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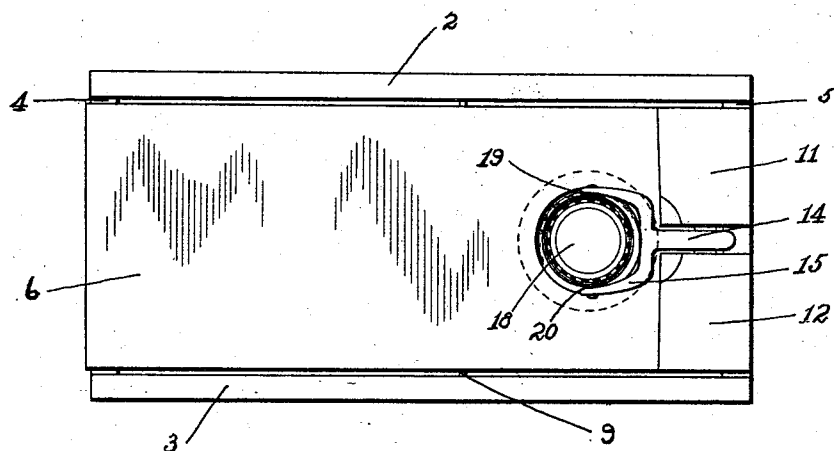


Fig. 1.

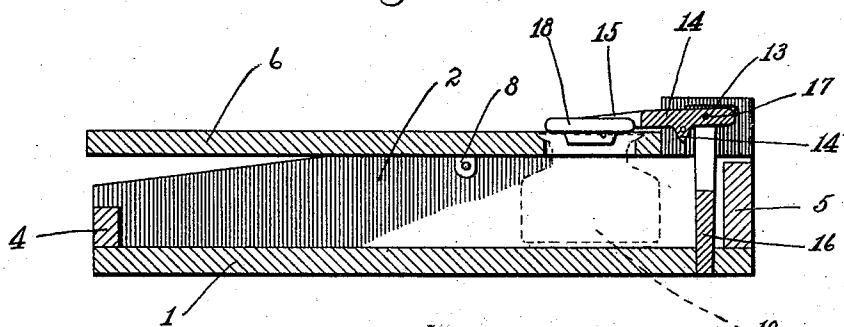


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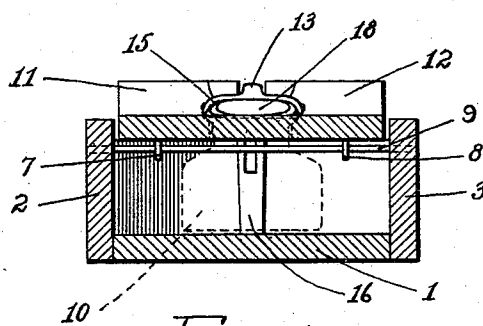


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIE A. WILKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Travis, in the county of Falls and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Inkstands; 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 inkstands.

My object is to provide an inkstand of novel and peculiar construction which will be extremely simple and cheap and will be kept covered automatically except when operated for use, which can be done quickly and easily.

Having this object in view, my invention consists of an inkstand comprising certain novel features and combinations appearing more fully hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved inkstand; Fig. 2, a longitudinal sectional view, and Fig. 3 a view in cross-section.

The bottom of the base of my improved inkstand is designated by the numeral 1, and said base has sides 2 and 3 and ends 4 and 5.

The numeral 6 designates an operating-plate which is provided with bearings 7 and 8 on its lower side, a fixed spindle 9 being journaled in said bearings and extending across from side to side of the base. This spindle and bearings are so disposed that the operating-plate is pivoted slightly behind the central point of its length. An ink-well of ordinary construction is shown at 10, said well having its mouth extending up through the rear portion of the operating-plate and has its body depending in the base. At the rear of the operating-plate there are two enlargements 11 and 12.

The numeral 13 designates a pivot-pin which has its ends received in the enlargements and extends across the space between them.

At 14 is shown an arm which has a depending portion 14', that is journaled on said pin. Said arm also has a fork 15, which extends out over the mouth of the ink-well.

The numeral 16 designates an upright

which has its lower end secured to the bottom only and its upper end bifurcated, and between this bifurcation is received the rear end of the arm, which is pivoted on a pin 17. Thus it will be seen that when the front end of the operating-plate is depressed the fork of the arm is raised.

The numeral 18 designates a circular cover or top for the mouth of the ink-well. This is provided with trunnions 19 and 20, which are journaled in the ends of the members of the fork. It will be noticed that these trunnions are located back of the transverse diameter of the cover, so that the front portion of the latter is heavier than the rear portion, and hence when the front end of the operating-plate is depressed said cover will drop around to a vertical position, but when the plate is released and the weight of the ink-well draws the rear end of the latter down the rounded edge of the heavier portion of the cover will rest on the mouth of the ink-well and will be raised until it again assumes a horizontal position and the ink-well is properly closed. It requires but a light pressure of the hand on the front end of the operating-plate to depress the same so that the ink-well is opened and the ink can be obtained, but immediately upon releasing the operating-plate the operation before described will take place and the ink-well will be again covered.

Slight and immaterial changes might be resorted to in constructing my improved inkstand without detracting from any of its advantages, and hence I consider myself entitled to all such variations as properly come within the spirit and scope of the invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In an inkstand, the combination with a base, of an operating-plate pivoted thereto, an ink-well carried by said operating-plate, a cover for the ink-well, and means actuated by the operating-plate whereby the cover normally remains on the ink-well, but is raised therefrom when the plate is depressed.

2. In an inkstand, the combination with a base, of an operating-plate pivoted thereto, an ink-well carried by said operating-plate, a cover for the ink-well, an arm pivotally con-