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Fig. 1.

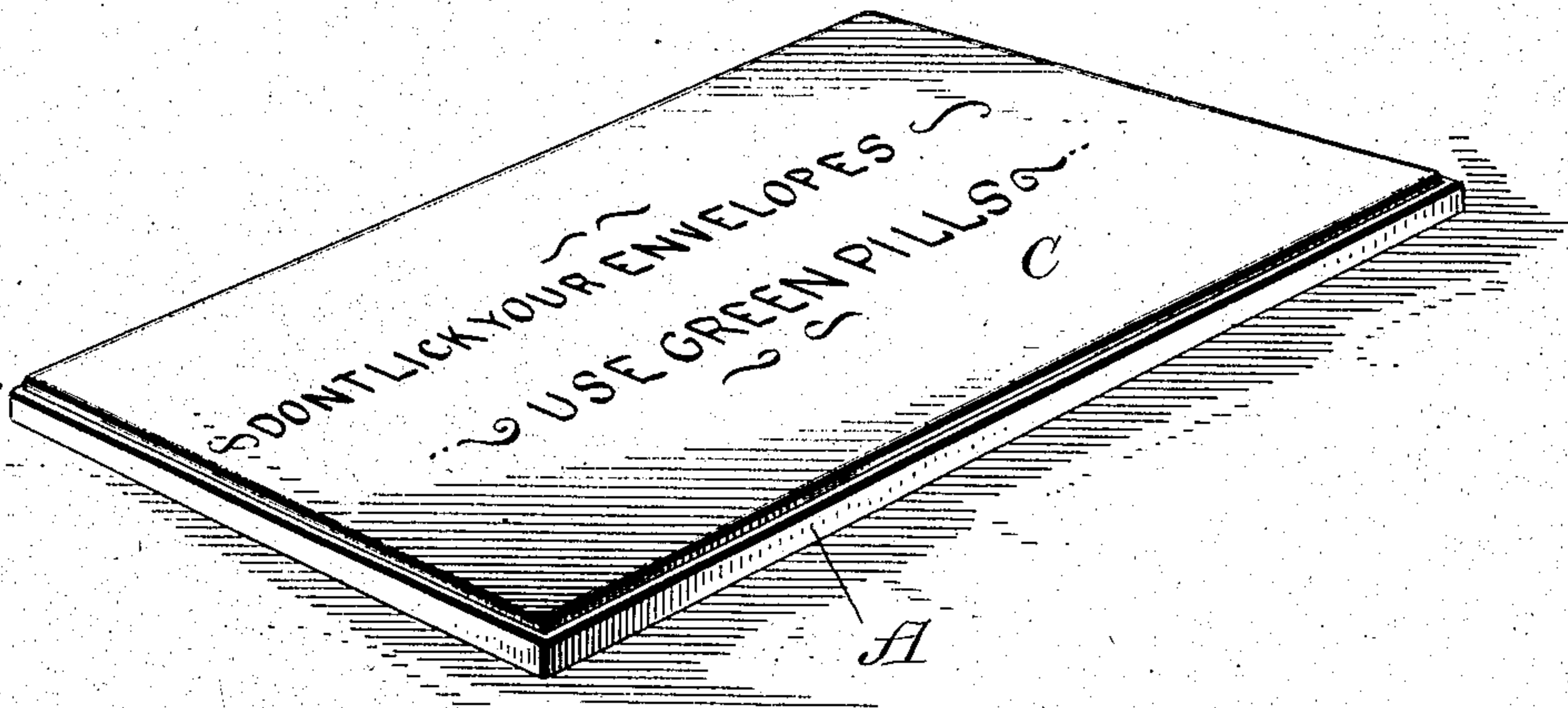


Fig. 2.

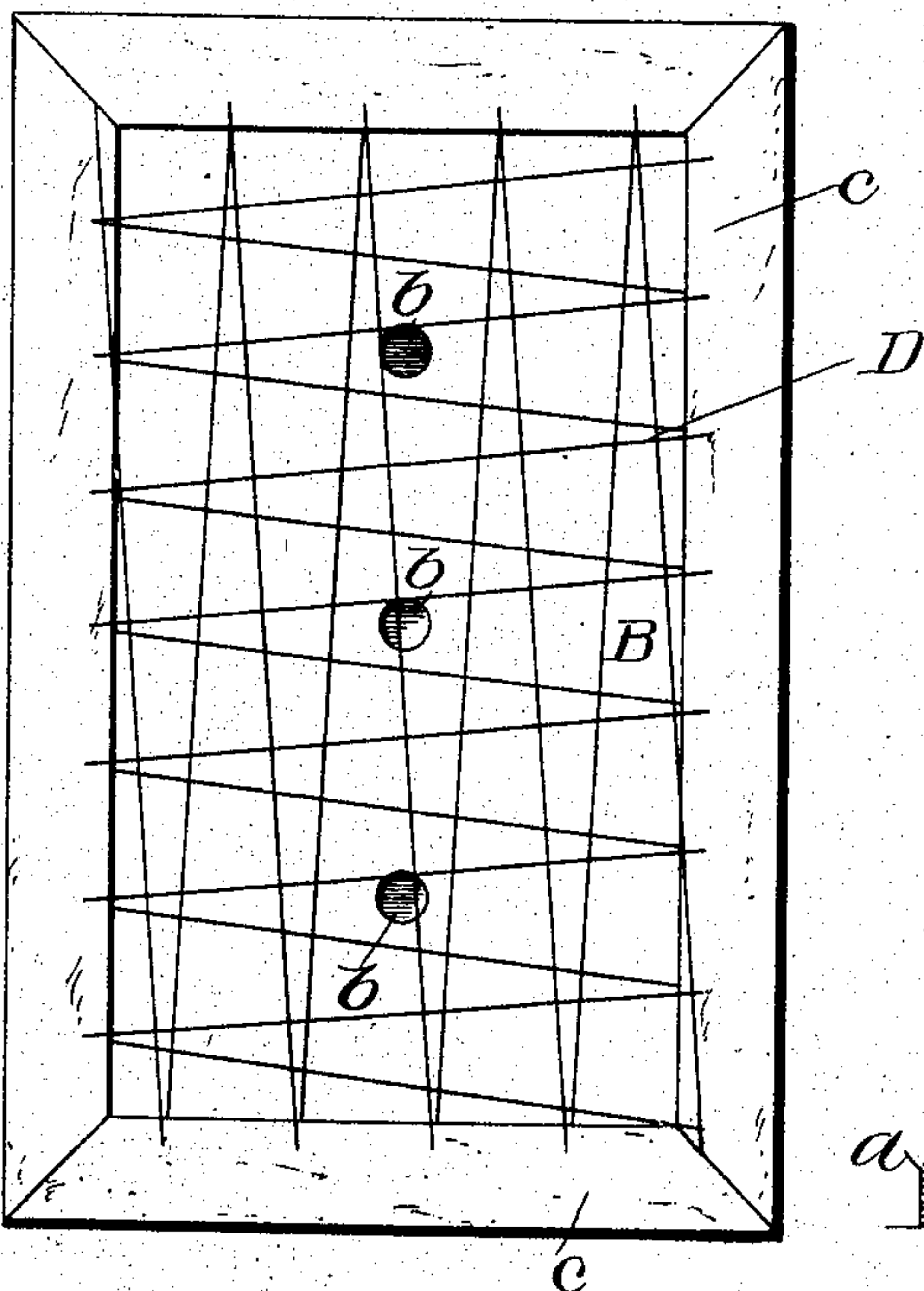
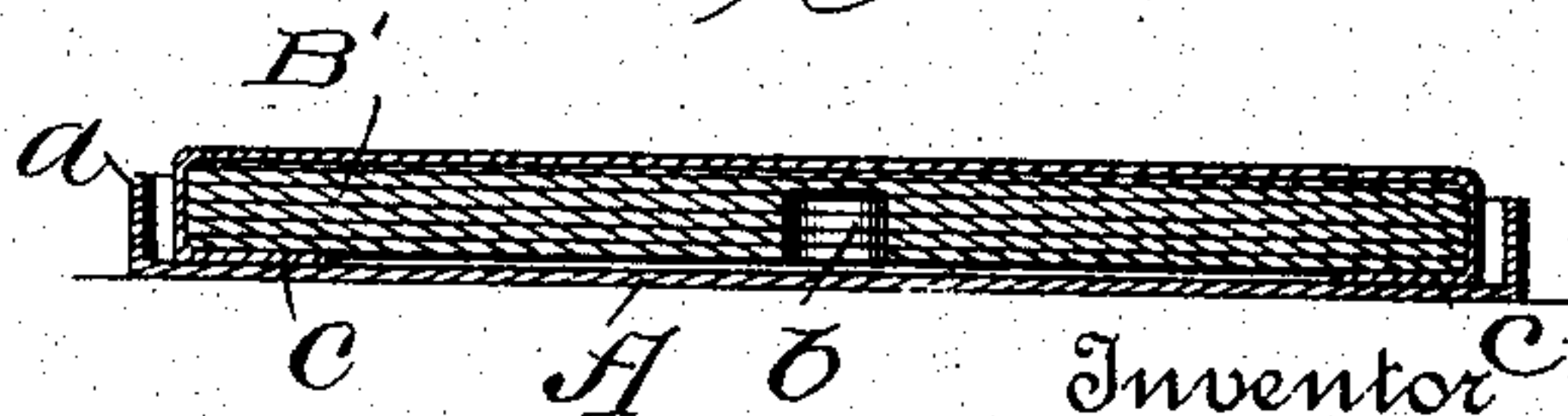


Fig. 3.



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COMBINED WATER-PAD AND ADVERTISING DEVICE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALPHONSO H. COBB, a citizen of the United States, residing at Asheville, in the county of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Water-Pad and Advertising Device; 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.

My invention relates to improvements in combined water-pads and advertising devices in which a suitable water-pad is provided for use in moistening the mucilage on stamps, envelopes, or gummed labels and in which the face of the water-pad carries an advertisement.

My invention will be understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which the same parts are indicated by the same letters throughout the several views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the water-pad in its containing-trough. Fig. 2 is an inverted plan view of the water-pad and shows the bottom thereof. Fig. 3 is a cross-section through the water-pad and its containing-trough.

A represents a trough having suitable upturned sides *a*.

The water-pad consists of a series of layers of blotting-paper *B'*, indented from the rear, as shown at *b*, for the better distribution of the water through the pad. The front face of the pad is coated with a pervious fabric *C*, which is folded partly over the back of the

pad, as shown at *c*, and is sewed thereto by the threads *D*. The fabric used is preferably a thin transparent material, such as lawn. On the face of the pad is printed in indelible ink any suitable advertisement, such as "Use green pills." This advertisement, however, may be printed or stamped on the back of the pervious material, if desired, or upon the outer face of the top layer of blotting-paper. The trough *A* is partly filled with water, and the pad is immersed therein and the water is absorbed upward, presenting a moist surface to use in moistening the mucilage on envelopes, postage-stamps, or for other analogous purposes. When not in use, a suitable cover for the trough (not shown) should be provided to prevent evaporation from the moist surface, with consequent drying up of the pad.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

The combination with a flat trough adapted to contain water, of a water-pad adapted to fit loosely in said material, composed of a series of layers of blotting-paper, and a pervious fabric inclosing said blotting-paper, said pad being provided with indentations extending from the back upwardly into the body of the pad, substantially as described.

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

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