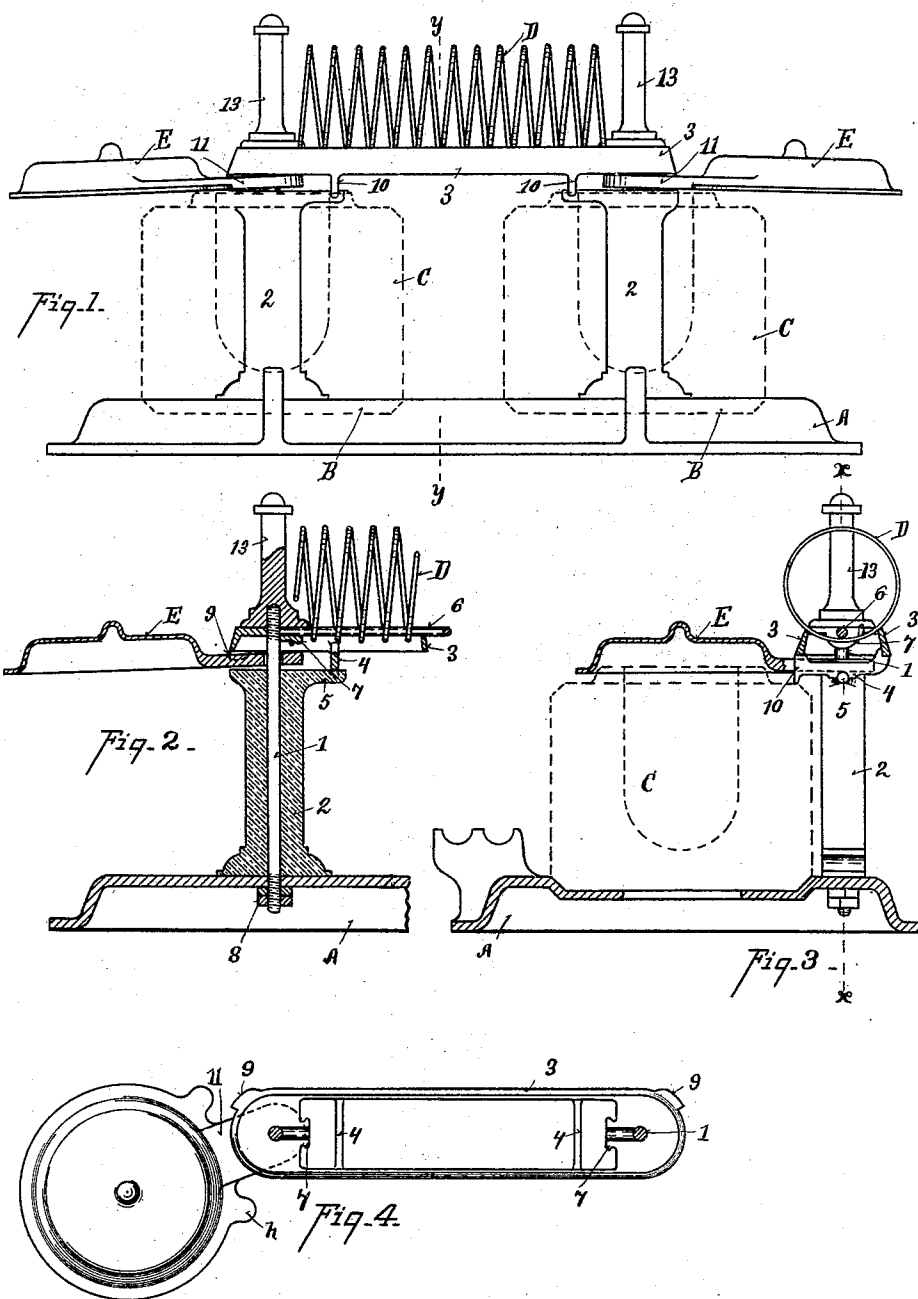


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER S. MENDENHALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Covington, in the county of Kenton and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Inkstands, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide means for hinging the lids of a duplex inkstand and to support by the same means a flexible pen-rack above and between the stands.

The features of my invention are fully set forth in the description of the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improvement. Fig. 2 is a section on line *x x*, Fig. 3. Fig. 3 is a section on line *y y*, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a top plan view of the skeleton frame.

A represents the base of the inkstand; B, cavities in which the ink-wells C rest.

1 represents tie-rods; 2, posts, and 3 represents a skeleton frame provided with lugs 4, engaging with stem 5 on posts 2.

D represents a pen-rack composed of a spiral coil of wire, the free ends of which engage lugs 7 on frame 3.

6 represents a brace, which rests in a concave seat in lugs 7, the ends abutting against the tie-rods 1. Said brace passes through the coil of spring-rack D.

The several parts of the stand are secured together by means of the tie-rods 1 and nuts 8 and 13.

9 represents a stop for preventing the lids E from moving outward too far.

10 represents a stop, which is engaged by ears *h* on the lid E when covering the mouth of the stand to prevent the lid being moved in too far.

11 represent stems on lids E, which are pierced with orifices and swivel upon the tie-rods 1.

This form of construction possesses several

advantages: First, the ink-wells can be readily covered and uncovered; second, the means employed to hinge the covers also supports the spring pen-rack; third, the pen-rack is made of coiled wire, which is supported so that it will not be unduly strained and rendered useless by the spreading of the coils; fourth, the spring pen-rack is secured in position by the parts comprising the stand.

The posts and tie-rods may be cast in one piece, or the rods 1 may be of wrought metal and the posts cast onto them, which is the preferred form of construction.

13 represent nuts securing frame 3 to the posts 2.

I claim—

1. An inkstand consisting of a base A for supporting the ink-wells, the posts 2, the frame 3, carried by the posts, the coiled rack D, connected at its ends with the said frame, and the lids E, hinged upon the posts, substantially as described.

2. An inkstand consisting of the base A for supporting the ink-wells, the posts 2, the frame 3, carried by the posts, and the laterally-swinging lids E, hinged to said posts beneath the ends of said frame, substantially as described.

3. An inkstand composed of the base A, posts 2, frame 3, provided with stops 9 10, and lids E, hinged to said posts, substantially as specified.

4. The combination, with the base A for supporting the ink-wells, of the posts 2, the frame 3, having its ends mounted on the posts, and a coiled rack D, having its extremities secured to the ends of the said frame, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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