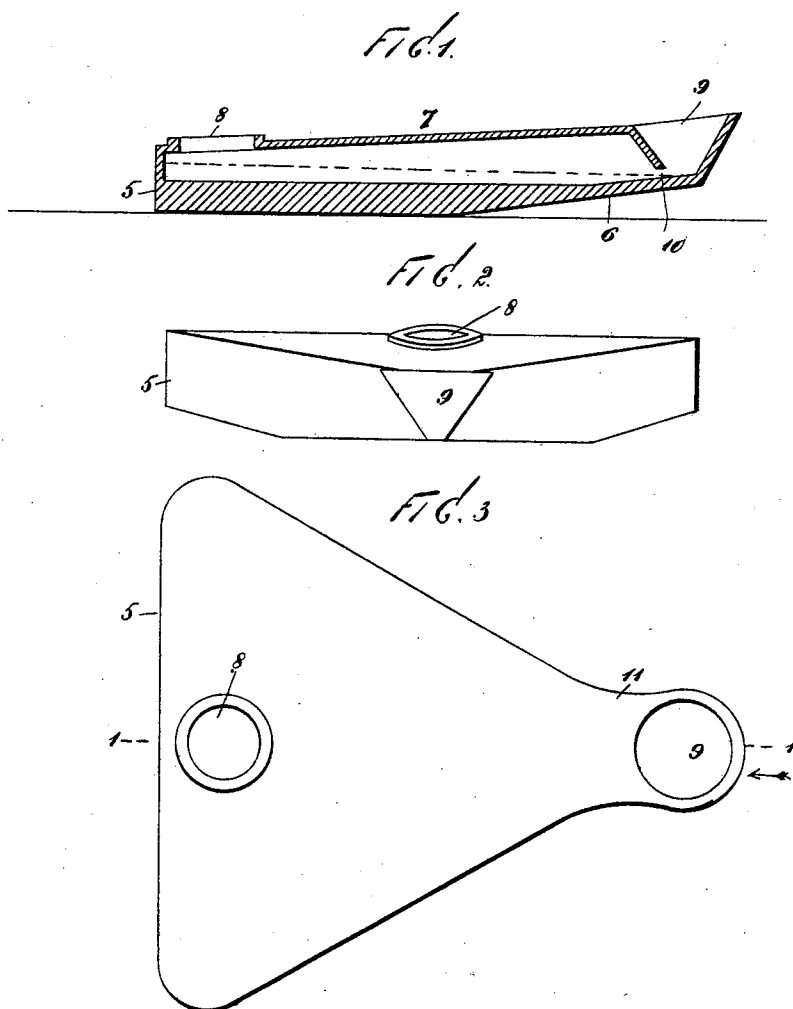


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM CUMSTON RICHARDSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Inkstands, of which the following is a full and complete specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to inkstands; and the object thereof is to provide an improved gravity or self-closing inkstand which is simple in construction and operation and by means of which the evaporation of the ink may be reduced to a minimum and dust or dirt almost entirely excluded from the stand.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which similar numerals of reference designate the same parts wherever found throughout the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a central longitudinal section of my improved inkstand on the line 1 1 of Fig. 3; Fig. 2, an end view thereof, looking in the direction of the arrow 2 of Fig. 3; and Fig. 3, a plan view.

In the practice of my invention I provide an inkstand 5, which is flat and preferably triangular in form and which may be composed of glass or any preferred material, and the base portion thereof is designed to rest upon a table or other support, and the bottom of the front or narrower portion is inclined upwardly, as shown at 6, and the top of the inkstand is also inclined from the back of the base portion forwardly and upwardly, as clearly shown at 7 in Fig. 1.

Formed in the top of the base or back portion of the inkstand is a circular opening 8, and in the extreme front end thereof and at the extremity of the upwardly-inclined portion is a conical opening 9, which communicates with the body portion of the inkstand by a small port or passage 10, formed in the bottom 5.

The circular opening 8 may be closed by a cork or stopper in the usual manner and is designed for the purpose of filling the ink-

stand and also for cleaning the same when necessary, and in practice said opening is preferably closed after the inkstand has been filled.

When the inkstand is filled to the desired extent, the ink will extend approximately to the port or passage 10, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, and whenever it is desired to ink the pen the front portion of the inkstand is tilted downwardly, as shown in Fig. 2, when the base thereof will be raised, as will be readily understood, and the ink will flow into the conical opening 9, into which the pen is inserted in the usual manner.

The upwardly-inclined portion in which the conical opening 9 is formed serves as the usual neck 11, and said inkstand may be filled through the opening 9 by removing the stopper from the opening 8.

My improved inkstand is simple in construction and operation and is perfectly adapted to accomplish the result for which it is intended, and my invention is not limited to the form of the inkstand herein shown and described, as it is evident that changes therein and modifications thereof may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention or sacrificing its advantages.

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

The herein-described inkstand, which is triangular in form, and the main portion of which is flat, on its bottom, the smaller portion thereof being upwardly inclined, and provided in its end with an opening which is formed in the top thereof, and which is in connection with the main body portion, said main body portion being provided with an opening in the top thereof, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 22d day of October, 1896.

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