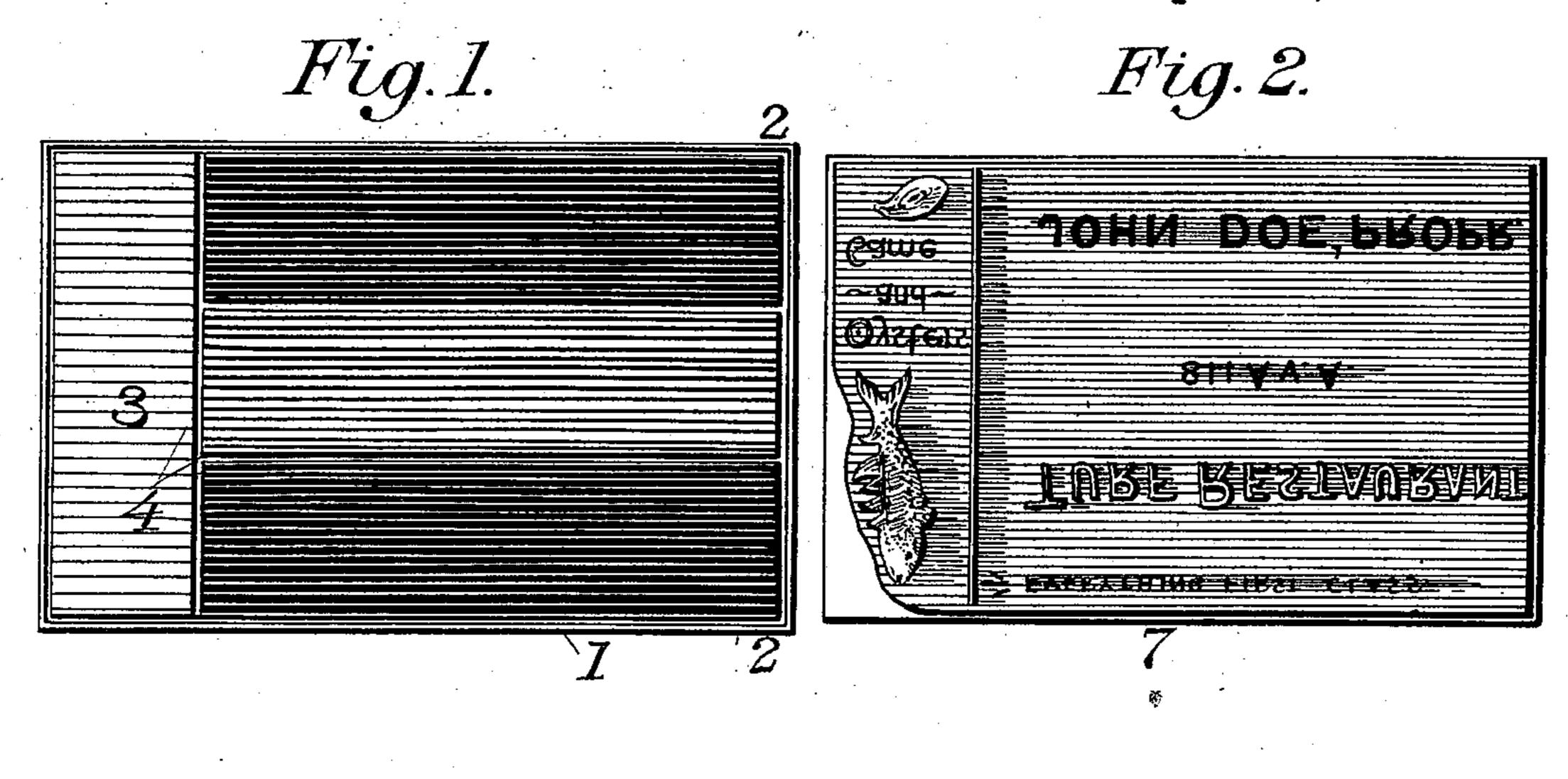
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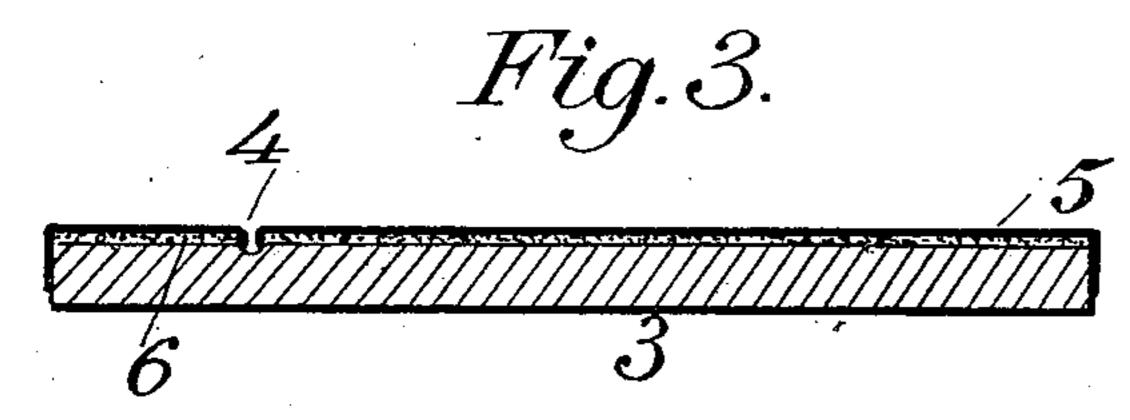
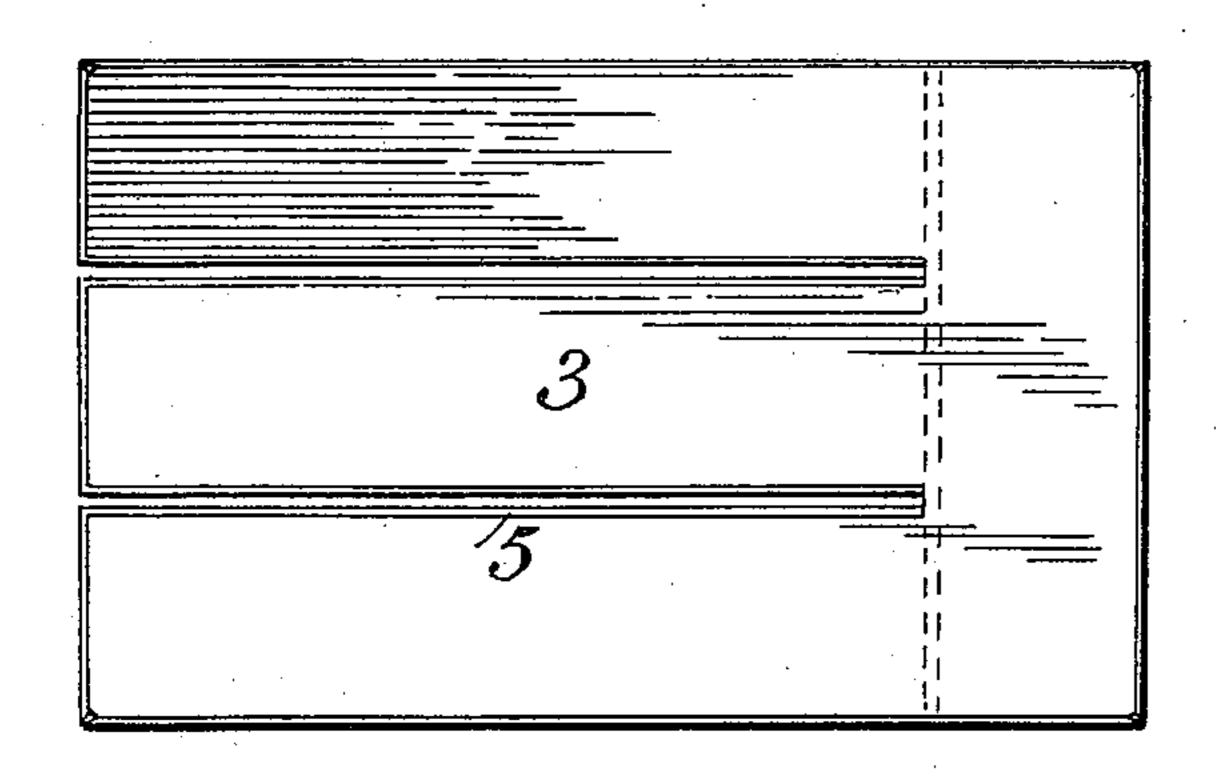


Fig. 4.
4 5 4
6 3

Fig. 5.





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STAMP-PAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Berger, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hot Springs, in the county of Garland and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stamp-Pads; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The object of my invention is to provide means for printing in a plurality of colors with ordinary hand or other stamps, the invention residing particularly in the construction of

the inking-pad for the stamp.

In the drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a top plan view of an inking-pad constructed according to my invention. Fig. 2 is a face view of a stamp adapted to be used in connection therewith. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section through the inking-pad. Fig. 4 is a cross-section through the same. Fig. 5 is a bottom plan view. Fig. 6 is an edge view.

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in the different views.

My improved multicolored inking-pad may be made up of a pan 1, of sheet metal, having 30 sides 22 extending upwardly therefrom. Fitting within the pan 1 is a pad proper, 3, which is preferably constructed of a block of wood or other suitable material having slits 4 4 cut therein, dividing the same up in different 35 sections. The upper surface of each section is covered by a sheet 5 of suitable fabric, which is glued or otherwise secured along its edges to said section. Between the covering 5 and the upper surface of the block cotton or 40 other absorbent material 6 is placed for holding ink in suspension. Each section of the block is adapted to receive an ink of a different color, and the stamp 7, which is illustrated in Fig. 2 of the drawings, is adapted to be 45 inked by all the different sections in different colors at the same time.

I am aware that it is not new to provide a multicolored inking-pad which is made up of an outer case or pan and a series of blocks

fitting within said pan, each covered with a 50 separate and distinct pad upon which different-colored inks may be placed. I therefore do not claim such construction broadly, my invention being an improvement upon such pads in that the body portion is made up of 55 a block of wood provided with a series of slits in its top surface forming separate sections, each of which sections is covered by a sheet of fabric beneath which is located cotton or other absorbent material. The objection tion to the old form of pad is that unless the pan or case be provided there is no means for preventing the separation of the different blocks constituting the combined multicolored pad.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters

Patent, is—

1. An inking-pad for hand or other stamps, consisting of a block of wood or other suitable material provided with slits dividing it up into different sections, sheets of fabric covering each of said sections fitted down within said slits and glued or otherwise secured along its outer edges to the edges of said slits, and 75 absorbent material interposed between the upper surface of said sections and said sheets of fabric, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. An inking-pad for hand or other stamps 80 consisting of a pan of sheet metal, a block of wood or other suitable material fitting within said pan and provided with slits dividing said block up into different sections, sheets of fabric covering each of said sections fitted down 85 within said slits and glued or otherwise secured along its outer edges, and absorbent material interposed between the upper surface of said sections and said sheets of fabric, substantially as and for the purpose described. 90

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscrib-

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