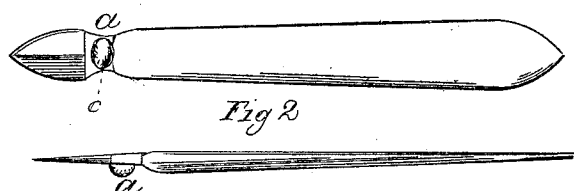
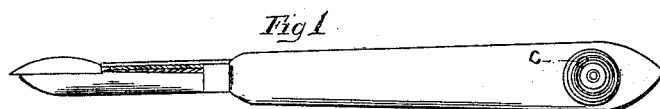


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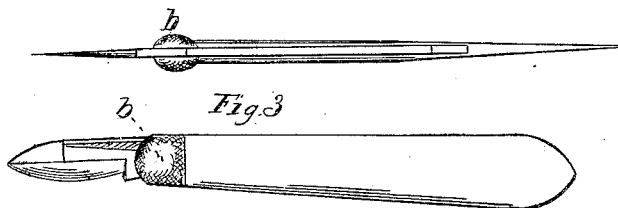
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## COMBINED ERASER AND BURNISHER.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **49,559**, dated August 22, 1865.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, A. G. SHAVER, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Erasers and Burnishers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figures 1, 2, and 3 show different methods of constructing my improvement.

The nature of my invention consists in constructing erasers with polished steel, agate, or other mineral or metallic burnishers, attached to a convenient or desirable part of the implement, substantially in accordance with the following description.

In an instrument designed and adapted for the erasure of ink from paper or parchment it is well known that a suitable burnisher is as necessary as a proper blade, and it is also well known that a suitable and efficient burnisher can only be formed of a material susceptible of receiving a very high polish and possessing great hardness, as steel or some of the minerals. I therefore construct burnishers in the form of bosses or buttons, as shown in the figures, and attach them to the shank of the eraser, as shown at *a*, Fig. 2, to the shoulder of the handle, as at *b*, Fig. 3, or to the end of

the handle, as at *c*, Fig. 1. In form the boss may be circular, oval, or of any other shape, and very convex on the surface, so that when used in burnishing, the prominence of the surface of the burnisher will be sufficient to insure its convenient use without endangering the surface of the paper or parchment by cutting with the point or edge of the eraser. This point is fully illustrated in Fig. 3.

The above-described bosses may be attached in any suitable way by tangs, rivets, screws, or otherwise, as may be preferred. When they are applied, as in Fig. 3, to the shoulders of the handle of a desk-knife with a movable blade they take the place of the common bolsters, which are not adapted or designed for any such purpose and cannot be used for any such purpose with ease and facility.

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

In combination with the blade or handle of an eraser or desk-knife, the metallic or mineral boss, button, or bolster burnisher, substantially as described.

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