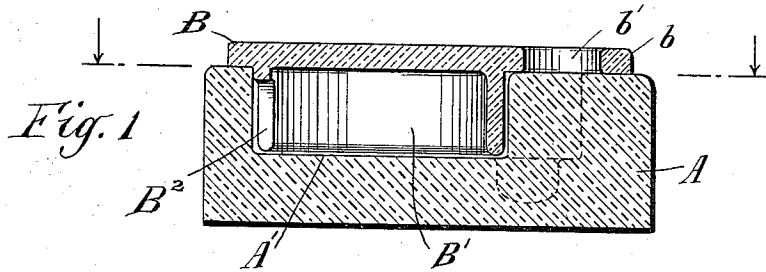


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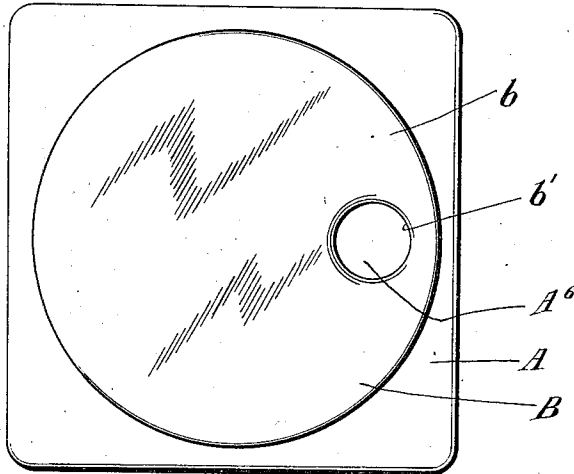
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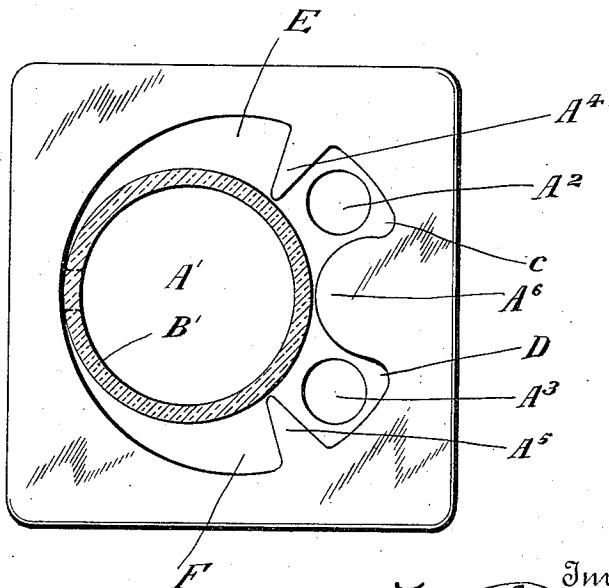
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*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 3*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK M. ASHLEY, a citizen of the United States, and resident of New York city, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Inkstands, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to inkstands, and the object of same is to provide a stand of simple construction comprising two parts which consist of a body portion having a well therein, and a cover for same.

A further object is to provide a well of such dimensions and forms as will conduce to a high degree of utility.

Referring to the drawings which form a part of this specification,—Figure 1, is a cross sectional view through the center of the inkstand. Fig. 2, is a plan view of the inkstand. Fig. 3, is a plan view of the body portion of the stand and a sectional plan view through the depending wall of the cover taken on the dotted line of Fig. 1.

A, indicates the body portion of the stand which is provided with a well A', in which is formed one or more depressions A<sup>2</sup> and A<sup>3</sup> as indicated in the drawings, located near the side of the well.

The base or body portion A, is preferably square in form, and the well A' is formed by striking a circle from a point at the center of the square, and from the sides of said circle forming the inwardly projecting portions A<sup>4</sup>, A<sup>5</sup> and A<sup>6</sup>, which serve as guides for the depending wall B' of the cover B, and also serve in forming the chambers C, D, E and F, C and D of which serve as dips or dip chambers.

The depth of the reservoir A' is preferably less than the length of a commercial pen, and the depressions A<sup>2</sup> and A<sup>3</sup> are of sufficient depth to bring the ink to the eye of the pen when the main reservoir is empty.

The cover B comprises a flange portion b, having an opening b' extending there-through, and also having a depending wall B' which extends within the reservoir A' and contacts with the wall and portions A<sup>4</sup>, A<sup>5</sup> and A<sup>6</sup>, as shown.

By this arrangement, the wall B' and wall of the reservoir are separated a sufficient distance to prevent ink in the reservoir from raising between the walls by

capillary action and appearing on the top of the stand, which is objectionable.

The wall B' is provided with a vent B<sup>2</sup>, through which the air may escape when the cover is placed in position on the body portion with ink in the reservoir.

The flange portion b of the cover extends from the portion B' and covers the chambers C, D, E and F, and by turning the cover relative to the base portion, the opening b' may be brought above either of the chambers, and said chambers may be closed by bringing the opening b' above the portion A<sup>6</sup>, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2.

It will be noted that by this construction any one chamber may be opened for use while the others are closed from atmospheric communication, thereby preventing evaporation of ink to a considerable degree, since the area of ink exposed to the air is confined to that of the open chamber.

The stand has a large ink capacity and is of simple construction and ornamental in appearance and possesses utility in a high degree.

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

1. An inkstand of the character described, having a body portion provided with a reservoir, and having a projecting portion extending from the inner wall of said reservoir toward the center thereof; and a rotatable cover resting on said body portion and having a depending wall located adjacent to said projecting portion and forming with said projecting portion a plurality of chambers between said cover and body portion, said cover having a dip opening which may be moved above either of said chambers.

2. An inkstand having a body portion provided with a reservoir; a rotatable cover having a dip opening and a depending portion extending within said reservoir, and means located within said reservoir for guiding said cover and forming in connection therewith a plurality of reservoirs, either of which may be placed in communication with said dip opening.

3. An inkstand having a body portion provided with a reservoir and also provided with a dip chamber; a cover having a dip opening and also having a depending portion extending within said reservoir, and means located within said reservoir for

guiding said cover to bring said dip opening above said dip chamber and forming in connection therewith a plurality of reservoirs.

5 4. In an inkstand of the character described, a body portion having a reservoir presenting a side wall, a rotatable cover for said reservoir having a depending wall and a dip opening and means for guiding said  
10 depending wall a predetermined distance from said side wall and also forming independent chambers in said reservoir between said side wall and depending wall, said  
15 cover being adjustable to bring said dip opening above one of said chambers.

5. In an inkstand, a body portion having a reservoir provided with a side wall, a cover having a dip opening, and a depending wall which contacts with said side wall at  
20 one point and is free to rotate in contact therewith and be guided thereby, and means for separating said walls a predetermined distance from each other.

6. An inkstand comprising a base portion  
25 having a reservoir therein and having an inwardly projecting portion extending within said reservoir and having a separate projection projecting into said reservoir a short  
30 distance from said first named projection and forming a dip chamber between said projections, and a cover for said reservoir having a portion provided with an opening  
35 to permit a pen to be inserted in said dip chamber, and adapted to close said chamber and reservoir when the said opening in the cover is brought above one of said inwardly projecting portions of the base.

7. An inkstand comprising a base portion having a reservoir therein and having an in-

wardly projecting portion and having an  
40 inwardly extending portion within said reservoir at each side of said first mentioned projecting portion to form dip openings, and a cover for said reservoir having an  
45 opening to permit a pen to be inserted in said dip openings, and adapted to close said reservoir when the opening is brought above the said first mentioned inwardly projecting portion of the base.

8. An inkstand comprising a body portion  
50 having a reservoir therein and having an inwardly projecting portion extending within said reservoir, and a cover for said reservoir having an opening to permit a pen to be  
55 inserted in said reservoir, and adapted to close said reservoir when the opening is brought above said inwardly projecting portion of the base, said cover having a depending wall which extends within said reservoir and  
60 abuts said inwardly projecting portion of the base and the inner wall of said reservoir.

9. An inkstand comprising a base portion and a cover, said cover having a depending  
65 guide and a dip opening, and said base portion having a reservoir and a number of inwardly projecting portions, the ends of which directly abut said guide, and one of which is of greater area than said opening, and serves to close said dip opening in the  
70 cover.

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