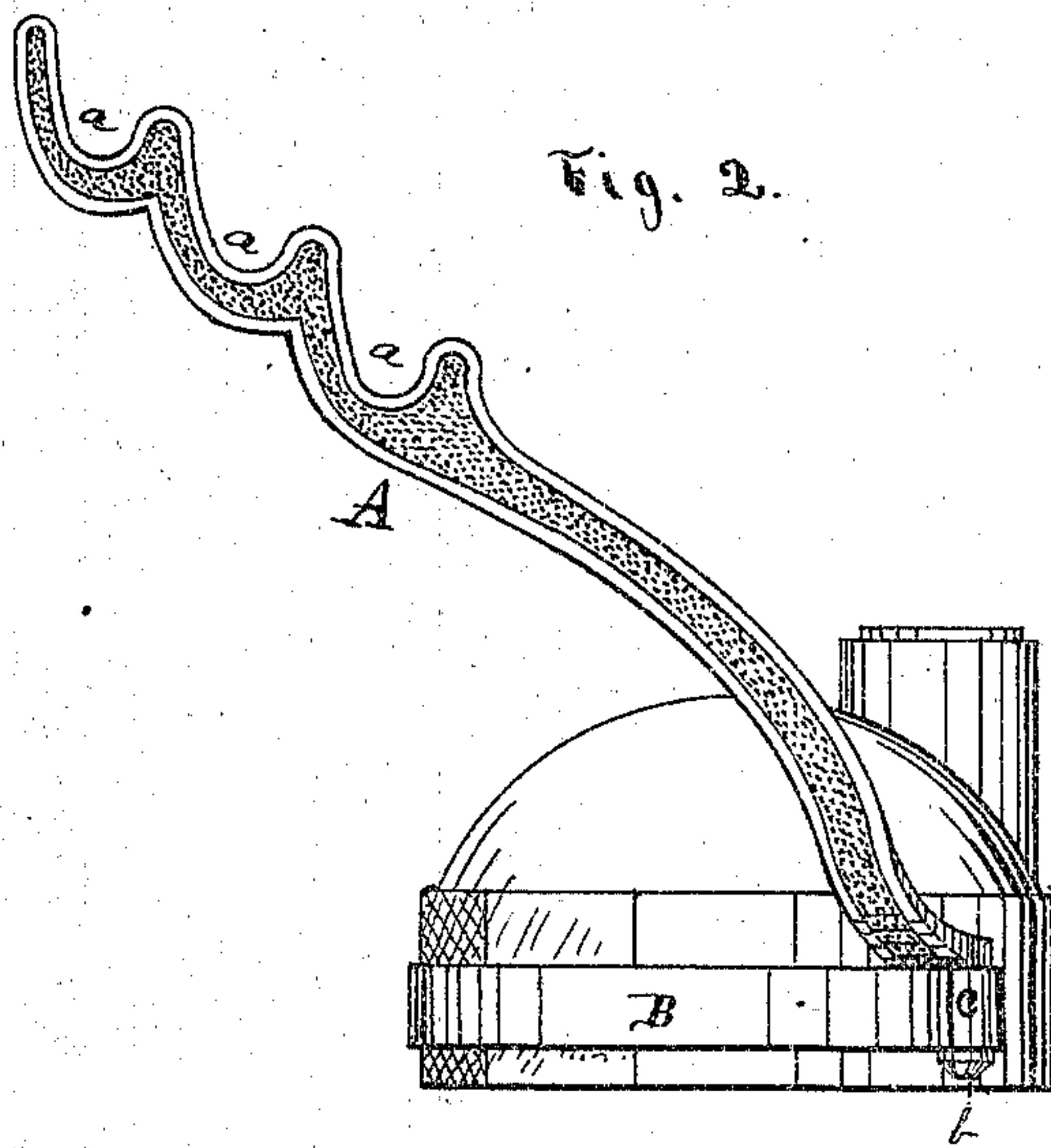
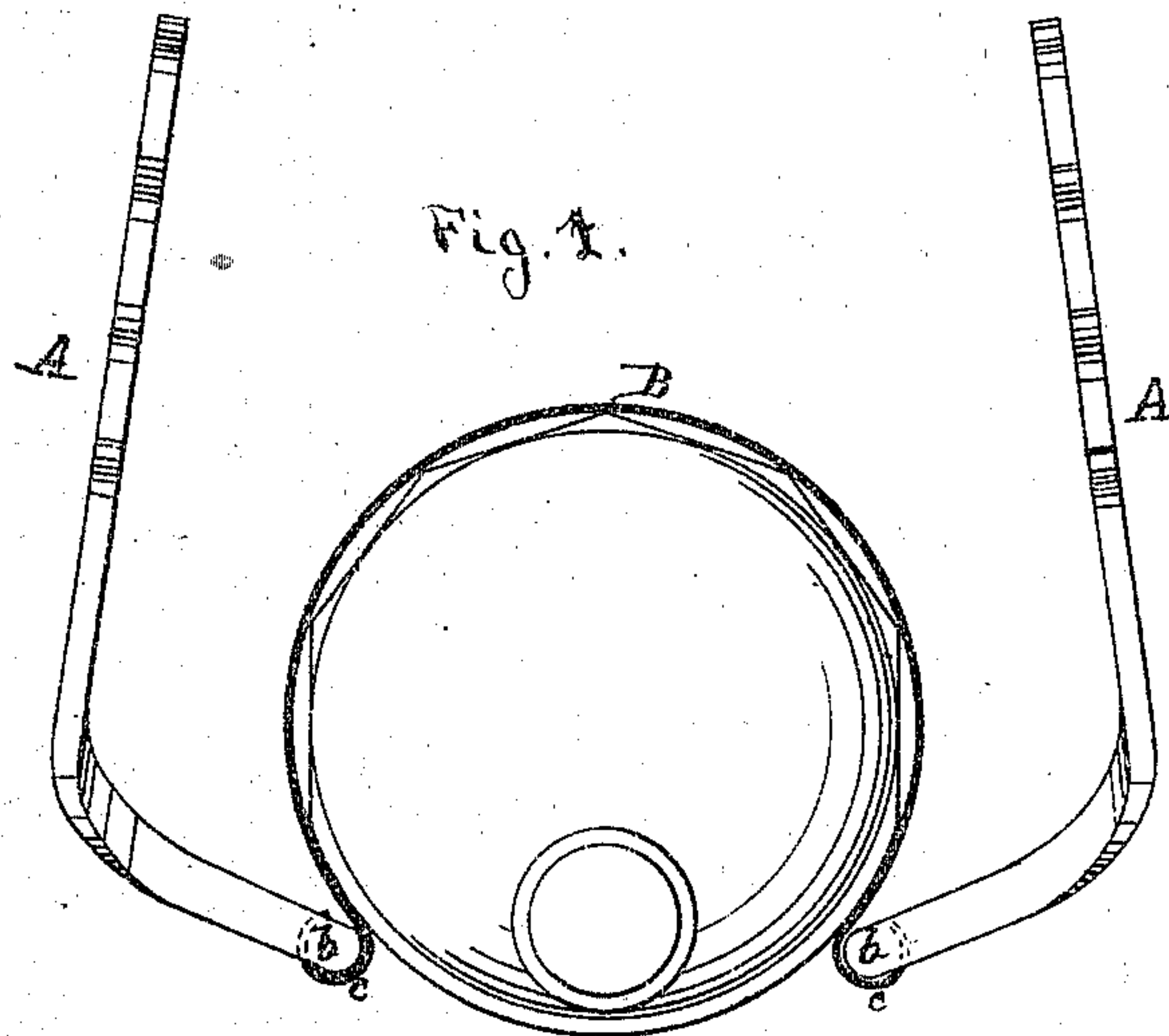


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## IMPROVEMENT IN PEN-RACKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD CLARKE, of Winchester, in the county of Litchfield and State of Connecticut, have invented an Improvement in Pen-Racks, and which is termed an Adjustable Pen-Rack, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists of an improved pen-rack, in which the arms are adjustably attached to the end of a clamp-spring, so that they may be adjusted to their proper relative position when the clamp is applied to an ink-stand, sand-boxes or other articles or fixture of varying sizes, as hereafter described.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a plan or top view of a pen-rack which embodies my invention, the same being shown as attached to an ink-stand; and Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same.

A A designate arms of any pleasing design and provided with suitable notches *a a a* for the reception of a pen-stick, pencil, or like article. At the lower end of each arm A I form a short shaft, *b*, Fig. 2. B designates a sheet-metal spring of U-form and provided with a small coil, *c*, at each end. The shafts *b b* are forced into the coils *c c*, which spring open to receive them, and have sufficient elasticity to hold the shafts *b b* within said coils and still allow the arms to be turned to any desired position or angle to suit the article upon which it is placed. The spring B is then sprung upon the sides of any ordinary ink-stand, D, so as to clasp the same, and the arms A A are adjusted sidewise by swinging said

arms upon the hinge formed by the shaft *b* and coil *c*, so that their ends may be set the desired distance from each other when the pen-rack is in position for use, as shown in the drawing.

If desired, the spring may be made in two or more parts overlapping each other and made to extend, by sliding endwise, something after the manner of spectacle-bows, by which arrangement the spring is adapted to ink-stands, sand-boxes, or other article or fixture of larger range of sizes than it can be with a spring composed of a single piece.

By my invention I produce a light and convenient pen-rack, which may readily and firmly be attached to ink-stands, &c., of varying sizes; its arms may be adjusted so as to bring their upper ends at the same distance from each other, whether the clamp-spring B is thrown open more or less, by clamping different-sized objects; its parts are detachable for convenience of shipping; and it can be produced at a very small cost.

I claim as my invention—

As a new article of manufacture, an adjustable pen-rack, in which the arms A A are adjustable upon the ends of the clamp-spring B, so that the upper ends of the arms may be set the desired distance from each other, although the clamp-spring may open more or less.

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