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INK WELL.

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Fig. 1

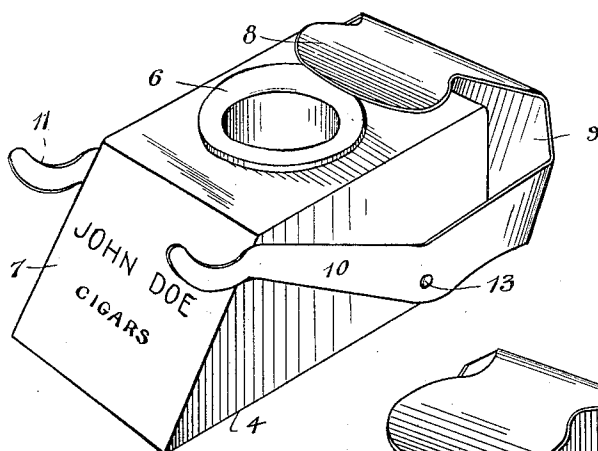


Fig. 2

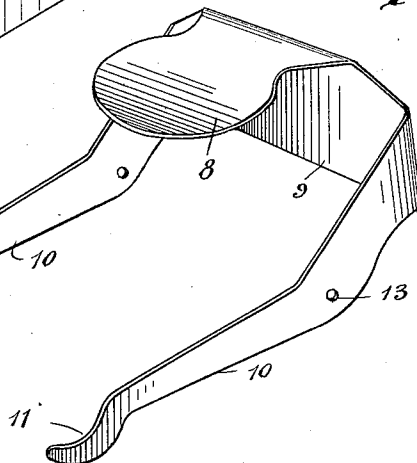
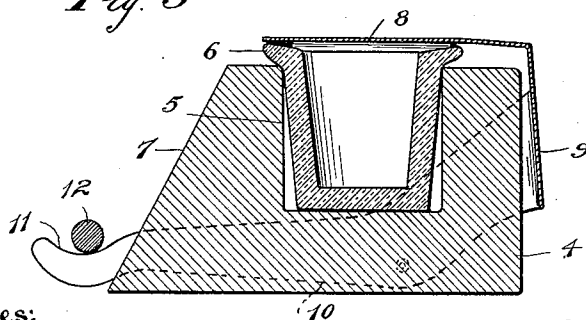


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, LOUIS J. SCHAEFER and WARREN T. THOMSON, citizens of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ink-Wells, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates more particularly to an ink-well having a cover for protecting the contents thereof, and its particular objects are to arrange such cover in combination with a support for the pen so that when the pen is removed from the support, the cover will open automatically, and when the pen is returned to the support, the weight thereof will cause the cover to return to closed position.

Further objects of our invention are to provide a simple and inexpensive construction and to arrange the base or body of the ink-well so that it is readily adapted for advertising purposes.

We attain these objects and such other advantages as will appear hereinafter by means of the improved ink-well shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the complete well, with the cover attached; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the cover and pen support; and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view showing the cover in closed position.

As shown in these drawings, 4 indicates a block or base having a recess or hole 5 in the top thereof to receive the well proper 6. We prefer to make the base 4 of some light material, such as wood, and insert a glass well therein as indicated, although these parts may be made of any suitable material, and if desired, the ink may be poured directly into the hole or opening 5. The front end of the block 4 is preferably made beveled or sloping, as indicated at 7, to receive lettering or advertising matter thereon, if desired.

The combined ink-well cover and pen holder support comprises a main body portion 9 which extends across the back of the base 4, to which body portion the cover 8 is connected; this main body portion also being provided with forwardly projecting arms 10 having curved ends 11 for receiving the pen holder 12. These arms are pivoted

at 13 to the sides of the base 4, the pivotal points being sufficiently far advanced so that the weight of the plate 9 and connected parts back of the pivots will overcome the weight of the forwardly extending portions of the arms so that the back plate will tend to swing down, thereby raising the cover 8 and swinging it back as indicated in Fig. 1. The length of the arms 10, however, is sufficient so that when an ordinary pen is placed in the support formed by the curved or hooked ends 11, it will overcome the weight of the parts extending back of the pivots, thereby causing the arms to swing downwardly to the position indicated in Fig. 3.

In order to make this device as economical as possible and to also make it neat and graceful in appearance, we prefer to form the back or main body portion 9, arms 10 and cover 8 out of a single blank, the cover portion and arms being bent to proper position as clearly indicated in the drawings. It will be noted that by having the parts arranged and proportioned as shown, the cover 8 will swing up and back so as to leave a full opening to the well 6, so that the pen may be conveniently inserted therein, and this well may also be readily removed, if desired, for cleaning or filling.

The operation of our improved ink-well will be readily understood from the foregoing description and the accompanying drawings. When the well has been filled and the pen holder 12 is in position, the cover 8 will be closed tightly over the top of the well 6. Then, when the pen holder 12 is removed for writing, the cover falls back to the position indicated in Fig. 1, leaving the well open for use. When the user is through using the pen holder, the mere replacement of the same in the supports 11 causes the cover to be again closed over the top of the well. It will also be observed that as the pen holder lies across the front end of the block or base 4, the user of the device will be apt to glance at the front, sloping end of the base at each time he removes or returns the pen, so that this sloping surface forms a desirable space for placing advertising matter or the like.

Having thus described our invention, which, however, we do not wish to limit to the exact details of construction or arrangement of parts herein shown and described,

except as may be set out in the appended claim, what we claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

5 A blank for a combined ink-well cover and pen holder support, comprising a main body portion having integrally formed arms, and an integral cover portion, said arms and cover portion being adapted to be bent

at approximately right angles to the body portion to form the completed structure.

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