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Inkstands.

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Fig. 1.

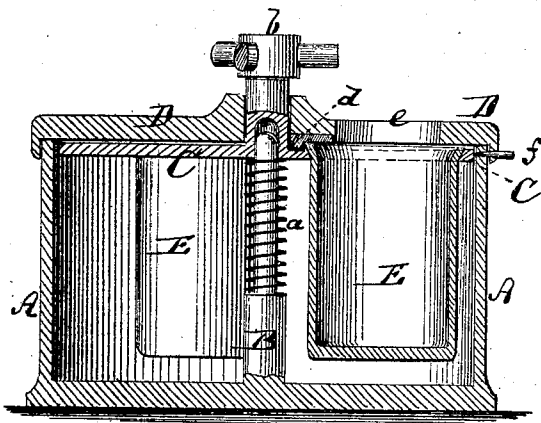
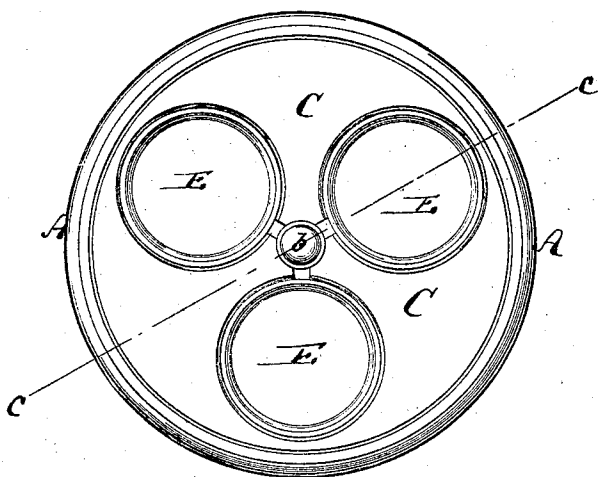


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN INKSTANDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JAMES B. THURSTON and FRANK M. WEST, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Inkstand, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a vertical central section of our improved inkstand, the line *c c*, Fig. 2, indicating the plane of section. Fig. 2 is a top view of the same, the cover D being removed.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention relates to an improvement in the class of inkstands or holders in which two or more receptacles are arranged to be revolved around a central axis to bring them successively or at pleasure under an opening in a cover; and it consists in suspending the ink-receptacles by their upper edges from a perforated disk or plate adapted to revolve in contact with the under side of the cover of the inkstand, and in the arrangement of a spring and lug or projection of the cover for locking the revolving disk, as herein described.

In the drawing, the letter A represents the outer shell or case of the inkstand. The same is of cylindrical form, of suitable size, and made of suitable material. B is a central post projecting upward from the bottom of the shell A, and serving as a support for a circular plate, C, and for a spiral spring, *a*, by means of which the plate C is lifted against the cover D of the case A. E E are a series of ink receptacles or bottles suspended from and through perforations in the disk C, there being three (more or less) of such receptacles on said disk. From the center of the disk C projects a knob or button, *b*, upward through a central hole in the cover D. By means of this knob or button the disk C with its suspended bottles E may be turned under the cover D. A lug or projection, *d*, on the under side of the cover D enters one of as many notches in the disk C as there are bottles in the same. The spring *a* holds the disk C against the cover D, and keeps, therefore, the said disk locked in the notch by the projection *d*. There is one open-

ing, *e*, formed through the cover D. That bottle E which is under said opening *e* will be open for use. All the other bottles on the disk C will be closed by the cover.

Whenever one of the closed bottles is required for use the knob *b* is depressed to carry the disk C clear of the lock *d*, and then the disk is turned by means of the button until the required bottle arrives under the opening *e*, whereupon the disk is relocked by the projection *d*.

This inkstand will be of particular advantage in all establishments in which various colors of inks are required for use, as there may be as many bottles E in the stand as it is desired to use different colors and kinds of ink.

The button *b* may have marked on it the names or kinds of ink contained in the bottles opposite its several sets, so that the person using the inkstand may by the button be enabled to see where the several bottles are placed.

The cover D is, by suitable means—such as by a pin, *f*, or otherwise—fastened to the shell A, so that it can be removed when desired.

The button *b* is, by preference, screwed upon or otherwise removably secured to the projecting center stem of the disk C. The bottles E are suspended from the disk C by their outwardly-flaring upper ends, as shown in Fig. 1, or in other suitable manner.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The ink-receptacles E, suspended by their upper edges from the perforated disk C, which is mounted on the post B so as to rotate in frictional contact with or directly beneath the cover D, as described.

2. The spring *a* and the locking-projection *d* arranged in combination with the swiveled disk C of the multiple inkstand, as set forth.

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