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Fig 2.

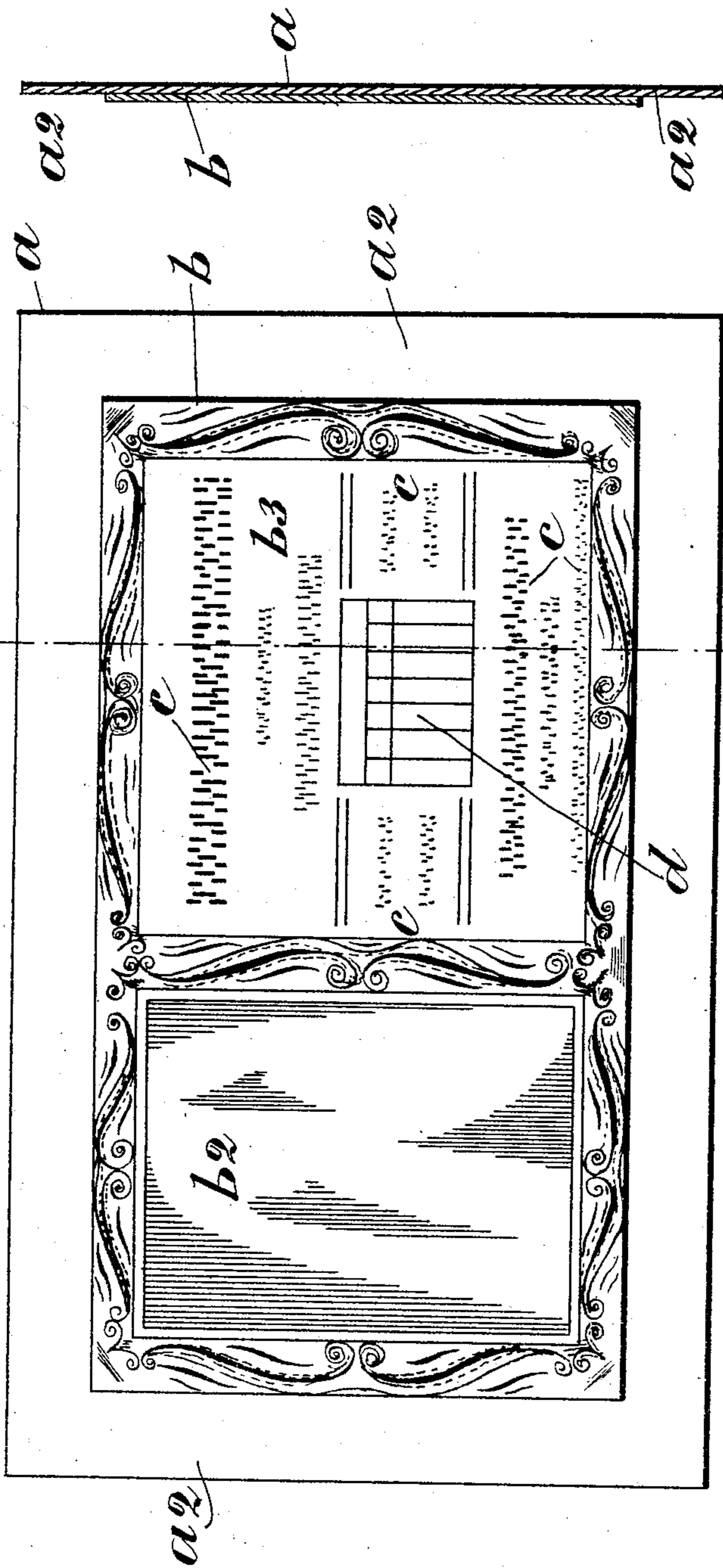


Fig 1.

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ADVERTISING-BLOTTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NORMAN LEROY BASSETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Advertising-Blotters, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

10 This invention relates to blotters; and the object thereof is to provide a device of this class which is adapted for use as an ordinary blotter and also as an advertising device and which may also be conveniently employed for the purpose of taking up blots, drops, or spots of ink; and with this and other objects in view the invention consists in an advertising-blotter constructed as hereinafter described and claimed.

20 The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved advertising device, and Fig. 2 a cross-section thereof on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1.

30 In the practice of my invention I provide a blotter *a* of the usual material, and to one side thereof I secure a sheet or card *b*, said sheet or card being secured to the blotter *a* by paste or in any other suitable way. The sheet or card *b* is of slightly less dimensions than the blotter *a*, whereby said blotter is provided with a narrow margin *a*², which extends entirely around the said sheet or card *b*. The sheet or card *b* is preferably divided into two parts *b*² and *b*³, and the part *b*² in practice contains a picture, while the part *b*³ may have printed or placed thereon in any preferred manner any desired advertisement, the advertising material being indicated at *c*,

and the space or part *b*³ of the sheet or card *b* is also provided with a calendar, which is indicated at *d*.

It will be observed that one side of the blotter may be used in the manner of other devices of this class, and the advertising-card does not in any way interfere with this operation; but said card does by stiffening or strengthening the blotter facilitate the use of the blotter or of the edges and corners thereof in taking up blots or drops of ink, and a blotter made in this way serves as a cheap and effective advertising means in addition to answering the purpose for which such devices are primarily intended.

The sheet or card *b* is preferably made of thin paper and is also preferably glazed; but said sheet or card may be made of any desired material, and the whole sheet or card may have an advertisement placed thereon instead of being divided as herein described.

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

In a device of the class described, a sheet of blotting material, and a stiffening-sheet of the same general form but of less dimensions than the former secured thereto in the center thereof to leave exposed a narrow margin of the sheet of blotting material extending entirely around the stiffening-sheet, whereby the body portion of the sheet of blotting material is stiffened and both sides of the same near its edges can be used to take up ink.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 14th day of March, 1904.

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