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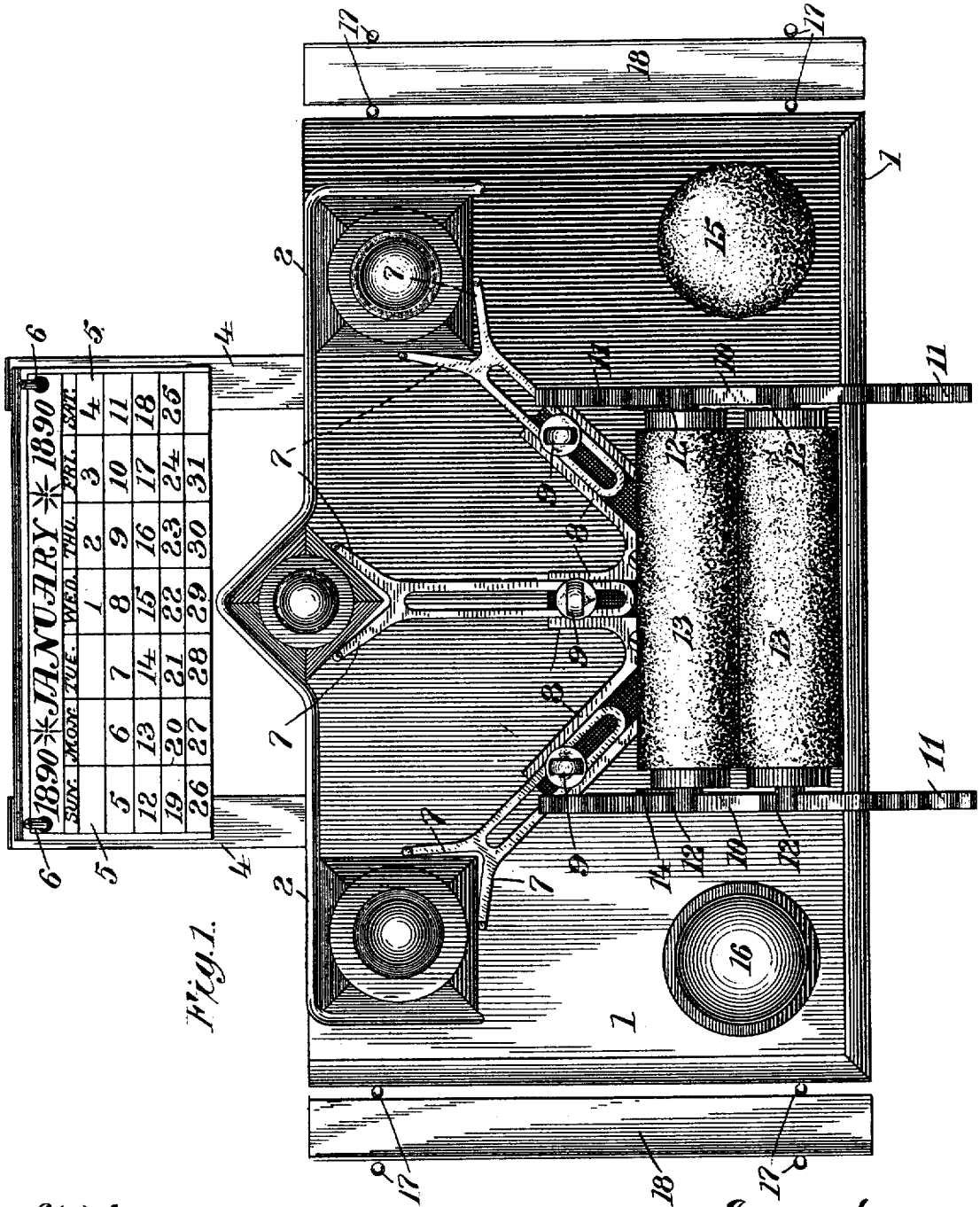


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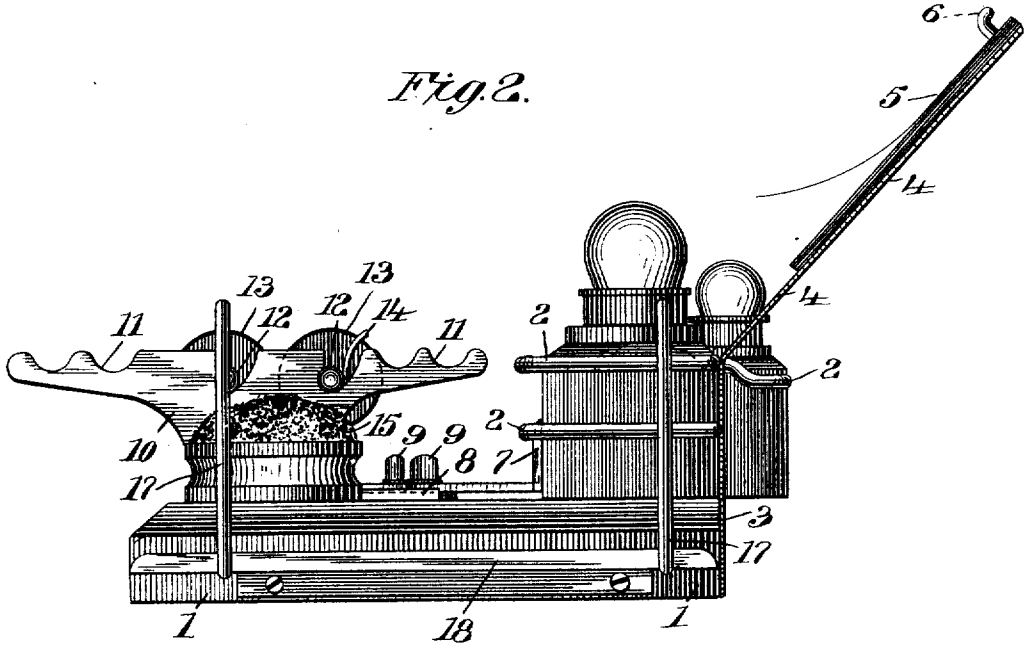


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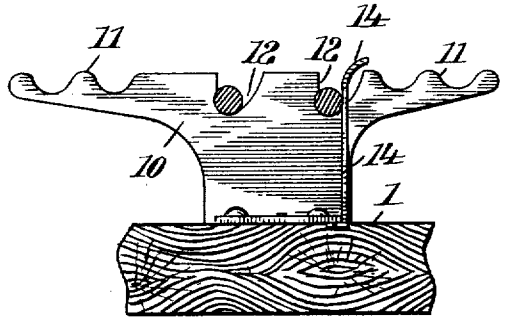
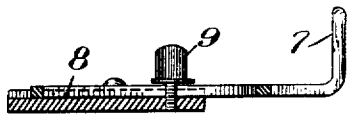


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, VERRENICE MUNGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ansonia, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Desk-Furniture; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in desk-furniture, and has for its object to furnish means for the support of ink-bottles in such manner that they may be readily removed and replaced, said means being adjustable so as to grasp bottles of various sizes.

A further object is to provide in connection with the means for holding the ink-bottles just referred to a combined pen-rack and pen-wiper; also a calendar, disposed and supported within convenient sight of the writer, together with racks for holding envelopes and a receptacle for pins, pens, and similar small articles.

With these ends in view my invention consists in the construction and combination of elements hereinafter fully described, and then recited in the claims.

In order that those skilled in the art to which my invention appertains may fully understand its construction and the manner in which it is adapted to be used, I will describe the same in detail, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view. Fig. 2 is an end elevation looking from the right hand of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detail section through the journals of the wiper-rolls at the base, showing means for holding said rolls. Fig. 4 is a detail sectional elevation of one of the bottle-clamps.

Like numerals denote the same parts in all the figures of the drawings.

Upon the base 1, which may be of wood, marble, or other suitable substance, a railing 2 is supported by means of flat metal strips 3, extending vertically from the rear of the base to the top rail, and then continuing outward at an angle from said rail to form arms 4, upon which a suitable calendar 5 is detachably secured by means of hooks 6. The means whereby the railing just referred to is supported gives to said railing a certain amount of spring quality, so that the bottles are held between the clamps and this railing with a yielding pressure. The clamps just referred to consist each of a slotted and forked jaw 7, set and adapted to slide in a grooved casting 8, mounted upon the base. A thumb-screw 9 passes through the slotted portion of the jaw and is tapped into the casting, so that said jaw may be secured at any desired position.

10 are standards secured upon the base, each of said standards branching at its top into grooved laterally-extended arms 11, upon which pens, pencils, or other implements may be supported when not in use. At 12 these standards are provided with notched bearings, in which the journals of a pair of wiper-rolls 13 are held. The peripheries of these rolls should be normally in contact, and for that purpose springs 14 are provided, which bear against the inner roll and serve, as will be readily understood, to retain both rolls in their bearings as against accidental displacement. These rolls are covered with a closely-fitted coating of absorbent material—such as soft felt, bibulous paper, or chamois-skin—upon which a pen may be readily and thoroughly cleansed, either by wiping it upon the surface of the rollers or by thrusting it downward between them. A small cushion 15 serves as a convenient receptacle for pins, and a small tray 16 is adapted to contain pens, paper-fasteners, or similar small articles.

At either end of the base are racks for holding blank envelopes or letters, each rack consisting of four vertical wires 17 and a sheet metal bottom 18, which latter supports the wires just referred to and is screwed to the base *f*.

By the use of the clamps hereinbefore described ink-bottles of various kinds and sizes may be held. These bottles may either be of special and ornamental construction or the ordinary bottle in which ink is sold may be used, by which latter method the filling of ink-stands is entirely avoided. The wiping-rollers are turned slightly as their coverings

become soiled, and when their capacity to absorb is exhausted they may be readily stripped and new coverings substituted.

I claim as of my invention—

1. In a device of the character described, the combination, with a suitable base and a support against which one or more bottles may be placed, of an adjustable clamp adapted to co-operate in holding the bottle and arranged upon the base, substantially as described.

2. In a device of the character described, the combination, with the base and the yielding railing secured thereto and projecting upward therefrom, of the adjustably-sliding clamps arranged upon the base, whereby bottles of various sizes may be held against the railing, substantially as described.

3. In a device of the character described, the combination, with the base, of a railing secured thereto and provided with rectangular corners, substantially as shown, and a series of adjustable clamps having forked grasping ends and arranged so that the lines of their length will bisect the angles of the railing, substantially as shown and described.

4. In a device of the character described, the combination, with the base and the yielding railing constructed substantially as described, of the casting secured upon the base, the jaws slotted longitudinally, having forked outer extremities and arranged upon said casting, and the thumb-screws, whereby said jaws are secured upon the casting.

5. The combination, with the base, the railing, and clamping devices, of arms 4, projecting upward and outward from said railing, and the calendar 5, detachably secured upon said arms.

6. In a device of the character described, the combination, with the base, of the upwardly-projecting standards, the same forming a pen-holding rack, and the two rollers journaled in said standards and provided with contiguous faces of bibulous material, substantially as described.

7. In a device of the character described, the combination, with the base, the yielding railing secured thereto, and the movable clamping-jaws adapted to co-operate with said railing, of the calendar supported upon the railing, the wiping-rollers and the standards wherein they are journaled, and the letter-racks arranged at the ends of the base, substantially as described.

8. The improved article of desk-furniture herein described, the same consisting of the base, the railing, and the clamping-jaws, the calendar supported upon said railing, the standards and the wiping-rollers, and the letter-racks secured at the ends of the base, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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