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Fig. 1.

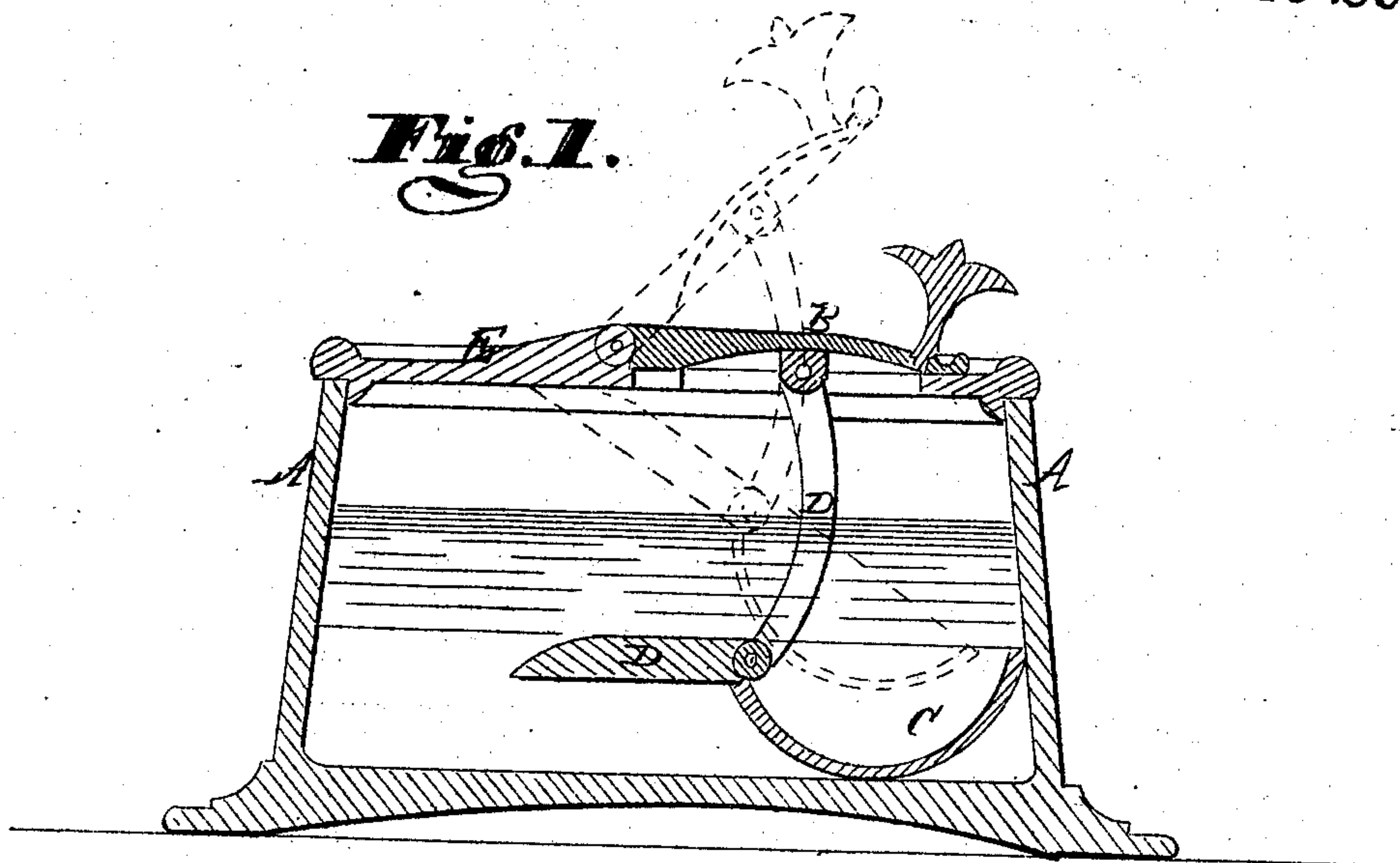
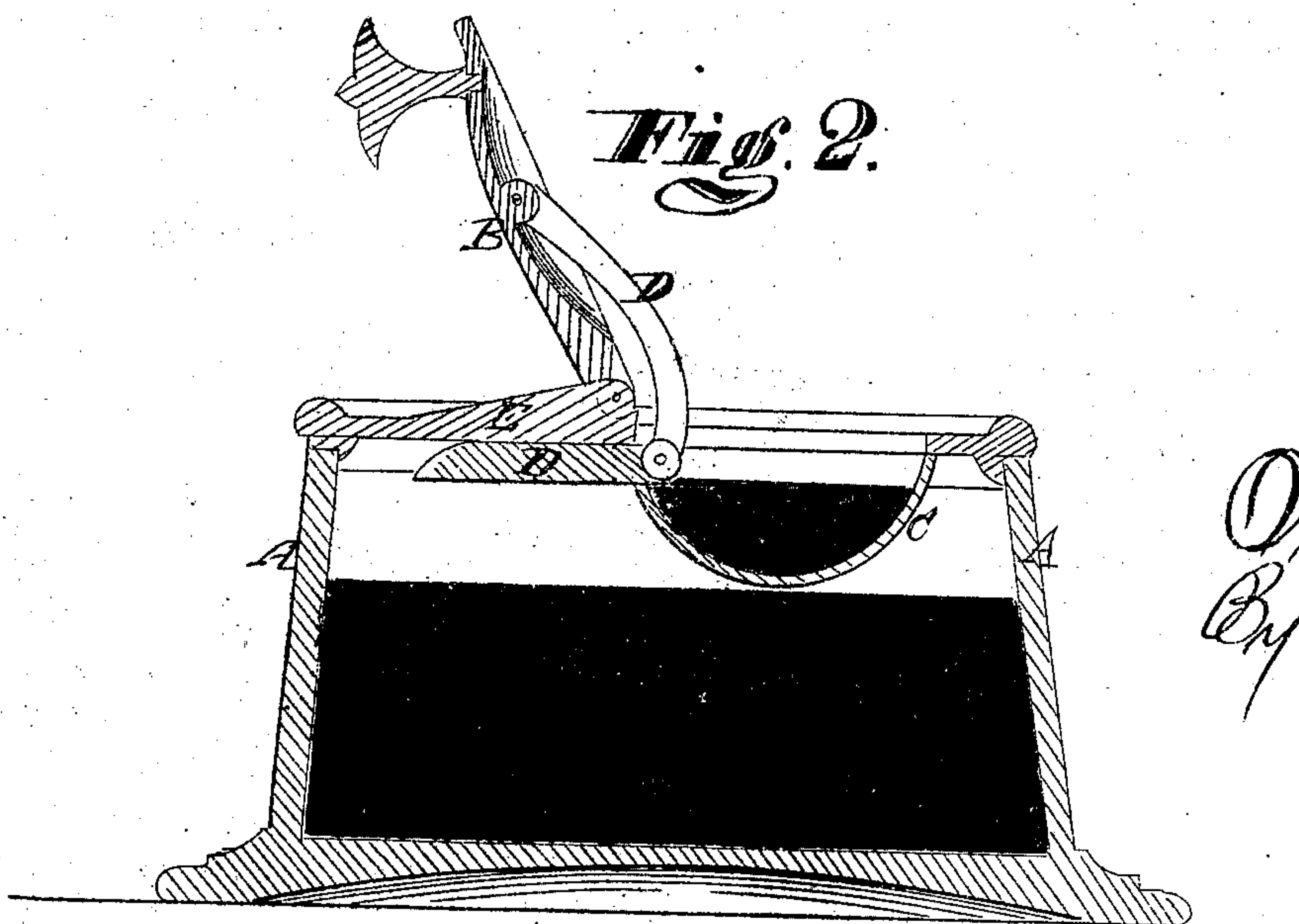


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN INKSTANDS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, OTIS DEAN, of Richmond, in the county of Henrico, and State of Virginia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Inkstands; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which are made a part of this specification.

The objects of this invention are to prevent or reduce evaporation, and facilitate the dipping of the ink.

My invention relates to that class of inkstands in which a dipping-cup is so attached to the cover that when the latter is closed, the cup will be immersed in the ink, and when it is opened will be drawn up under the mouth of the inkstand in convenient position for dipping.

My improvement consists in applying to the dipping-cup a rigid arm, which by contact beneath the top of the inkstand guides the cup into correct position under the mouth as the cover is raised, thus rendering the device more simple in construction and effective in operation, and avoiding the necessity of attaching the cup to the stationary top of the inkstand.

Figure 1 is a vertical section of an inkstand as closed, illustrating my invention.

Figure 2 is a similar view of the same as opened.

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

A represents an inkstand or reservoir, and B the hinged lid thereof; C is a dipper or ladle, which is connected to the under side of the lid B by means of the rod D. The dipper is raised to the mouth or opening G, when the lid is raised, and it contains a sufficient quantity for the occasion, facilitates dipping, and prevents evaporation from the main reservoir. The form of the inkstand is not material, that represented herein being merely a convenient type for illustration. The dipper C is provided with an arm, D', projecting from that side of it to which the elevating-rod D is attached. This mode of connection permits the dipper C to descend freely into the ink, and as it rises, the arm D', coming in contact with the under side of the top, E, guides the dipper up into correct position beneath the aperture in the top. The rim of the ladle C may have a flange ground or otherwise adapted to fit the under side of the top, E, and prevent evaporation.

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

The rigid arm D', attached to a dipper, C, which is connected to the lid by a rod, D, so as to operate in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

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