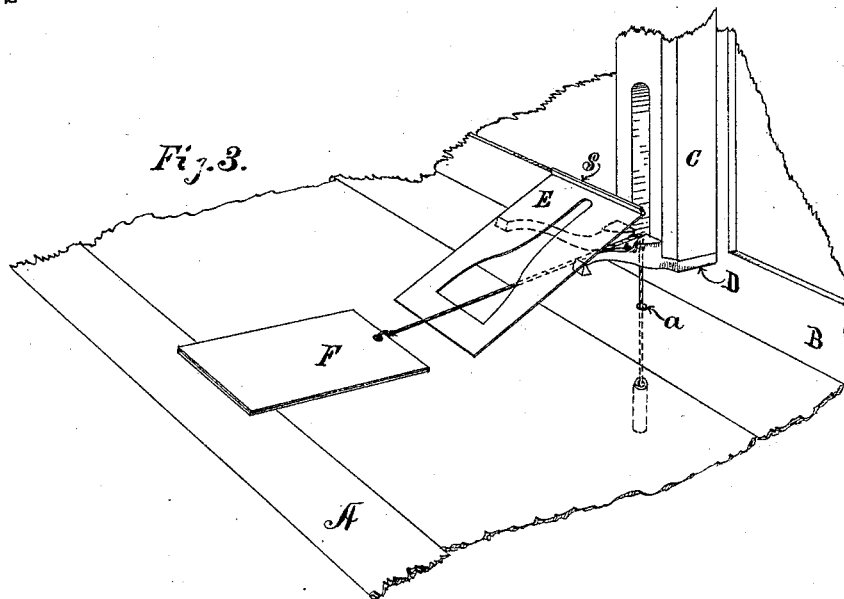
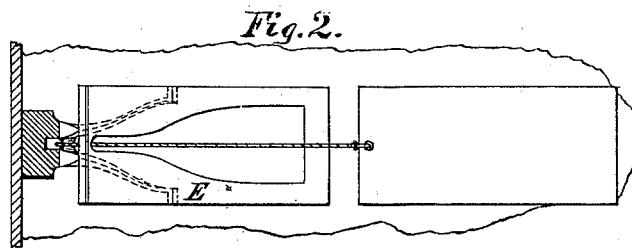
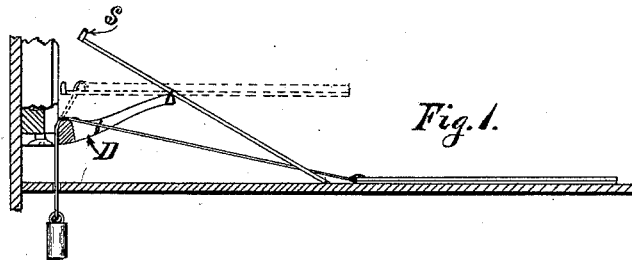


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED H. CUTLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Blotter-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to writing-desks and is an attachment therefor, consisting of a blotter-shelf.

As is well known, the ordinary sheet ink-blotter is liable to become and frequently is commingled with and obscured by other sheets and papers upon the desk, thereby causing vexatious searches and annoying delays.

The object of my invention, therefore, is to prevent the possibility of such annoyances by providing, first, a suitable receptacle or support (within or upon the desk) for the blotter, and, second, to provide a means whereby the blotter-sheet, after use and when released, will automatically return to the place assigned to it and without aid from the operator.

In carrying out the objects of my invention I provide the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a sectional view of the blotter-support as it appears secured to the back of a desk. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a central portion or fragment of a desk provided with my attachment, and is designed to further illustrate its position and location upon the desk. Like letters refer to corresponding parts in each figure of the drawings.

A represents the writing-bed or top of the desk, and B represents the back portion above the writing-bed, all of ordinary construction, but with portions broken away.

C represents a support or standard detachably secured to the back portion of the desk just above the writing-bed. The standard is provided with a central opening *c*, and to its base is secured by means of screws the bifurcated support D, as shown in Fig. 1. The bifurcated support D is provided with a

hole or opening just back of where the two prongs join each other, as shown in Fig. 2, and which opening is designed for the passage of the cord G, as shown, and at the other end or outer portion of each prong is secured one end of a bit, of some flexible material. The other end of this material is secured to the under side of the tilting shelf E, as shown, and serves as a hinge therefor. The shelf E is oblong and provided with a central longitudinal opening extending nearly its whole length and designed for the free passage of the cord G, as shown. Its normal position upon D is tilted or with the front end resting upon the desk, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2; but when loaded with the blotter F and weight H it assumes the position shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1. This throws the blotter up clear of the writing-bed of the desk and leaves a free space beneath it.

The cord G, used for returning the blotter to its shelf, passes over the crotch of D and down through a hole in the writing-bed, and is secured to the small weight H, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3.

What I claim, therefore, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with a writing-desk, the writing-bed of which is provided with a perforation *a*, of standard C, having slot *c*, bifurcated bracket D, secured to said standard, tilting shelf E, hinged to the bracket and operated and controlled by means of cord G, having weight H and blotter F attached thereto, all as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination, in writing-desks provided with bracket D, secured thereto, of a tilting shelf E, hinged to said bracket, as set forth, and provided with a central opening *e*, through which extends cord G for controlling and operating the same, said cord having secured at one end a weight H and at the other a blotter F, all as and for the purpose set forth.

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