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BLOTTING PAD, RULER, AND PAPER CUTTER.

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Fig. I.

Fig. II.

Fig. III.

Fig. IV.

Fig. V.

Witnesses

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE DANIEL BARR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Greenville, in the county of Greenville and State of South Carolina, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Blotting-Pads, Rulers, and Paper-Cutters, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain improvements in blotting-pads, which will be hereinafter more particularly described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings herewith accompanying and forming a part of this specification, Figure I is a top view of a blotting-pad, paper-cutter, and ruler combined, having the improvement attached thereto. Fig. II is a transverse section on line x x of Fig. I. Fig. III is a top view of an improved detachable handle. Fig. IV is a vertical section of Fig. III on y y. Fig. V is a longitudinal section on z z of Fig. I.

A represents a piece of sheet metal of the proper dimensions to form a blotting-pad underneath, one edge thereof being adapted for a ruler and the other edge for a paper-cutter. To strengthen this piece of thin metal the ridges a a are struck up on the two edges.

B B, &c., are four clips, which are partially cut out from the plate, near each corner thereof, leaving a part, b, attached to the plate. These clips B are slightly bent upward, as seen in the sections, Figs. II and V.

C C are bands of elastic material, either flat or round. Very pliable wire may be substituted, or fine twine or tape can be used. D is the sheet of blotting-paper.

To apply this improvement I proceed as follows: I take the sheet of blotting-paper which has been cut to the proper dimensions and cut off the four corners, so that when the ends d d are folded over on the back of the metal plate A, they will fall between the clips B B. The plate A is placed on top of the sheet of paper D, and the ends d d are to be folded over onto the back of plate A, as shown in Fig. I. The bands C C are then looped over the clips B B at each end of the plate A. The tension of these bands will hold the ends of the paper D firmly in place.

To hold this pad a handle is necessary. Here-tofore in blotting-pads the handles were fastened permanently to the plate. For purposes of transportation these handles occupy much room, to obviate which I make two carved slits, e e, in the middle of the plate A, and the flanges c' c' cut out by these slits are turned up a short distance to form a groove for a sliding plate, A', to which is attached a handle, 60 b'. This plate A' can be slid into the groove between c' c', or removed to pack the plates from the manufacturer to market. It is obvious that there will be a great saving of space by this arrangement.

I claim—

In a combined blotting-pad, ruler, and paper-cutter, the combination of the clips B B, near the end of plate A, elastic bands C C stretched over the clips B B, and blotting paper D, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I hereto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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