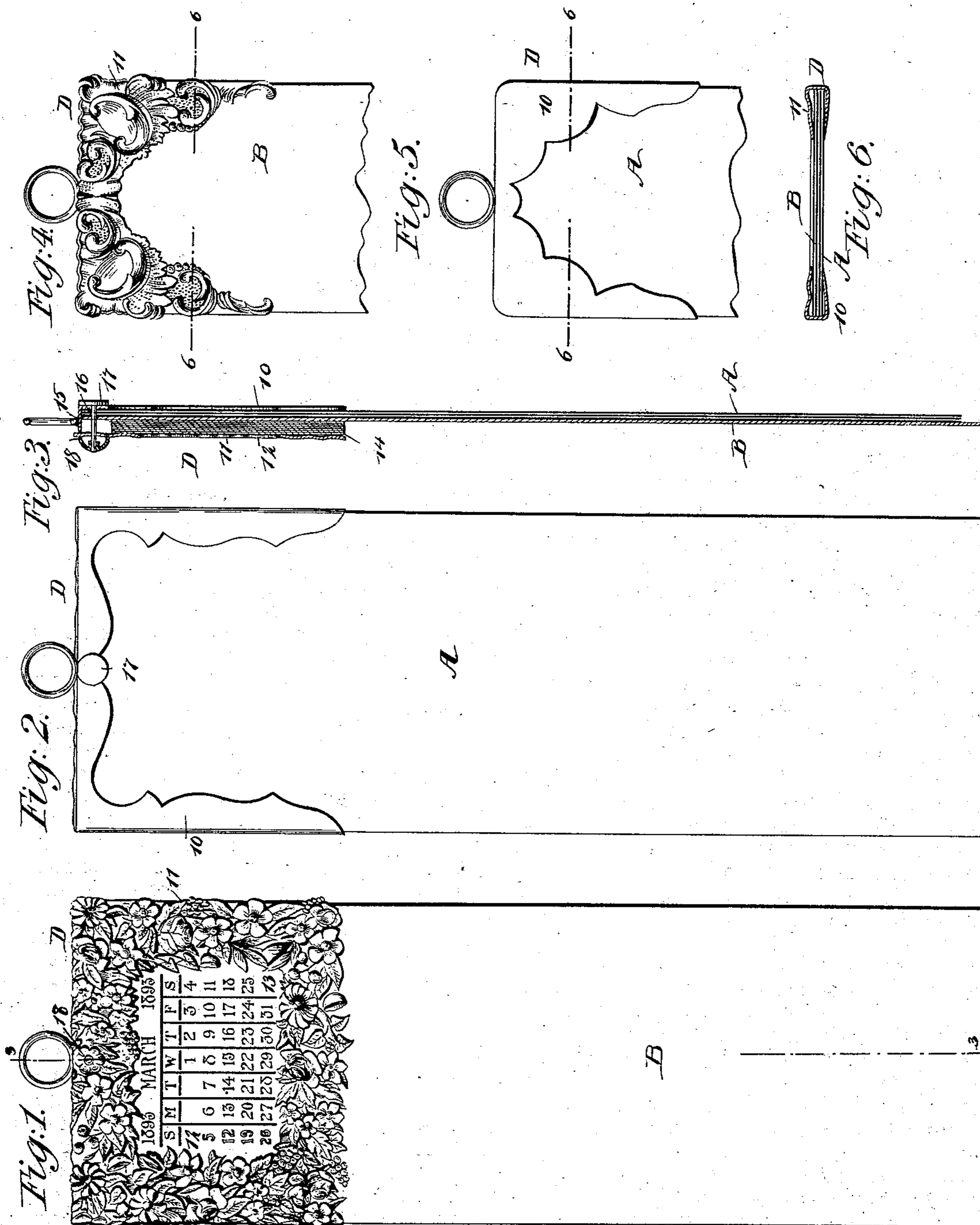


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADOLPH LUDWIG, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Frames for Blotters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to an improvement in blotter frames, and it has for its object to provide a frame especially adapted for attachment to a blotting pad, which frame will serve to hold connectedly a predetermined number of blotting sheets and a cover sheet, in such manner that the blotting sheets may be conveniently and expeditiously brought into service.

A further object of the invention is to provide a frame, which in addition to binding the blotting sheets may be employed to disclose a calendar preferably of the shifting type; or the frame may be constructed to receive and disclose a photograph, a memorandum tablet, or any article or articles adapted either as an ornamentation or for use around a desk, secretary or like article of furniture.

Another feature of the invention is to so construct the frame that the blotting sheets, when unfitted for use, may be removed and other sheets expeditiously and conveniently substituted.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures and letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a plan view of a blotting pad having the frame applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation or bottom plan view of the pad illustrated in Fig. 1 and the applied frame. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section taken about centrally through the pad and frame, practically on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a plan view of a pad, illustrating the application thereto of a slightly modified form of the frame. Fig. 5 is a bottom plan view of the frame and pad illustrated in Fig. 4; and Fig. 6 is a transverse section taken practically on the lines 6—6 of Figs. 4 and 5.

In carrying out the invention, the blotter consists of a series of blotting pads A of any desired width or length, and a cover B, beneath which the blotting pads are located. The cover is ordinarily and preferably made of a flexible material such as leather, but any material the equivalent thereof may be employed, the cover being adapted to provide a surface over which the hand may pass to exert pressure upon the blotting pads without bringing the hands in engagement with the pads.

The prime object of the invention is to provide a frame D, of any desired material, preferably metal, which will bind together the cover and the blotting pads.

In the drawings I have illustrated two forms of frames, one being shown in front elevation in Fig. 1 and the other in Fig. 4. The frame shown in Fig. 1 comprises a clamping strip 10, angular in cross section, or essentially L-shaped, and a front plate 11, which is secured in any suitable or approved manner to the vertical member of the angular clamping strip. The front plate 11, may be made integral with the clamping strip if in practice it is found desirable, and the clamping strip may be made to embrace the upper part and a portion of the side edges of the blotter pads and cover pad B, as shown in Fig. 2, or the clamping strip may be simply a corner strip, in which event it is located at one corner only of the cover and pads.

When the frame is adapted to receive and disclose a calendar 12, a picture or other article, the vertical member of the clamping strip is made much deeper than the proposed thickness of the combined cover and blotting pads, so that when the clamping strip is placed in position the horizontal member will extend inward over the undermost blotting pad, as shown in Figs. 2 and 5, while the vertical or upper member will project beyond the upper face of the cover any desired distance. Thus the front plate 11, will be elevated some distance from the cover, as shown in Fig. 3, and in this instance an opening 13 of any desired size is made in the front plate, and the space between the front plate and the cover pad may be properly termed a pocket and is designated in the drawings as 14. The pocket is wider and

preferably longer than the opening 13 in the front plate and a strengthening strip 15, may be secured to the under face of the front plate, extending around the margin of the plate, the strengthening plate 15 serving when employed to define the interior shape of the pocket.

As shown in the drawings the pocket may be employed to receive a number of tablet calendars of the shifting character, each tablet containing, for example, the calendar of a month; and when such a form of calendar is employed, as the months pass by the tablets representing the several months may be shifted from the front to the rear as the lower edge of the pocket is open, and the tablets may be readily drawn out through that portion of the frame.

It will be readily understood that a picture, or memorandum tablet or other article may be used in connection with the frame illustrated in Fig. 1, as well as a calendar, and that any approved form of locking device may be employed for holding the article or articles inserted in the pocket of the frame in proper position.

I desire it to be distinctly understood that the cover and blotting pads may be held in the frame by frictional contact only, pressure being exerted thereon, as shown in Fig. 3, by the reinforcing or strengthening strip 15, and the back or horizontal member of the clamping strip of the frame; but if in practice it is found desirable a separate fastening device may be employed, and in some cases such a fastening device is absolutely needed.

The fastening device ordinarily used is that shown in the drawings, and consists of a screw 16, provided with a head 17, and the screw is entered through the blotting pads and through the frame from the back of said frame, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, and the end of the frame projecting beyond the front of the frame is provided with a nut 18, which may be given any desired shape, as for example, as illustrated in the drawings, the nut may be made to represent a flower adapted to constitute a portion of a particular design.

In Figs. 4, 5 and 6, the frame is made without a pocket, both the front plate and the rear member of the clamping plate of the frame engaging directly with the pad. The front plate bears in this event firmly against the cover, while the rear member of the clamping strip has bearing against the undermost blotting pad. Therefore, as shown in Fig. 6, the pads are held between the members of the frame by frictional contact only.

The blotting pads may be removed when rendered unfit for use and other pads may be substituted in either form of the frame, and the change may be made expeditiously and conveniently. When the locking screw is employed it is of course necessary to re-

move the screw before the pad can be withdrawn from the frame.

A pad of the character above described is not only ornamental and an ornament to a desk, but in addition to being used as a blotting pad will enable the manipulator to have constantly in view the day of the month, or memoranda of appointments, or other data which it is desirable to have before one and to be familiar with.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. As an article of manufacture, a hand blotting pad, the same consisting of a series of blotting sheets, a cover located upon the series of sheets, and a metal or other frame extending along the edges of the cover and blotting sheets and likewise projecting over the outer face of the cover and the outer face of the undermost blotting sheet, the front and back members of the frame being in frictional engagement with the pad, whereby any of the sheets or the cover may be removed and others substituted, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. As an article of manufacture, a blotting pad and a frame mounted upon the pad, which frame contains a pocket and a display opening leading into the pocket, as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination, with a blotting pad, said pad comprising a series of blotting sheets and a cover therefor, of a frame clamping the cover and sheets together in a removable manner, the said frame being provided with a pocket above the cover, and a display opening disclosing the interior of the pocket, said pocket being adapted for the reception of a calendar, picture, memoranda pad or like object, the pocket being likewise provided with a mouth through which the article inserted may be withdrawn when desired, as and for the purpose set forth.

4. The combination, with a blotting pad comprising sheets of blotting material and a cover, of a frame between which the cover and pads are removably clamped, and a locking device carried by the frame and passed through the pad, as and for the purpose set forth.

5. The combination, with a blotting pad, of a frame serving as a binder for the pad, the said frame being provided with a pocket located above one surface of the pad, said pocket being provided with a mouth conveniently located, the frame being provided with an opening leading into and disclosing the interior of the pocket or exposing an object located within the pocket, and a locking device detachably connecting the frame with the pad, as and for the purpose set forth.

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