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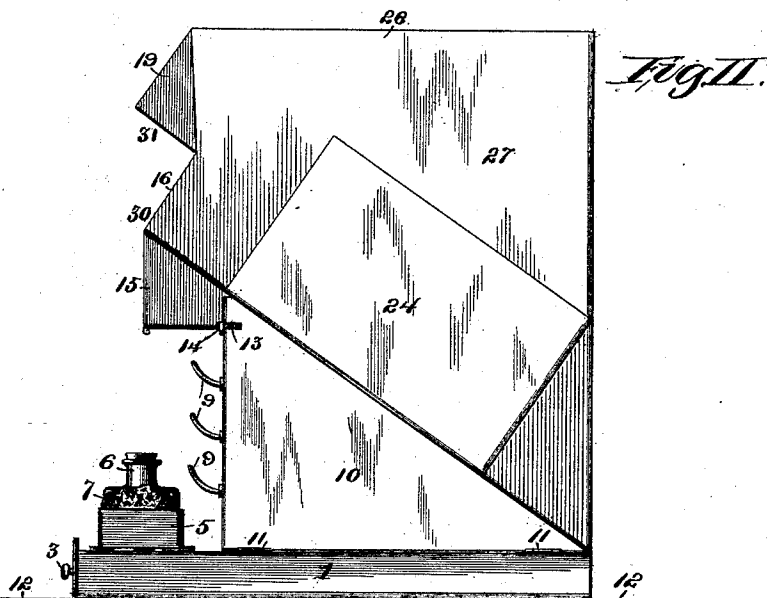
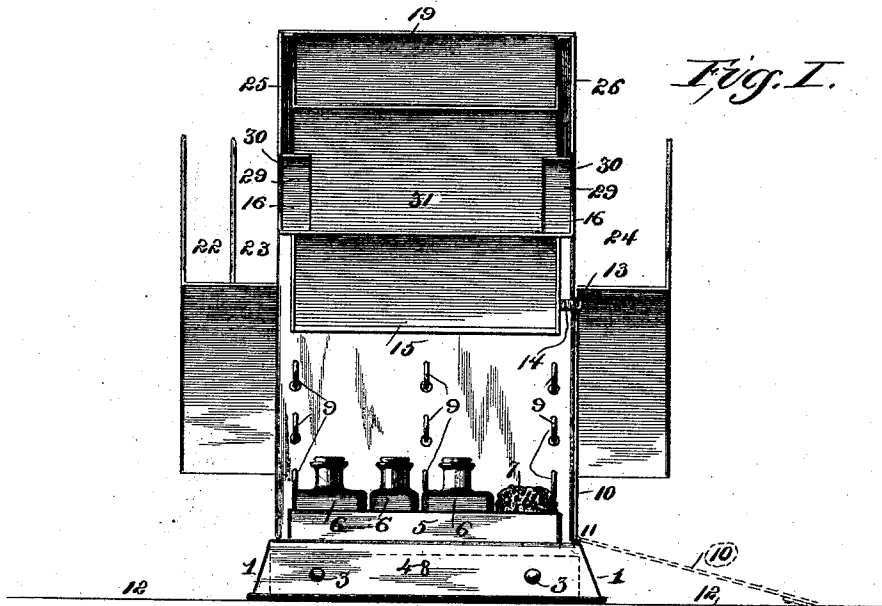
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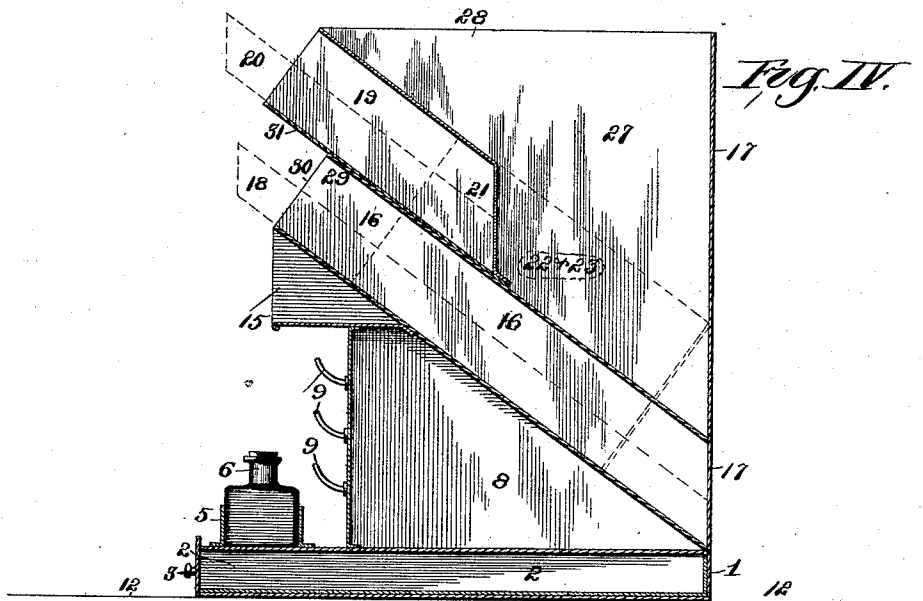
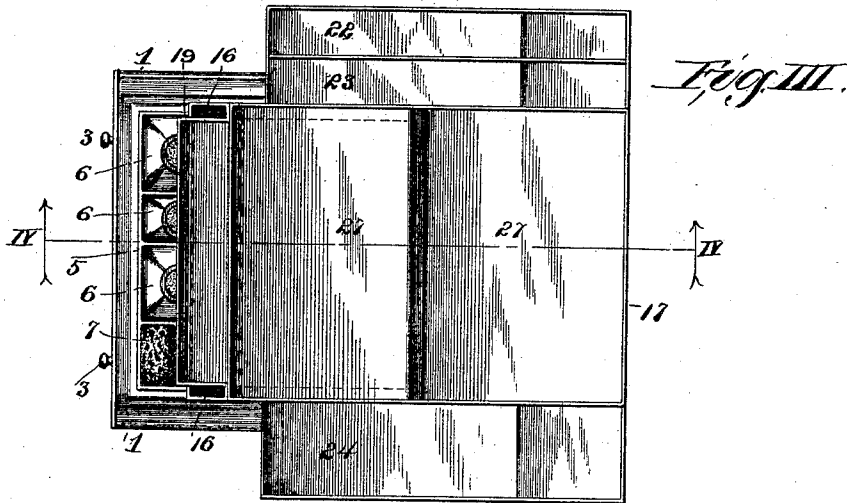
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD G. GEREKE, of the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in a Combined Inkstand, Envelope, and Card Holder, &c., of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

10 This invention relates to that class of *multum in parvo* devices in which a large combination of useful articles is congregated together in a small compass; and the invention consists of a secretary device in which is combined an inkstand, sponge pen-wiper, pen and pencil rack, cash-drawer and closet constituting repository for pen-boxes, stamps, &c., envelope, card, postal-card, and bill holder, and surmounted at top by a general depository for the incoming and outgoing mail, &c.; and the invention consists in features of novelty hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

Figure I is a front elevation and shows the 25 cash-drawer, the ink and sponge stand, the pen-rack, and the envelope and other holders, and it also shows the closet-door closed and latched in full lines and open in broken lines. Fig. II is an end elevation and shows an end view 30 of the above-named devices. Fig. III is a top view of the same; and Fig. IV is a vertical section taken on line IV IV, Fig. III, and shows the interior of the cash-drawer, closet, envelope and mail holders, &c.

35 Referring to the drawings, 1 represents the basement-case, in which is seated the cash-drawer 2, which is supplied with the handles 3 and lock 4.

5 represents the ink and sponge stand that 40 surmounts said base, in which are seated the ink-bottles 6 for common writing, copying, and red ink and the pen-wiper sponge 7.

8 represents a closet whose case surmounts the base-case 1, and secured to the front casing of said closet are the pen-rack hooks 9. 45 The drop-door 10 of the closet is secured by the hinges 11 to said basement-case 1, and when said door is opened, as shown in broken lines in Fig. I, its previously upper edge or 50 point rests on the desk or writing-table 12.

When said closet-door is closed, a pivoted latch 13 engages in the catch 14, which catch is secured to and projects from the front casing of the closet.

15 represents a small catchall-receptacle 55 immediately above the front of the closet, and said receptacle is adapted for holding the steel and rubber erasers, loose letter-stamps, or other like small articles.

16 represents the long-envelope holder, 60 whose front end surmounts said receptacle 15, and the rest of said holder surmounts the closet 8 and extends on a downward incline to the vertical back casing 17 of the device. It will be seen that as said envelope-holder 65 inclines downward until it reaches said vertical back casing 17 its terminus is at an acute angle, the front end of the pack of long envelopes 18 that are held therein being at a like acute angle that projects the upper envelope 70 beyond the underlying ones, so as to present a convenient hold of said envelope when it is to be extracted for use. It will also be seen that said inclined position of the holder, while it is quite convenient for the 75 insertion of the pack of envelopes, (which should previously have their encircling band removed,) also provides an easy exit for the topmost envelope, while at the same time it maintains a sufficient retention hold of the 80 remaining envelopes of the pack. 19 represents a similar inclined envelope-holder, but of sufficiently shorter length to accord with the length of the common short business-envelopes. The last-named envelope-holder surmounts the forward end of the holder 16, from 85 which it also slightly projects, and is pitched on a similar incline. The flanges 20, that are turned in from the top of the ends 30 of the long envelope-holder 16, are soldered to the 90 bottom 31 of the short-envelope holder 19 and support the same. The rear end 21 of said holder 19, being also vertical, also forms an acute angle with the inclined bottom, alike projecting the uppermost envelope of the 95 pack 20 as with that of the pack 18, so as to facilitate its withdrawal.

22 and 23 represent, respectively, twin inclined receptacles that are secured to and project from one side of the combination device 100

and which provide convenient repositories, respectively, for cards and postal-cards, &c.

24 represents a like but undivided inclined receptacle that is secured to and projects from the reverse side of the device and which makes a convenient repository for bill-blocks, bills, blotters, &c.

25 and 26 represent, respectively, narrow receptacles on each side of the envelope-holder 19, which constitute convenient depositories for pencils, blotters, &c.

27 represents a comparatively capacious receptacle on top of the envelope-holders, whose reception-mouth 28 is at top of the device, and which receptacle constitutes a convenient depository for the incoming and outgoing mail.

The device is a convenient appendage for desks, writing-tables, &c., wherein mail, accountant, and other clerks can have a place for everything and everything in its place as far as the multiform combination embraced in this device is concerned.

I claim as my invention—

1. A combined inkstand, envelope, and card holder provided with a downwardly and rearwardly inclined receptacle or receptacles for envelopes, substantially as described.

2. In a combined inkstand, envelope, and card holder, the combination of the basement-casing 1, the cash-drawer in said casing, the ink and sponge stand 5, the closet 8, the pen-racks 9, the inclined long-envelope holder 16, and the inclined short-envelope holder 19, substantially as described.

3. In a combined inkstand, envelope, and card holder, the combination of the basement

casing, the cash-drawer in said casing, the ink and sponge stand, the ink-bottles and sponge in said stand, the closet 8, the hinged drop-door to said closet, the latch by which said door is fastened, the pen-racks 9, the receptacle 15 for holding the rubber and steel erasers, &c., and the inclined long and short envelope holders provided with acute-bevel rear ends that project the uppermost envelope, substantially as described.

4. In a combined inkstand, envelope, and card holder, the combination of the basement-casing, the drawer in said casing, the ink and sponge stand, the closet 8, the pen-rack 9, the receptacle 15, the downwardly-inclined envelope-holders 16 and 19, the twin receptacles 22 and 23 for holding cards, postal-cards, &c., and the receptacle 24 for bills, &c., substantially as described.

5. In a combined inkstand, envelope, and card holder, the combination of the basement-casing, the drawer in said casing, the ink and sponge stand, the closet 8, the pen-rack 9, the receptacle 15, the downwardly-inclined envelope-holders provided with acute-angle rear ends that project the uppermost envelope, the twin downwardly-inclined receptacles 22 and 23, the downwardly-inclined receptacle 24, the receptacles 25 and 26 for pencils, &c., and the surmounting receptacle 27 for incoming and outgoing mail, substantially as described.

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