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## COMBINED INKSTAND AND CALENDAR.

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FIG. II

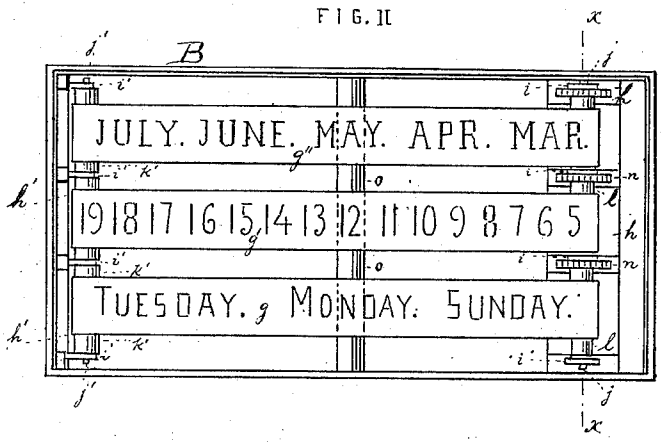



FIG. III

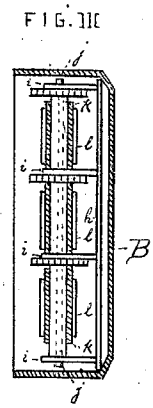


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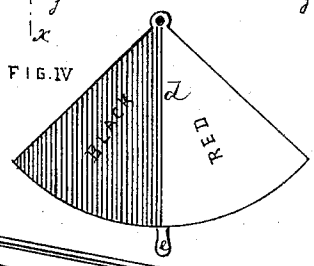
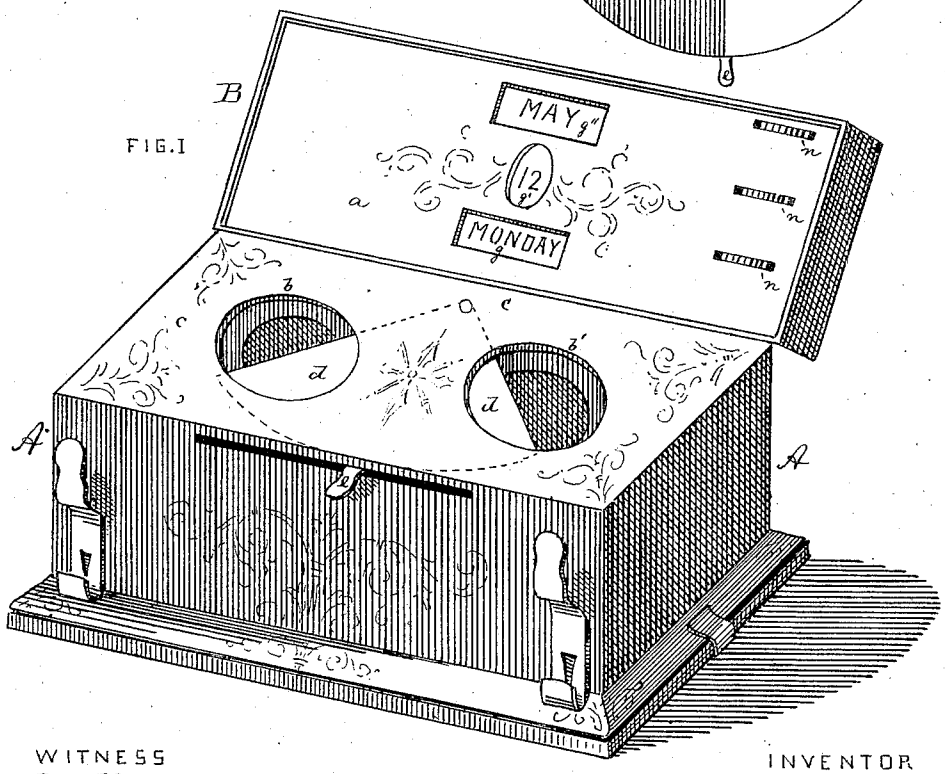



FIG. I




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## COMBINED INKSTAND AND CALENDAR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT SNEIDER, of the city of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Combined Inkstand and Calendar, of which the following specification is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to an inkstand which has two ink-receptacles, and which is so arranged that when one of these receptacles is opened the other one must be closed. In this way, when two different kinds of ink are used in the inkstand—say red and black—the writer, while intending to use one kind of ink, cannot accidentally dip his pen into the other ink.

The invention also relates to a calendar attached to the cover of the inkstand, all as will be hereinafter more fully pointed out.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure I is a perspective view of my improved inkstand. Fig. II is a face view of the cover when opened, and with plate *a* removed. Fig. III is a transverse section on line *x x*, Fig. 2; and Fig. IV, a face view of the oscillating disk.

The letter A represents an inkstand of suitable construction, and having two stationary ink-receptacles, *b b'*. To the top plate, *c*, of the inkstand, and preferably to the lower side thereof, is pivoted a disk, *d*, as shown This plate is provided with a handle, *e*, projecting through a slot in the front of the inkstand. The disk *d* may be oscillated by its handle to the right or left, and when oscillated to the right it closes one ink-receptacle, *b'*, while opening the other, and vice versa. In this way only one ink-receptacle can be entirely opened at a time, and the writer is spared the annoyance of dipping his pen into the wrong ink. I prefer to paint one-half of the disk *d* red and the other black, as indicated in Fig. 4, so that the writer may ascertain at a glance the color of the ink in either receptacle.

B is the cover of the inkstand. This cover is provided in front with a face-plate, *a*, that is slotted in three places in its center, to display the calendar beneath. It is also slotted at the end, to allow three small hand-wheels to project through it for shifting the calendar. The calendar is attached to the top plate of the cover, and consists, essentially, of three strips of endless tape, *g g' g''*, having respectively the days, months, and dates printed thereon. The way these tapes are supported and moved is as follows:

*h h'* are two metal plates attached to the right and left of the cover, and having each four lugs, *i* and *i'*, struck up at right angles thereto. These lugs are perforated to admit a pin, *j* and *j'*. Around each pin, and between each pair of lugs, there is a loose sleeve, *k* and *k'*. The sleeves *k* are surrounded by a rubber tube, *l*, and soldered or otherwise fastened to small hand-wheels *n*. The tapes *g g' g''* are stretched over the sleeves *k'* and rubber tubes *l*, as shown. *o* is a central bar, which prevents sagging of the tape, and pushes it well forward opposite the openings in the plate *a*. This bar also serves to strengthen the cover. When the hand-wheels *n* are turned, the tapes will be moved along to present a new day, date, or month opposite the openings in plate *a*. By the above-described arrangement the calendar may be moved along continuously, and the tapes need not be set back, as is the case with the ordinary calendars, when the end of a week, month, or year is reached.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination of inkstand A, having stationary ink-receptacles *b b'*, with movable plate *d*, pivoted to top plate, *c*, and provided with handle *e*, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of inkstand A, having slotted front, with plate *d*, pivoted to cover *c*, and having handle *e*, that projects through said slotted front, substantially as specified.

3. The inkstand A, having the lid B, provided with plates *h h'*, lugs *i i'*, sleeves *k k'*, hand-wheels *n*, tapes *g g' g''*, and with the central bar, *o*, substantially as specified.

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