

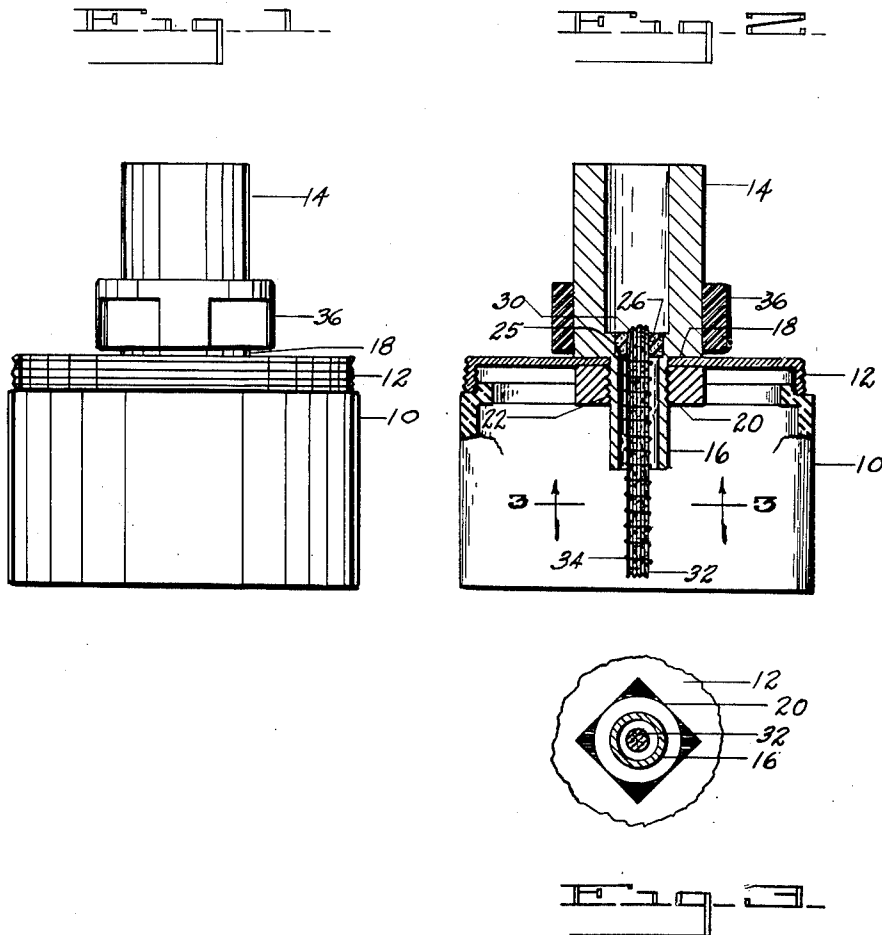
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Be it known that the undersigned has invented certain new and useful improvements in pen holder devices of which the following is a specification.

This application relates to pen holder devices and more particularly discloses a device functioning as a combined pen holder, nib wetter and ink container, useful (1) to contain a supply of ink for a felt nib pen and (2) to hold said pen upright when not in use and (3) to wet and maintain the felt nib wet when the pen is held in place by the device, and (4) to refill a felt pack pen when the latter is not in use.

A particular aim of the present invention is to provide a single device useful for these several functions. The device first of all functions as a container for the kind of ink used with felt nib pens and for this purpose has a cover detachably secured thereto and constantly closed to prevent evaporation of the ink.

The device is also useful for holding a pen upright when the latter is not in use, and for this purpose has projecting upwardly from the cover a deep well into which the lower end of the felt nib pen may be inserted and held. The device is therefore made in the form of a large diameter, relatively shallow bottle whose ratio of horizontal area to vertical height is relatively large so that the device is stable on a table or desk top even while the device is used for holding a pen upright.

The device is also useful for maintaining wet with ink the felt nib of the pen and for instantly wetting such nib when a felt nib pen is thrust into the well and its nib placed in contact with a felt ring forming the bottom of the well.

Further aims and objects of the present invention will presently be understood upon reference to the following specification which can readily be understood in connection with the appended drawing.

In this drawing:

Fig. 1 is an elevation view of the device.

Fig. 2 is an elevation view partly in section.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line 3-3 of Fig. 2.

The device shown in the drawing comprises an open top ink bottle 10 having a considerably greater horizontal diameter than vertical height, as shown, and having an open top normally closed by a cover 12 tightly threaded onto the threaded upper end of the bottle. Secured to the cover 12 is a deep, hollow well 14 useful for holding upright or mast-like a felt nib pen inserted into the well from above it. The well has a reduced diameter lower stem 16 which provides a

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shoulder at 18 enabling the well 14 and the cover 12 to be relatively secured as, for example, by means of a nut 20 threaded onto a threaded portion 22 of the stem, with the cover 12 having a central hole through which the stem may be downwardly inserted.

Forming the bottom of the well 14 and held therein against a shoulder 25 thereof is a felt pad or ring 26. Shoulder 25 of the well prevents the ring or pad 26 from being pushed down into the stem 16 when the pad 26 is engaged by the felt nib on the lower end of a pen thrust into the well 14, with such nib engaging the felt pad 26 with some degree of pressure so that the felt nib will be wetted from the felt pad 26.

The pad 26 is in the form of a ring so as to receive the upper end 30 of a felt or rope or other absorbent material forming a wick 32 positioned in the stem 16, such wick projecting up into and engaging the ring 26 as well as projecting down into the bottle for maintaining the ring 26 wet with ink from the bottle.

For rigidifying the wick 32 and for spacing it from the stem 16, there is provided a perforated sleeve which in the form shown comprises a helical wire 34 wound tightly upon the wick and secured to and supported by it.

For ornamental purposes and also for concealing the lower end of the well 14, there is provided a ring 36 secured to and surrounding the lower end of the well and preferably formed of a color that contrasts with the well for ornamental purposes. The ring 36 is spaced upwardly from the cover 12, as indicated, so as to provide an air gap as well as barrier between the cover and the outside of the well 14 and thus effectively to conceal visible traces of ink which may seep around the outside of the stem and of the well from inside the stem or the bottle. Ink gathered by seepage on the outside of the well at its lower end where the well and the cover meet will be effectively concealed by the ring 36, and since the latter is spaced from the cover 12, the ink cannot seep around and hence to the outside of the ring 36.

Now having described the device herein disclosed, reference should be had to the claim which follows.

A combined pen holder, nib wetter, and ink container device useful to contain a supply of ink for a felt nib pen and to hold said pen when not in use and to wet and maintain its nib wet when the pen is held in place by the device comprising an open top ink bottle having a relatively large

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ratio of horizontal area to vertical height so as to be stable on a table or desk even while holding a pen, a cover detachably secured to the open top of said bottle, a deep vertical open top pen holding well projecting upwardly from said cover, 5 said well being hollow and having a reduced lower stem to provide a shoulder enabling it and the cover to be relatively secured, said stem being threaded and hollow and projecting down from said well at said shoulder, a nut threaded up- 10 wardly onto said stem for clamping said cover to said shoulder, a felt ring in and forming the bottom of said well, at the shoulder, a wick in said stem projecting up into and engaging said ring and projecting down into said bottle for main- 15 taining said ring wet with ink from said bottle, a perforate sleeve surrounding said wick for ri-

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gidifying it and spacing it from said stem, and a ring outside said well at its base and secured to the well and vertically spaced from said cover.

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