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Fig. 1.

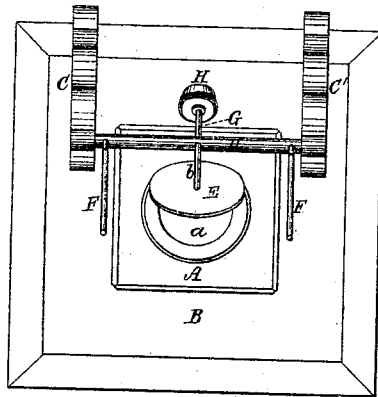


Fig. 2.

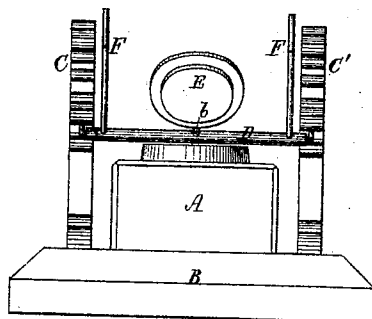
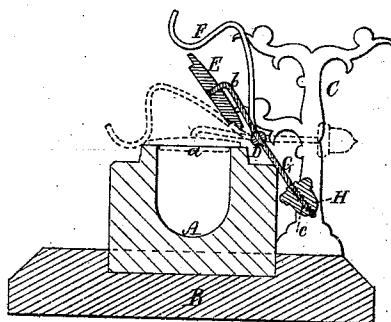


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN INKSTANDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIJAH M. DICKINSON, of Fitchburg, of the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Inkstands; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a top view, Fig. 2 a side elevation, and Fig. 3 a longitudinal section, of an inkstand.

My invention consists in a new or improved manufacture of inkstand having not only a stationary pen-rack for holding pens, but a separate counterbalanced movable pen-rack and cover, such as will cause the cover to be closed upon the mouth of the inkstand when a pen is placed on the movable rack, and to move off or increase the said mouth on the pen being removed from the said rack. An inkstand so made enables a person to support several pens, the advantage of which will be readily apparent. It has not only the advantage of a common inkstand with a stationary pen-rack, but those of one with a counterbalanced cover and pen-rack.

In the drawings, A denotes the ink-reservoir, supported by a base, B, provided with two standards, C C', constituting what is termed a "pen-rack," or being otherwise suitably shaped. A shaft, D, extending from one to the other of the standards C C', and pivoted therein or thereto, has an arm, *b*, projecting from it at its middle; and supporting the cover E of the mouth *a* of the ink-receiver. From the shaft there is projected forward two curved arms or pen-rests, F F, formed as shown, or otherwise properly shaped. From the shaft there is extended rearward an arm, G, having a male screw, *c*, cut on it, and a weight, H, screwed upon such screw, all being as shown. Such

weight should be sufficient to turn the shaft and raise the cover off the mouth of the ink-receptacle when a pen laid upon the arms F F may be lifted therefrom. The weight, being movable on its supporting-screw, can be readily adjusted to produce the desired effect.

From the above, it will be seen that, if after having written with a pen the writer should place it upon the arms F F, its weight, acting through such, will cause the cover to close down upon the mouth of the ink-reservoir, and to remain in such position while the pen may be in such arms; also, that on raising the pen off the arms the cover will at once be lifted off the said mouth, so as to admit of the pen being introduced therein. Thus, while the inkstand may not be in use, evaporation of the ink through, or dust getting into, the mouth of it will be prevented.

I do not claim a stationary pen-rack independently of the devices as described connected with it; nor do I claim a counterbalanced rack and cover, to operate as described in either of the United States Patents No. 76,719, 115,041.

In my inkstand the stationary pen-rack, besides performing its legitimate office of a pen-supporter, constitutes a means of sustaining the shaft D of the counterbalanced cover E and arms or rack F F.

I therefore claim—

As a new or improved manufacture, the inkstand provided with the stationary pen-rack C C, the shaft D, the arms F F, cover E, and arm G, with its screw and weight H, all arranged and applied in manner and for the purpose or purposes as shown and described.

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