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Inking-Pads.

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Fig. 1.

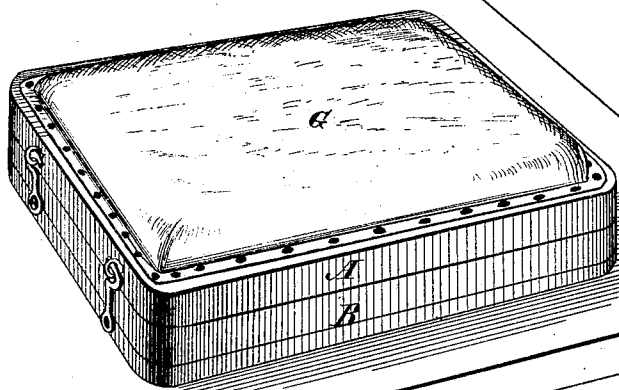


Fig. 2.

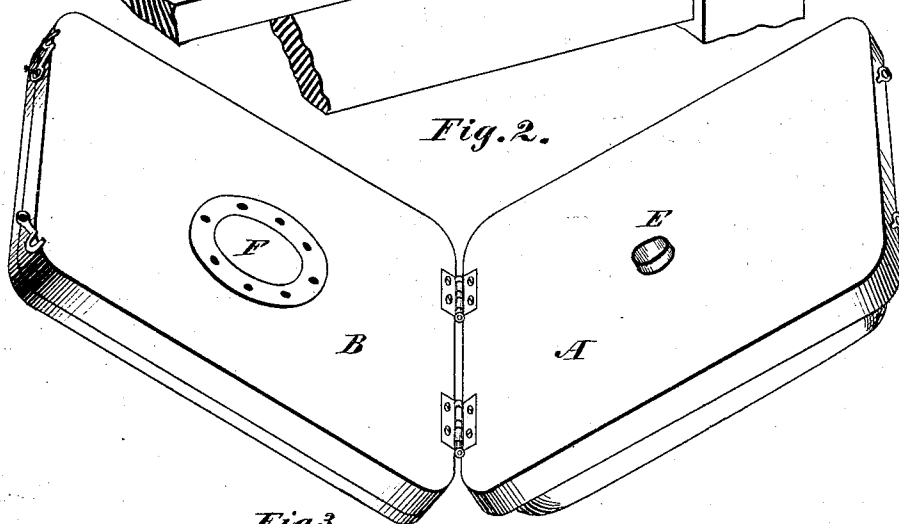


Fig. 3.



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Fig. 4.

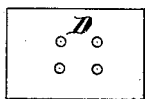


Fig. 5.

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IMPROVEMENT IN INKING-PADS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. MILES, of Charleston, in the county of Coles, in the State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Inking-Pad for Marking, Rating, and Canceling Stamps, such as are used by the Post-Office Department of the United States; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists of two blocks fastened together with small hinges and hooks, with pad on the upper surface, and containing a reservoir of metal, rubber, or glass, and perforated cap for reservoir of same material for supplying ink to the pad; also, rubber or rubber cloth attached to the upper surface of the lower block B for covering the mouth or neck of reservoir.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

I take two blocks, A and B, as shown in Figure No. 1, six by six and a half inches wide and three-fourths of an inch thick, of walnut or other hard wood. In the top side of section A, and in the center thereof, is hollowed out a basin, C, two inches in diameter by one-half inch in depth. In the center of basin is a three-fourths-inch hole. Into the basin and hole is inserted a metal, rubber, or glass reservoir, E, with neck—neck of reservoir projecting through and beyond the lower surface of section A one-sixteenth of an inch. Over the top of reservoir is placed a perforated cap, D,

of metal, rubber, or glass. On the upper surface of section B, and in the center thereof, is a small piece of rubber or rubber cloth, F, two inches in diameter, fastened down by a metal ring with tacks. Sections A and B are fastened together with small hinges and hooks. The pad G, five and a half by six inches, is constructed of cassimere filling and chamois-skin covering, which pad is placed upon the top of section A, covering the metal, rubber, or glass cap D to reservoir E and entire surface of section A, excepting one-half inch all around the edges, and fastened to section A with tacks.

The mode of using my apparatus is to unfasten the hooks and open sections A and B, as shown in Fig. 2, and fill the reservoir with ink, letting it remain in that position until the pad is well saturated, when it is closed up. Rubber cloth covering the mouth of the reservoir, hooks being fastened, it is ready for use, and, when filled, will remain in good working order for from two to four weeks without refilling; and a further advantage is that it does not clog or fill up stamps used upon it with dirt and dried ink, but keeps them clean and in good working order.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An inking-pad consisting of the cushion G, reservoir E, distributing perforated plate D, and a closing diaphragm or cover, F, substantially as described.

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