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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE L. WAITT, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Combined Rulers and Blotters, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

My invention consists of a combined ruler and blotter, which is formed of a ruler having a blotter in the ruling edge and another blotter on its under side, and means for securing said blotter to the ruler.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a ruler and blotter embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents an end elevation thereof. Fig. 3 represents a transverse section on line x x, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 represents a longitudinal section of a portion on line y y, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corre-

sponding parts in the several figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a ruler having a slot B in one of its ruling-edges.

Placed in said slot B is a piece C of blotting-

paper or other suitable absorbent material, said piece being folded. On the under side of the ruler A is a strip of blotting-paper D, whose ends are turned up over the ends of the ruler and secured thereto by staples E, one leg 30 of each of which is driven through the turned-up end of the blotter D into the ruler A, and the other leg of each staple E is driven between the folds of the blotter C, thus wedging said folds against the wall of the slot B 35 and securing said blotter in position. By withdrawing the staples E, the blotters may be removed when desired and fresh ones applied.

Having thus described my invention, what 40 I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A ruler having a slot in one of its edges, a blotter therein, a blotter on the under side of the ruler, and staples securing both blotters 45 in position, substantially as described.

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