

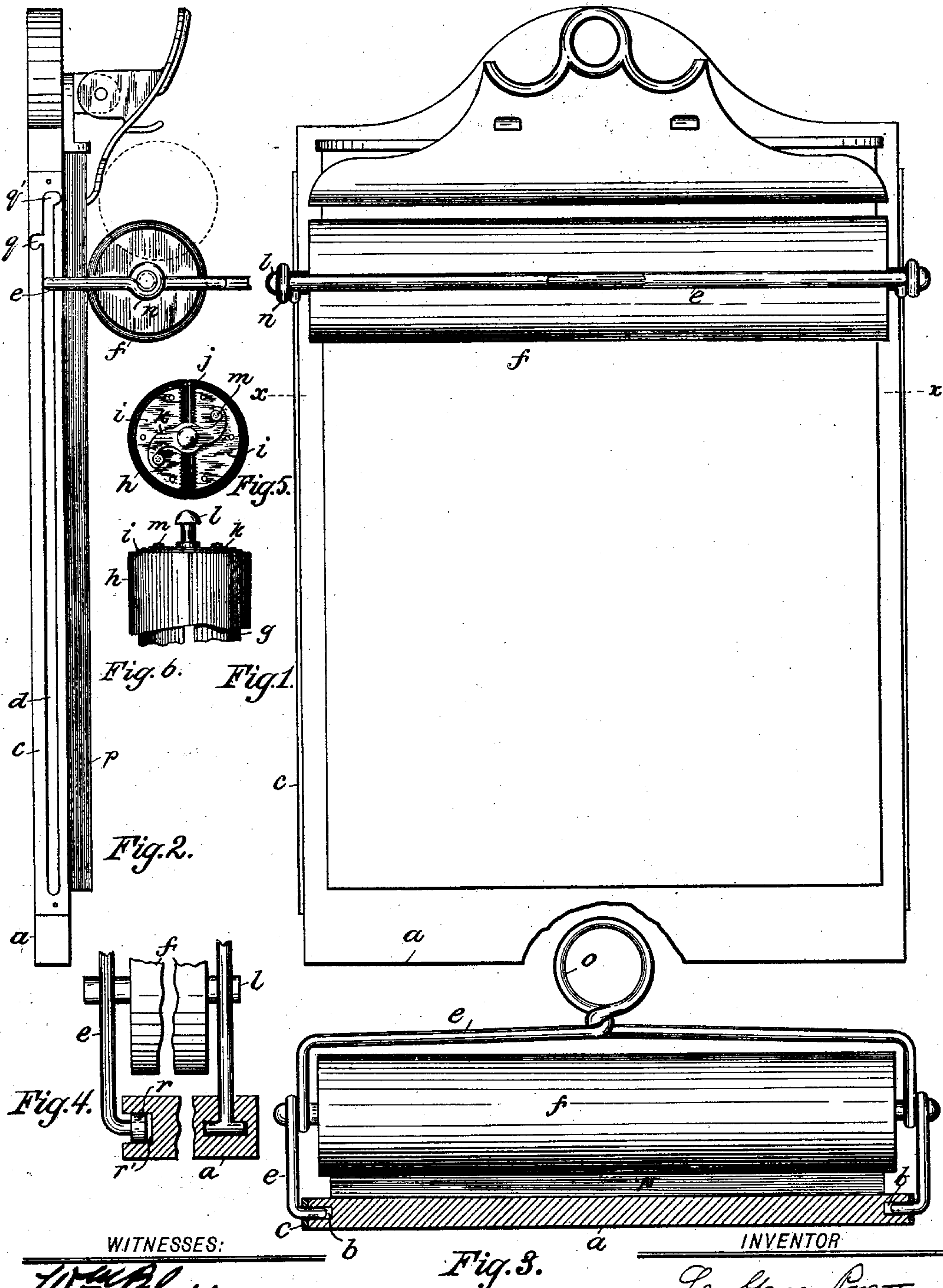
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Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LE GAGE PRATT, a citizen of the United States, residing at East Orange, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Letter-Clips 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 letter-clip and blotter in which a rotatable blotter is employed which is at all times supported above the writing-paper and which is guided in the peculiar manner hereinafter set forth in relation to the support and which is movable in a vertical rotary plane in order to permit of its use when the pad or writing-paper has been decreased in thickness by use.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a combination letter-clip and blotter embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view taken on lines *xx* in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is an enlarged partial view of a modification. Fig. 5 is an end view of the rotatable blotter, showing means for clamping the blotter on the roller; and Fig. 6 is a partial side elevation of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

a denotes the back-board of an ordinary spring-snap letter-clip of any convenient form or dimension, provided with grooves *b b* in the sides thereof.

c c are guide-plates secured to the sides of the back-board *a* in any convenient manner and provided with suitable slots or guides *d d* for the reception of the ends of the yoke *e*, which support and guide the rotatable blotter *f* when the same is drawn back and forth over the writing-paper by the operator.

The rotatable blotter *f*, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, can be constructed of any suitable composition in the form of a solid roller,

or, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6, a split roller *g*, of any suitable material, may be employed for clamping the bibulous or blotting paper *h* between the said split roller *g*. *i i* are semicircular metallic plates provided with serrated edges *j* and secured to the split roller *g* by pins or other suitable means designed to more firmly secure the paper and prevent any accidental displacement of the same from the roller. On both ends of the roller-spindle *l* is an S-shaped clamp *k*, which pivots on the roller-spindle *l* and engages with small studs or projections *m* on the metallic plates to securely hold the two halves of the roller together.

The yoke *e*, which supports the rotatable blotter *f*, is preferably made of one piece of wire bent at its sides into loops *n*, which form suitable bearings for said roller. The extreme lower ends of the yoke *e* are bent inwardly and engage with the guide-plates *d* and groove *b*. A loop *o* is formed in the upper central part of the yoke *e* for the reception of the finger of the operator, serving as a means for manipulating the rotatable blotter.

q represents a pad or writing-paper held in position by a spring-clip of the ordinary kind common on letter-clips.

p is a small recess formed in the guide-plate *c*, extending downward from the lower edge of the slot or guide *d* and serves to engage with the intumed end of the yoke *e* and prevents the rotatable blotter from interfering with the writer when not in use. *q'* is a similar recess formed in the guide-plate *c* and extending upward from the upper edge of the slot or guide *d*, which serves to engage with the intumed end of the yoke *e* when it is desired to detach a sheet of paper or refill the letter-clip.

I do not mean to confine myself to the mere details of construction or to the use of the letter-sheet holder shown, as the yoke may be provided with rollers *r*, (see Fig. 4,) engaging with grooves *r'* in the sides of the back-board *a*, or the back-board may be provided with T-shaped grooves and the ends of the yoke may be made T-shaped and guided in said grooves.

I do not confine myself to the particular materials described in the specification, as other well-known materials may be employed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

5 Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The combination, with a suitable support, guides arranged in said support, a yoke engaging with said guides, and a rotatable blotter secured in said yoke, as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The combination, with a suitable support, guide-plates on said support, guides in said guide-plates, a yoke engaging said guides, and a rotatable blotter secured in said yoke, as and for the purposes set forth.

3. The combination, with a suitable support, guide-plates on said support to guide the yoke supporting the rotatable blotter, recesses in

said guide-plates to retain the rotatable blotter in position, a yoke engaging with and guided by said guides, and a rotatable blotter secured in said yoke, as and for the purposes set forth.

4. A rotatable blotter, comprising a split roller, blotting-paper placed over and between said split roller to form a cylindrical blotting-surface, means for clamping said split roller and blotting-paper, and a yoke supporting the rotatable blotter, as and for the purposes set forth.

This specification signed and witnessed this 6th day of March, 1903.

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