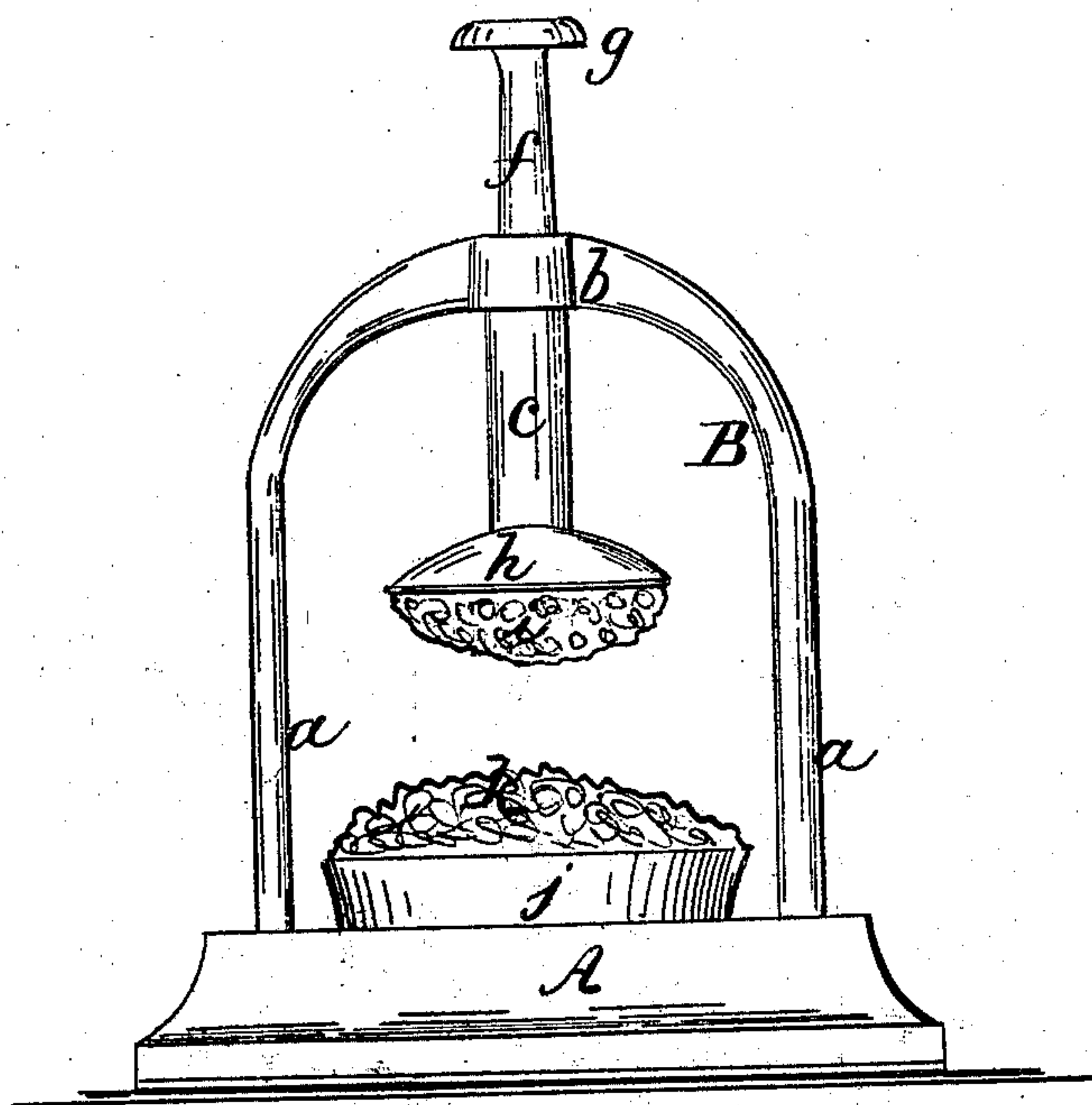


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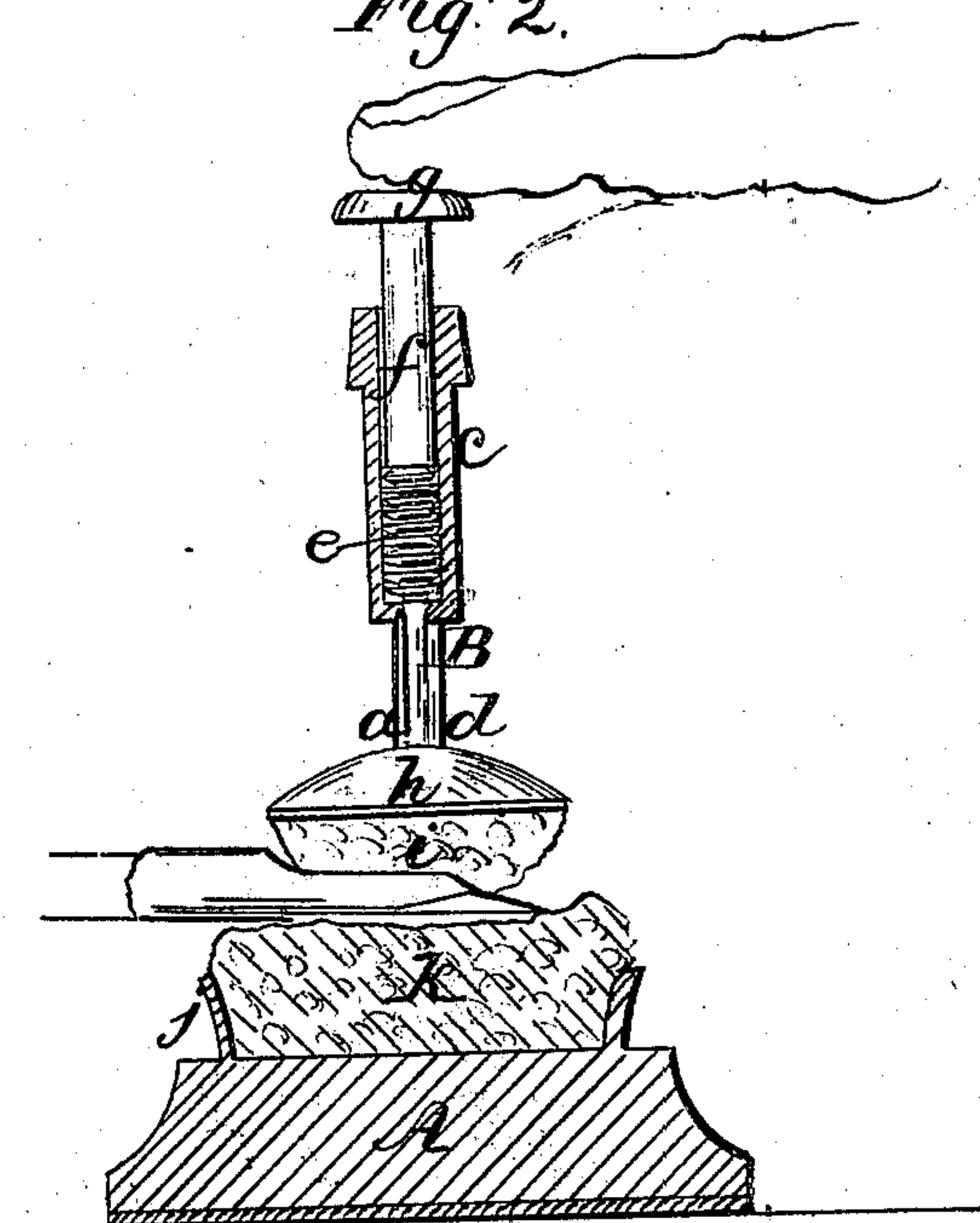
*Pen Winer & Paper Weight.*

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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## PEN-WIPER AND PAPER-WEIGHT.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 23,195, dated March 8, 1859.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN L. ROWE, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Implement or  
5 Device to Serve as a Pen-Wiper and Paper-Weight; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this  
10 specification, in which—

Figure 1, is a front view of my invention. Fig. 2, is a transverse vertical and central section of ditto.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the two figures.

This invention consists in having attached to a proper base or weight a cup or receptacle in which a sponge or other suitable absorbent is placed, and also having attached  
20 to said base or weight a frame in which the arbor of a pressure pad, also an absorbent, is fitted, the whole being arranged substantially as hereinafter fully shown and described, whereby an excellent pen wiper in  
25 connection with a paper weight is obtained.

To enable those skilled in the art to fully understand and construct my invention, I will proceed to describe it.

A, represents the base of the implement  
30 which may be of cast iron of any proper dimensions and of rectangular or other form. To the base A, a frame B, is attached, said frame being formed of two uprights *a, a*, connected by a semi-circular cross-tie *b*,  
35 which has a pendent tube *c*, at its center, said tube serving as a socket for an arbor or spindle *d*, within which and around the arbor a spiral spring *e*, is placed, as shown clearly in Fig. 2. To the upper end of the  
40 arbor or spindle *d*, a rod *f*, of larger diameter than the arbor a spindle *d'*, is attached, and a button *g*, is at the upper end of rod *f*. To the lower end of the arbor or spindle *d*, an inverted concave or dish-shaped plate *h*  
45 is attached and within the concave of this plate a sponge *i*, or other suitable absorbent is secured.

The frame B, and tube *c*, may be cast in one piece, malleable iron castings being used  
50 so as to admit of the lower ends of the up-

right portions *a, a*, of the frame passing through the base and being secured therein by riveting. The arbor or spindle may be of wrought or malleable cast iron.

On the base A, there is attached a cup or  
55 receptacle *j*. This cup may be cast with the base and directly at its center so as to be immediately under the sponge *i*. The cup *j*, is somewhat larger in diameter than the plate *h*, and it contains a sponge *k*, which  
60 may be secured in it by any proper means.

The spring *e*, has a tendency to keep the sponge *i*, elevated, as the upper end of the spring bears against the lower edge of *f*, the plate *h*, serving as a stop in consequence  
65 of bearing against the lower end of tube *c*, see Fig. 1.

The pen is cleaned by laying it on the sponge *k*, as shown in red, Fig. 2, and then depressing the sponge *i*, upon it by pressing  
70 down the button *g*, by means of the finger, the pen being drawn several times between the two sponges until perfectly cleaned. The sponge *k*, may be kept moist by saturation, the cup *j*, preventing any casual drip-  
75 ping from the base in consequence of the pressure to which it may be subjected.

The base A, is to be sufficiently heavy to retain the implement in place when used and the implement therefore will serve the office  
80 of a paper weight, as the weight necessary to retain the implement will be sufficient for such purpose, and as both devices are intended for the desk, a very useful combination is obtained.  
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Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is,

The base or weight A, with cup *j*, attached, provided with the sponge *k*, in connection with the pressure pad or sponge *i*,  
90 connected with the base by means of the frame B, and arranged as shown and described, or in an equivalent way, for the purpose set forth.

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