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INK WELL.

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Fig: 1

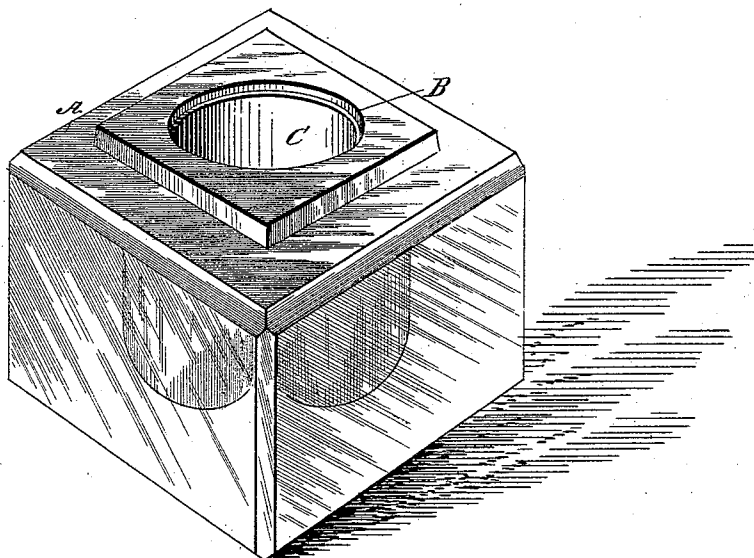
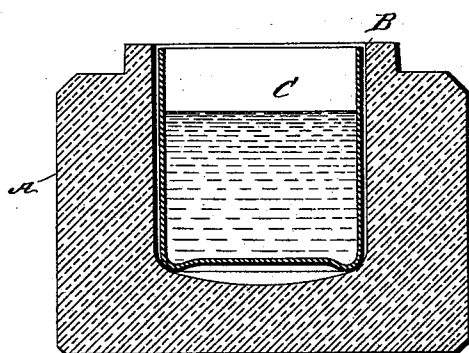


Fig: 2.



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INK-WELL.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH MORTON, of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Ink-Well, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to ink wells made of glass, crystal and other transparent material, and its object is to provide a new and improved ink well arranged to permit of conveniently cleaning the ink receptacle when necessary, and to prevent the ink from marring the beauty of the crystal effect in the appearance of the well body.

The invention consists of a well body made of glass or other similar material and formed with a recess, and an opaque ink cup fitted loosely and removably in the said recess and adapted to receive the ink, the said cup having a light-reflecting exterior surface.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement; and Fig. 2 is a sectional side elevation of the same.

The improved ink well is provided with a well body A, made of a transparent material such as glass, crystal and the like, the said body being formed in its top with a recess B, extending to within a short distance of the under surface of the well body, as plainly indicated in Fig. 2. Into this recess fits loosely and removably, a cup-shaped receptacle C, made of an opaque material such as metal, the cup preferably terminating at its upper end below the top surface of the well body A, as indicated in the drawings. The exterior surface of this receptacle or cup C is preferably polished to reflect the light penetrating the crystal-like well body A, so that the appearance of the entire ink well is greatly heightened, it being understood that the body of the ink well is not marred in any shape or form by the ink, nor does any variation in the height of the ink in the cup diminish or otherwise effect the ornamental appearance of the crystal body, as the ink is invisible through the sides of the well body, on account of being confined within the receptacle or cup C having opaque sides.

By this construction it is obvious that to the utilitarian purposes of an inkstand I add

the ornamental one of a crystal ornament or paper weight whose beauty of appearance is not diminished by its feature of utility, but is rather heightened and increased by the light reflecting properties of the opaque, exteriorly polished cup fitted removably in the recess of the transparent crystal body. By terminating the top of the cup below the top of the body, I practically entirely inclose the sides of the cup in the crystal body so that every portion of such sides is subject to the light passed through the crystal body and a uniform reflection from said polished sides is secured. It will also be seen that by having the cup of an opaque material it completely obscures the ink and thus keeps intact the original beauty, color and brilliancy of the glass well body. The reflecting effect of the cup can be greatly increased by studding the exterior surface of the cup with precious stones. It will further be seen that by having the receptacle or cup C removable in the recess B, it can be readily taken out for cleaning or other purposes.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, the ink well herein described composed of the transparent block having a comparatively small cup recess, its walls being comparatively thick heightening the block appearance with its transparency unobstructed from its surface to the interior of, or the space within such cup recess, whereby the vision may penetrate the walls of such block into the cup recess and may perceive objects fitted removably in such recess, and the imperforate ink cup formed in correspondence with and fitted in such recess, made opaque whereby to exclude the ink from view and having a polished light reflecting surface, whereby, when fitted in the cup recess of the transparent block, the polished surface of the ink cup will be visible through the walls of the transparent block but will not interfere with but will rather heighten the effect of the pure empty crystal ink well all substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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