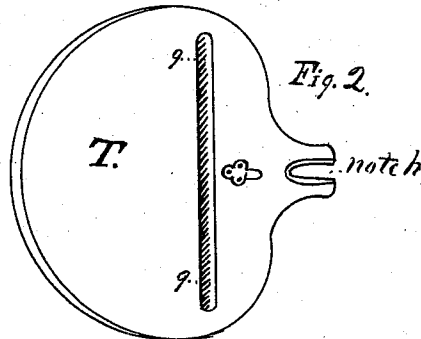
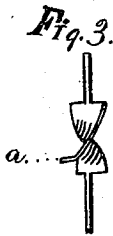
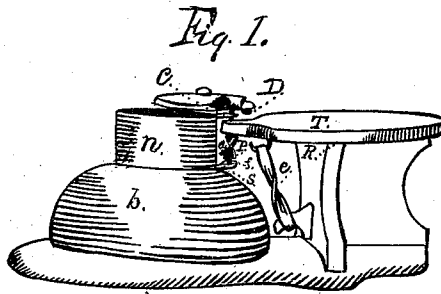


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IMPROVEMENT IN INKSTANDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GREENLEAF A. WILBUR, of Skowhegan, in the county of Somerset and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Inkstands; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view; Fig. 2, a view of the trencher, and Fig. 3 a view of the twisted post.

In Fig. 1, *a* represents the foot; *b*, the bottle; *c*, the collar; *d*, the stop; *e*, the spring; *f*, the flange; *n*, the neck; *p*, the twisted post; *r*, the ridge; *s*, the stop; and *T*, the trencher.

In Fig. 2, *g* refers to the groove.

The same letters indicate the same parts in the different figures.

The nature of my invention consists in applying a trencher to an inkstand in such a manner that the working of the trencher will open and shut the inkstand.

I make a flat post with a pivot at each end, and twist it from right to left about half-way around, and at a distance from its lower end a little greater than the depth of the flange *f*. I form the foot *a* for the notched end of the trencher to rest upon when down. I attach the twisted post to the neck *n* by means of the collar *c* and the step *s*. On the right side of the step I turn up a flange, *f*, as deep as I wish to raise the cover before swinging it from the neck. I make the cover with a projection, *d*, dropping down from the right edge of the cover, to prevent its momentum from carrying it too far when returning to its place over the neck,

and attach it to the upper pivot of the post *p* above the collar *c*. I construct the ridge *r* at a convenient distance from the neck *n*, upon which to perch the trencher. I make the trencher *T* with a notch in the end next to the neck *n*, to slide up and down upon the twisted post and rotate it, and form a groove, *g*, running from right to left upon the under side. I place the notch astride the twisted post, and perch the groove upon the ridge. I then draw the notched end of the trencher down upon the foot *a* by means of the spring *e*. I fix to the inside of the neck, a little to the left of the post, a wire of less curvature than the neck, and about an inch in length, for the purpose of wiping the superfluous ink from the pen as it is being withdrawn from the neck.

To operate this my device, rest the hand that holds the pen upon the free edge of the trencher. This raises the notched end and twisted post until the bottom of the post clears the flange, and then rotates it, thus lifting the cover from the neck *n* and then swinging it off. On filling and wiping my pen I remove my hand from the trencher, when the reverse action takes place, and the spring *e* hugs the cover closely upon the neck again.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of a trencher or lever, *T*, a spring, *e*, a twisted post, *p*, and a cover, *c*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth and described.

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