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COMBINATION COPY HOLDER AND BLOTTER.

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Fig. 1

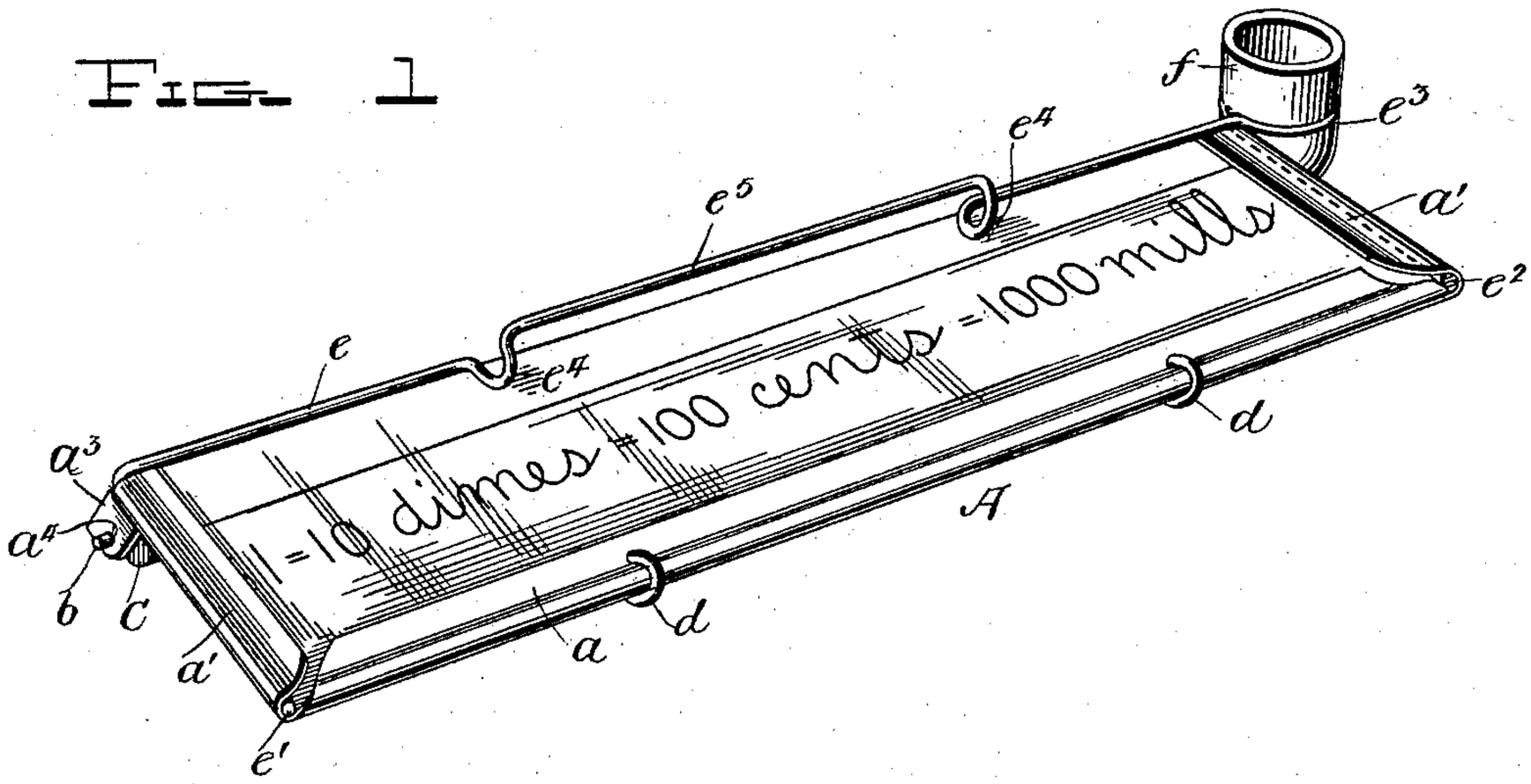
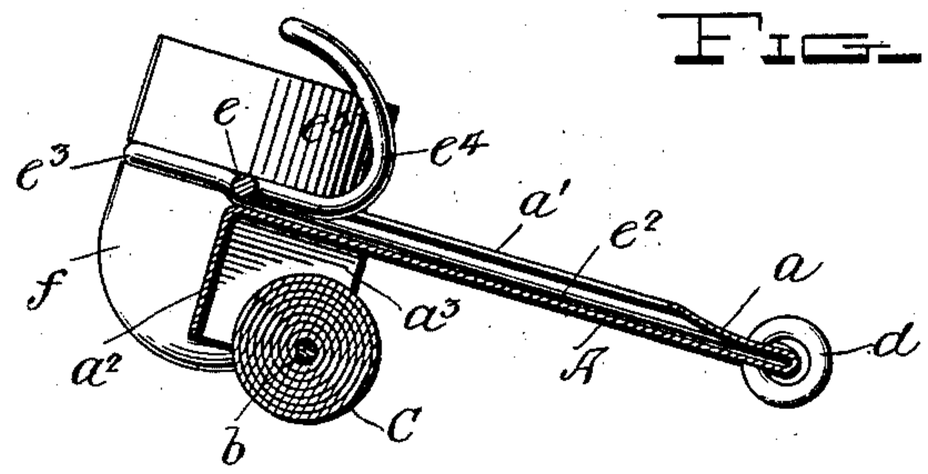


Fig. 2



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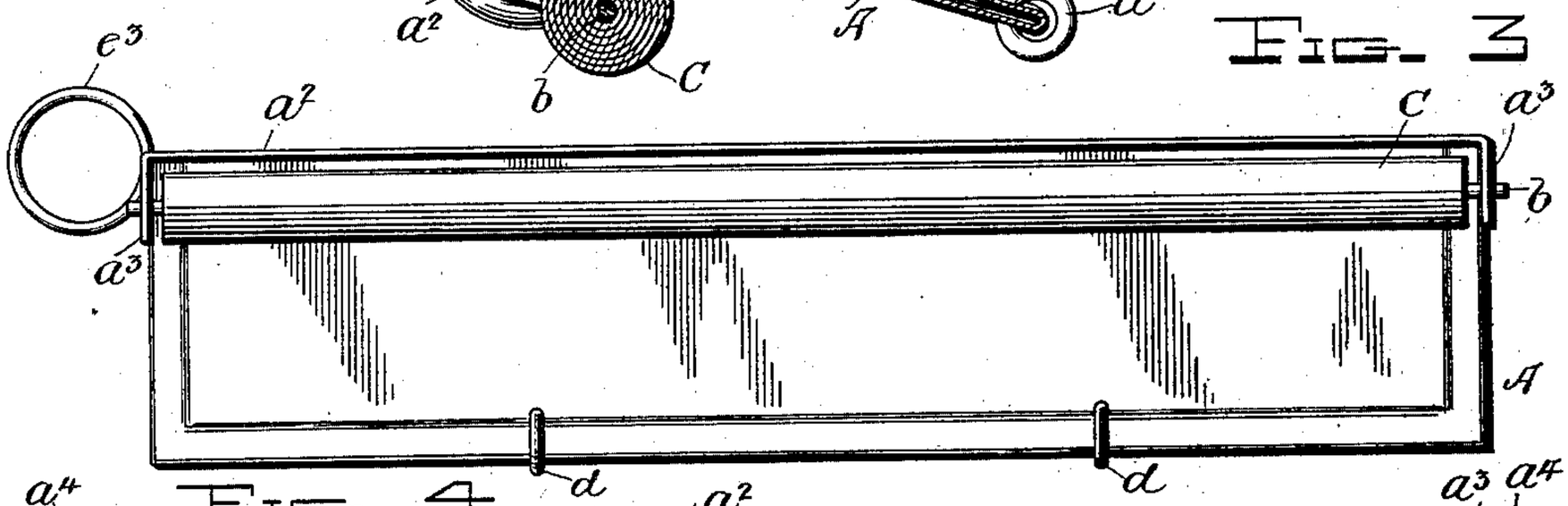

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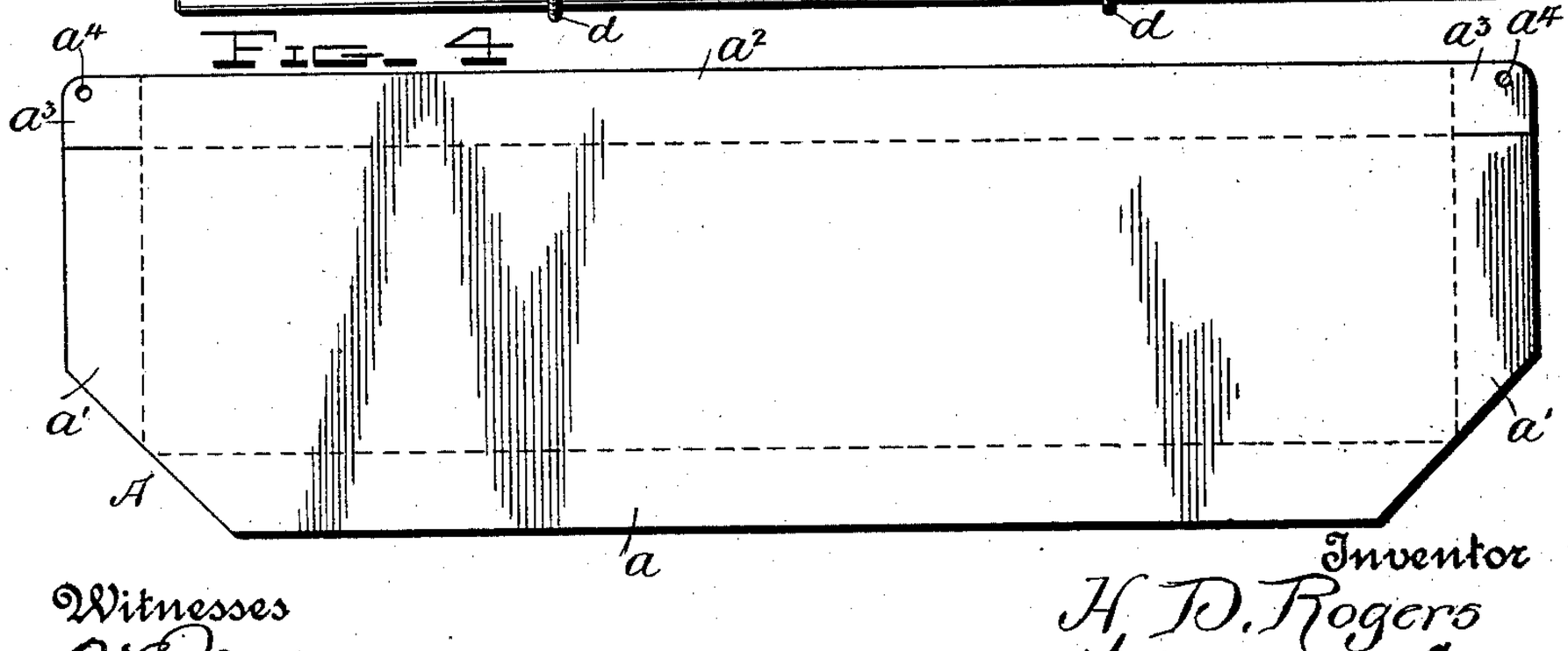

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COMBINATION COPY-HOLDER AND BLOTTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, H. DUDLEY ROGERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Charlestown, in the county of Clark and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combination Copy-Holder and Blotter; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to an improved combination copy-holder and blotter designed more especially for the use of scholars and possessing many advantages, among which are simplicity, compactness, and durability of construction and efficiency in use. Other advantages are set forth in the following description, which is directed to the details of construction, and in connection with which attention is called to the accompanying drawings, illustrating the device.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a combination copy-holder and blotter embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged transverse sectional view. Fig. 3 is a bottom plan view. Fig. 4 is a view of the blank from which the body of the device is made.

Referring to the drawings by letter, A denotes the body of the device, provided at its lower edge with an upturned portion a, forming a pocket, and at its side edges with upturned portions a' a', forming pockets, each of said pockets being flared, as shown more clearly in Fig. 2. At the upper edge is a depending flange a^2, and at the upper corners are depending ears a^3 a^3, provided with holes a^4. In Fig. 4 is shown the blank from which the body is made, the dotted lines indicating the lines of bending.

b is a rod of angular form in cross-section and around which is wound or otherwise applied blotting-paper to form a cylindrical blotter C. The ends of the rod are circular in cross-section and enter the holes a^4 in the ears a^3, whereby said blotter is freely rotatable. The blotter is located immediately behind the flange a^2 and extends beyond the lower edge thereof, thus supporting the body at its upper edge and at an inclination. (See Fig. 2.)

d d are split rings, which engage and partly encircle the lower edge of the body, thus supporting it at a lower plane than the upper edge and free from contact with the sheet on which the device rests.

A wire rod e is bent at one end e' to enter one of the side pockets, and near its other end e^2 the rod is bent to circular form or looped to provide a stand e^3 for a flanged ink-well f. Said other end e^2 enters the opposite side pocket. Between its ends the rod is offset, as at e^4 e^4, to provide a pen or pencil rack e^5, which also serves the purpose of a handle.

In practice copy-slips are held by the body, the edges of the slips entering the pockets, and the device is placed on the sheet which receives the written matter. The forward inclination of the body brings the slips into the plain view of the copyist, the device being moved downwardly as the sheet fills, with the result of keeping the copy in proper line of vision and of blotting each line as it is written. The device is grasped preferably by the handle to effect its movement, and in such movement the surplus ink is absorbed by the rotary blotter. This provision results in a saving of time to the user and enables continuous writing without the interruptions which would result in the use of a separate blotter. The rings d support the lower edge of the body free from contact with the surface of the sheet, so that smearing of the writing is avoided. These rings are adjustable according to the width of the sheet which receives the writing, whereby said rings may be positioned to flank the writing and prevent contact therewith.

The pockets are designed to receive a number of copy-slips cut from used books or otherwise obtained and which may be loose or in tablet form, and thus the device may be used as a holder for the slips when not in use, as well as a means for plainly displaying the slips for copying purposes. The copy-slips obviously may be repeatedly used.

The device is very compact and of light weight and may be carried from place to place without inconvenience.

The simplicity of construction enables the manufacture of the devices at a comparatively low cost, and the parts being few in number there is no liability to disorder or impaired usefulness.

I claim as my invention—

1. A copy-holder and blotter comprising an approximately flat body provided with means for holding copy-slips, and with means for holding a rotary blotter on the under side of the body toward its upper edge whereby the body is supported at an inclination.

2. A copy-holder and blotter comprising an approximately flat body provided with pockets which receive and hold copy-slips and with holding devices for a rotary blotter below the top edge of the body, and with devices on the lower edge to support it out of contact with the surface of the sheet.

3. A copy-holder and blotter comprising an approximately flat body provided at its lower and side edges with flared pockets and at its upper edge with a depending flange, ears on the body for supporting a cylindrical rotatable blotter, and a rod having its ends engaging the side pockets and bent to provide a pen or pencil rack and an ink-well-supporting loop.

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

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