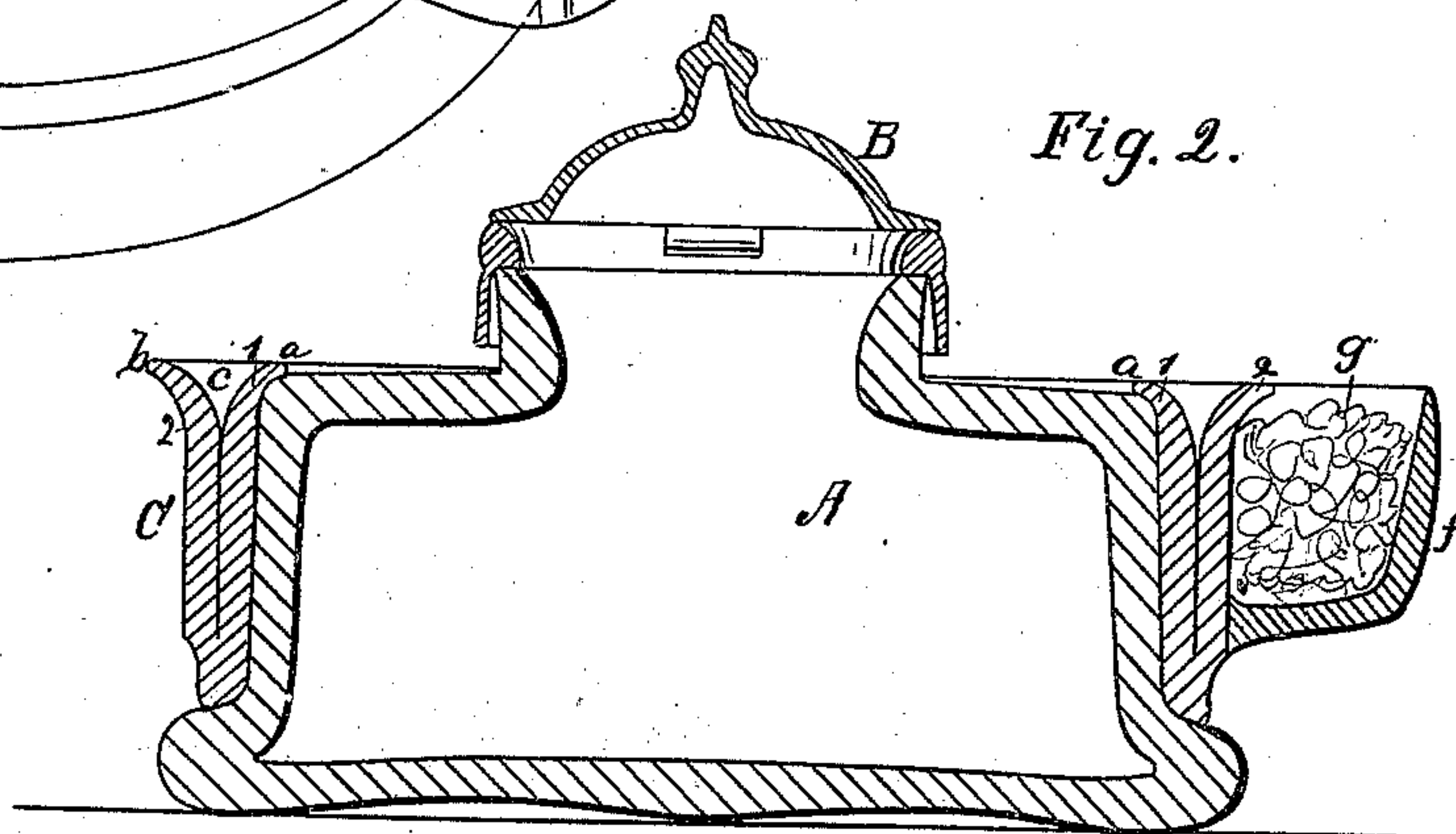
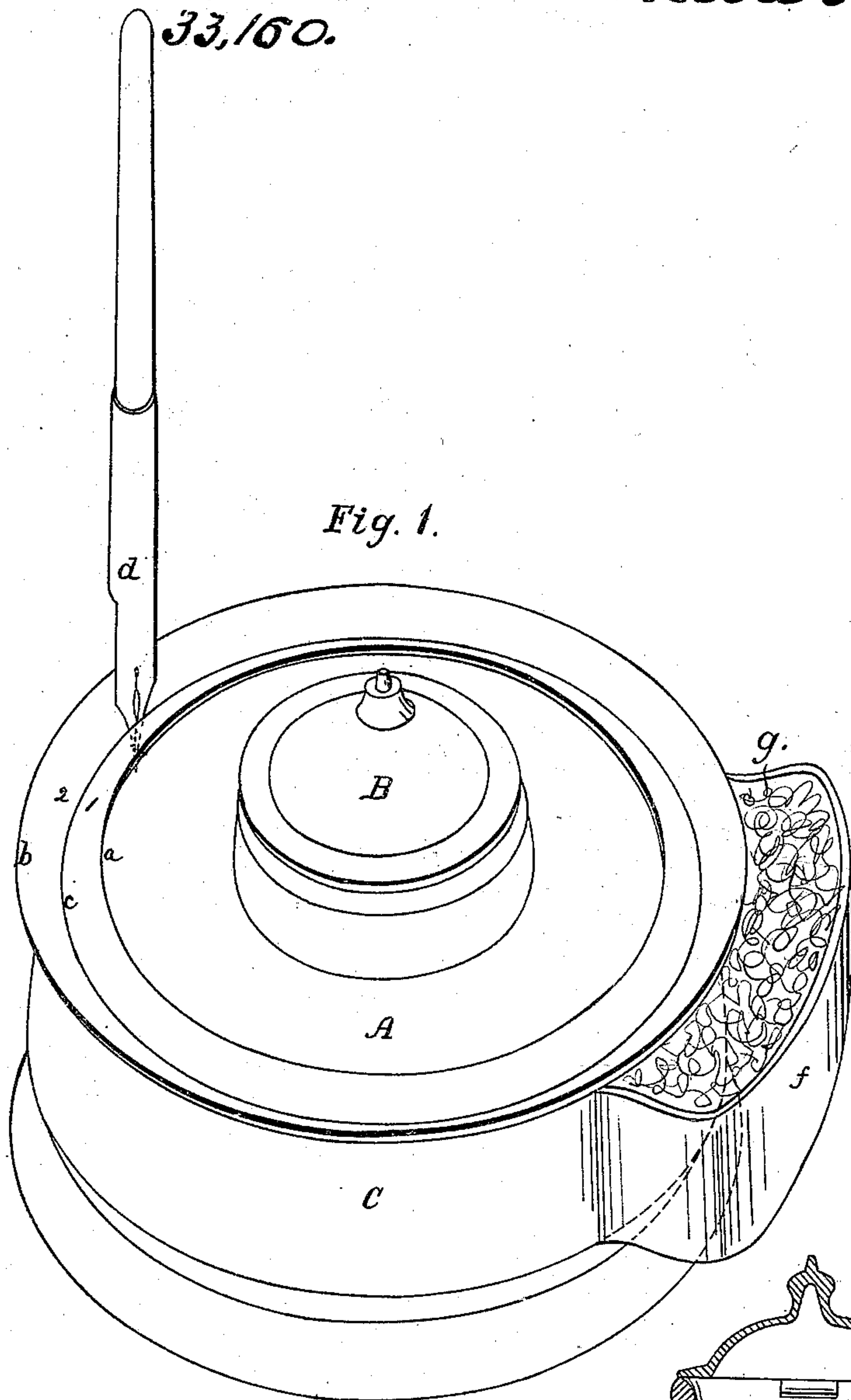


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ELASTIC PEN-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH W. PEARSON, of Winchester, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Elastic Pen Rack or Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of my improved elastic pen-holder applied to an inkstand; Fig. 2, a vertical section through the same.

The ordinary pen-rack, which is placed on the desk to hold pens when they are not in use, occupies considerable room on the desk, and is often in the way. The object of my present invention is to produce a neat and convenient receptacle for pens when they are not in use; and my invention consists in the elastic pen-holder to be hereinafter described.

That others skilled in the art may understand and use my invention I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried out the same.

In the said drawings, A is an ordinary glass inkstand, the metal cap B of which is hinged and can be turned back to open the inkstand. An elastic band C, of vulcanized india-rubber, surrounds the body of the inkstand and fits tightly to it. This band is formed double for nearly its whole depth, making a continuous groove or trough *c* entirely around the edge of the inkstand, the inner upper edge of the band being turned over, as at *a*, to embrace the edge of the stand, while the outer edge *b* flares out away from it. This trough *c* forms a receptacle, in which the pens when not in use may be stood up, as shown at *d*, Fig. 1,

the elasticity of the band permitting the parts 1 and 2 to be forced asunder by the pen as it is entered between them, while they hold it firmly and prevent it from falling over.

The soft and elastic rubber does not injure the point of the the pen, and is not itself injured by any ink which may be left adhering to the pen. When much daubed with ink, the band may be easily removed by slipping it off from the inkstand to be washed.

In some cases I propose to attach to one side of the band C a short trough *f* (shown in red) to contain a sponge *g*, on which to wipe the pen after using it and before it is thrust into the groove *c*.

Where cheapness is an object, the band C may be single or consisting only of the outer portion 2, with its flaring lip *b*. In this case the side of the inkstand itself would form one side of the groove *c*; but this modification of my invention I do not consider so good as that first described.

The band C will of course be varied in its form to suit inkstands of different patterns, and may even be applied to some other article—for example, to a paper-weight—but I prefer to have it on the inkstand, as the pen is then more convenient for use.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The elastic band C for holding pens when they are not in use, operating substantially as specified.

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