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Fig 1

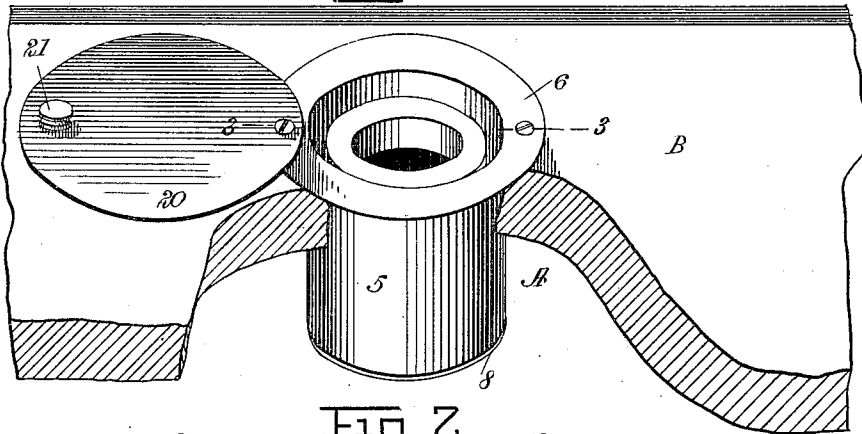


Fig 2

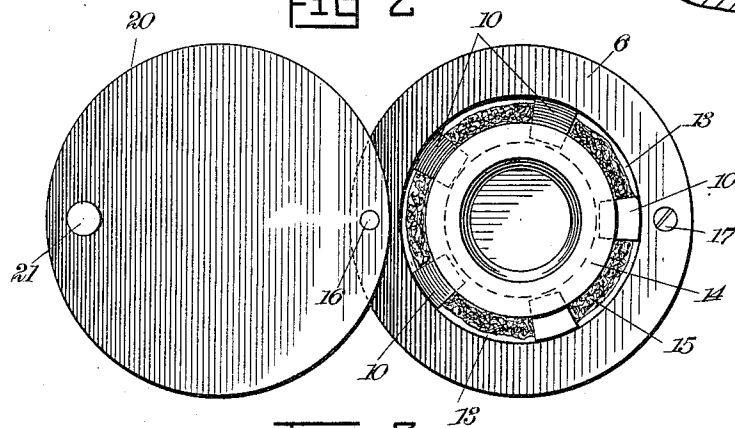


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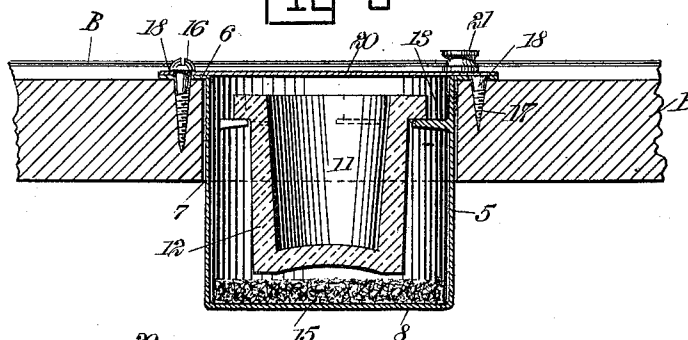
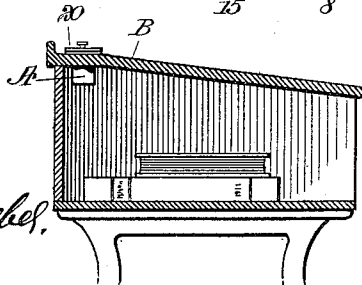


Fig 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES KRICKE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Beardstown, in the county of Cass and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Holder for Ink-Wells, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to holders for ink-wells of the kind used more particularly in connection with school desks, having a vertical opening in its top into which the well is set in a position bringing the top of the well flush with the desk top, and the bottom of the well extending into the receptacle or drawer located below the desk top. In the arrangement of the ink-well as just described, there is more or less chance of the ink spilling and spreading over the desk top, or the ink flowing over the side of the well and down through the opening in the desk top into the receptacle or drawer.

An object of the invention is to provide means to hold an ink-well of the ordinary construction now commonly used in school desks, and to so position the well as to bring its top below the surface of the desk top, thereby preventing the spilling and spreading of ink on the top of the desk.

A further object of the invention is to provide means whereby any spilled ink or surplus ink overflowing on filling the well may be caught and retained in the bottom of the holder and prevented from passing to the receptacle or drawer below, thereby protecting the books or papers contained in the receptacle or drawer.

The invention consists of novel features and parts, as will be more fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claim.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a portion of a desk top partly broken away, showing my improved holder in position; Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the holder; Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 4 is a sectional view of a desk, showing the holder in place.

The holder A, preferably made of metal in the form of a cup, has a cylindrical body

portion 5 provided at its upper edge with an outwardly extending flange 6 adapted to rest on the top of the desk top B to support the holder A in the opening 7 of the desk top B, and the holder is also provided with a bottom 8 to arrest and retain any ink in the lower portion of the cup-shaped body that may spill or overflow from the well.

The inner surface of the body portion of the holder is provided with lugs 10 for the flanges of the ink well 11 to rest on, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the said lugs being located a suitable distance from the top of the holder to bring the top of the well, when placed in the holder, below the surface of the top flange 6. The lugs are arranged in a horizontal plane and equally spaced apart, their inner ends engaging the side of the well 11 just below the flange, thereby holding the well concentrically within the holder and providing a space between the inner face of the holder and the periphery of the flange and the side of the well, to permit spilled ink to pass to the bottom of the holder. The lugs 10 are arranged with respect to the top and bottom of the holder, to provide a space above the well and a space between the bottom of the well and the bottom of the holder, the latter space to receive any ink that may spill or overflow, and the said space may be filled with absorbing material or a disk of absorbing material may be placed at the bottom of the holder to absorb the spilled ink.

From the foregoing description, it will be readily understood that the well is so positioned within the holder as to be spaced from the latter above, below and around its side. In the bottom of the holder and below the well is placed a disk 15 of suitable absorbing material to absorb any ink that may find its way through the space 13 and drop to the bottom of the holder. In addition to supporting the holder in the opening of the desk top, the holder is rigidly secured to the desk top, by screws 16, 17 or other suitable means, the screws passing through holes 18, 18 in the flange 6 of the holder and into the desk top B. The screw 16 performs the function of a pivot for the cover 20 of the holder. The cover 20 when in its open position as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, completely uncovers the open end of the holder, thereby giving access to the entire mouth or open end of the well for the pur-

pose of filling the well or dipping a pen. The cover is provided near its outer edge and opposite the pivotal point 16 with a knob 21.

5 It will be understood that I do not confine myself to the cylindrical form of the holder, as any polygonal holder may be adapted suitable to the exterior form of the well.

10 From the arrangement described, it will be obvious that from the position of the well in the holder, with the cover of the holder in an open position, the well can be readily filled, as the entire open end or mouth of the
15 well is exposed. Should, however, through carelessness in pouring ink into the well, some of the ink strike the flange of the well, the spilled ink will flow over the sides of the well and through the space provided be-
20 tween its sides and the holder to the bottom of the holder, there to be absorbed by the material within the holder and supported by the bottom of the holder preventing ink from dropping into the receptacle or drawer
25 of the desk.

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

A holder for ink-wells comprising an imperforate cup-shaped holder having an upper open end provided at said end with an outwardly extending flange to support the holder in an opening in a desk, lugs integral with the holder extending inwardly from the body portion and below the top of the holder, an ink-well provided at its upper end with an outwardly extending flange to rest on the lugs and support the well centrally within the holder and below its open end, providing space above, below and around the sides of the well to permit spilt ink to flow to the bottom of the holder, a cover pivotally connected to the flange of the holder and adapted to swing outwardly in a horizontal plane to uncover the open end of the holder, and absorbing material in the holder supported by the bottom of the holder and spaced from the bottom of the well.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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