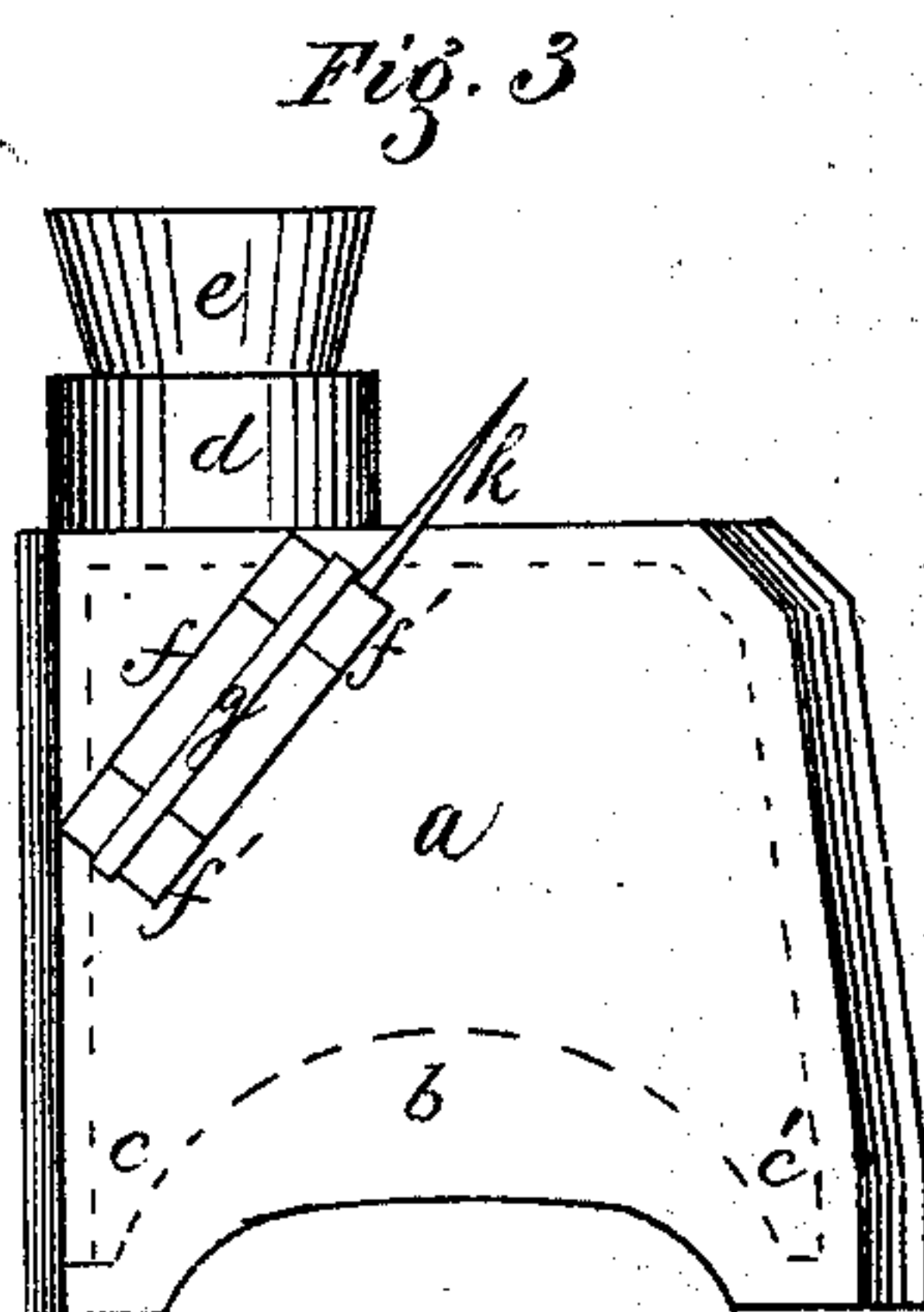
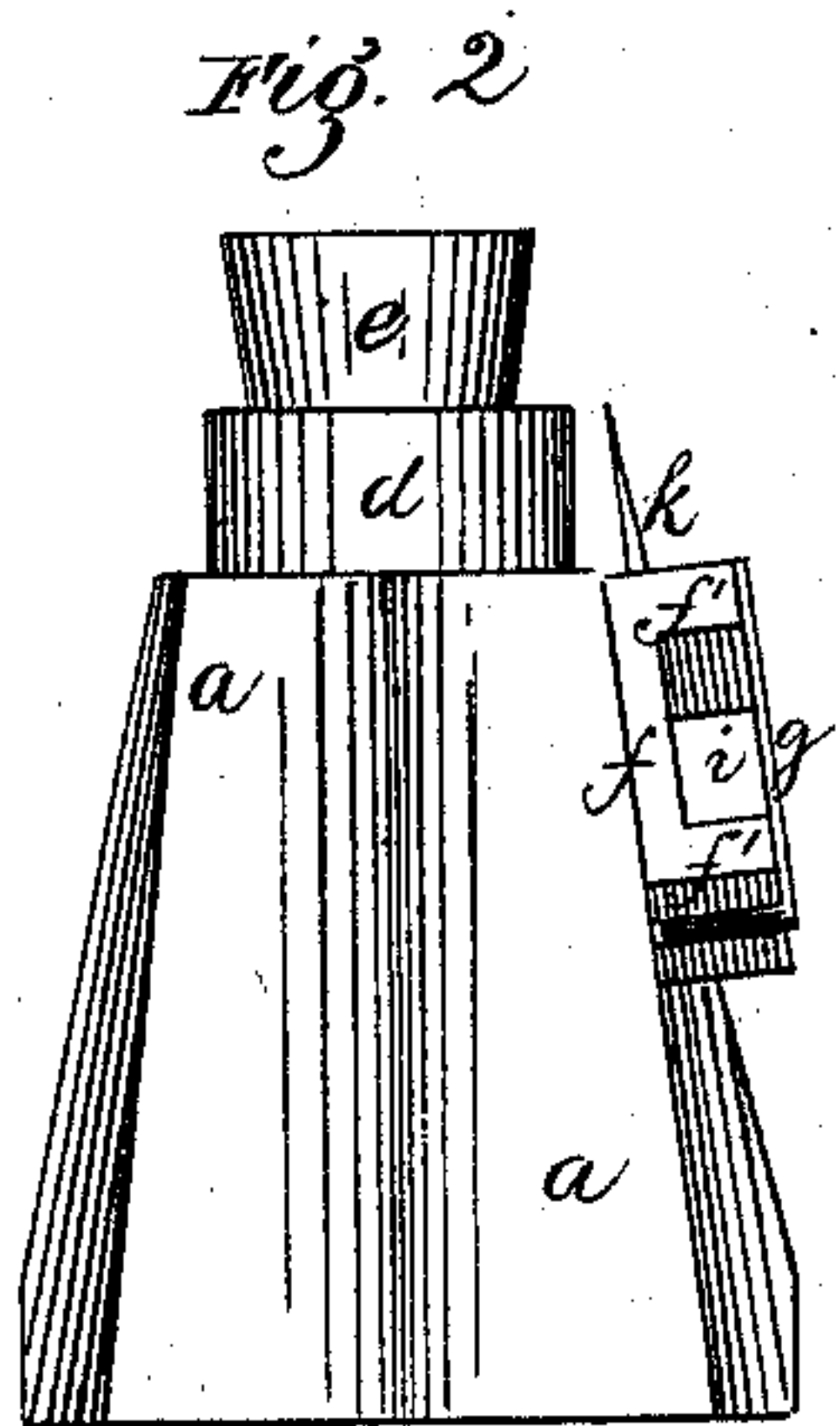
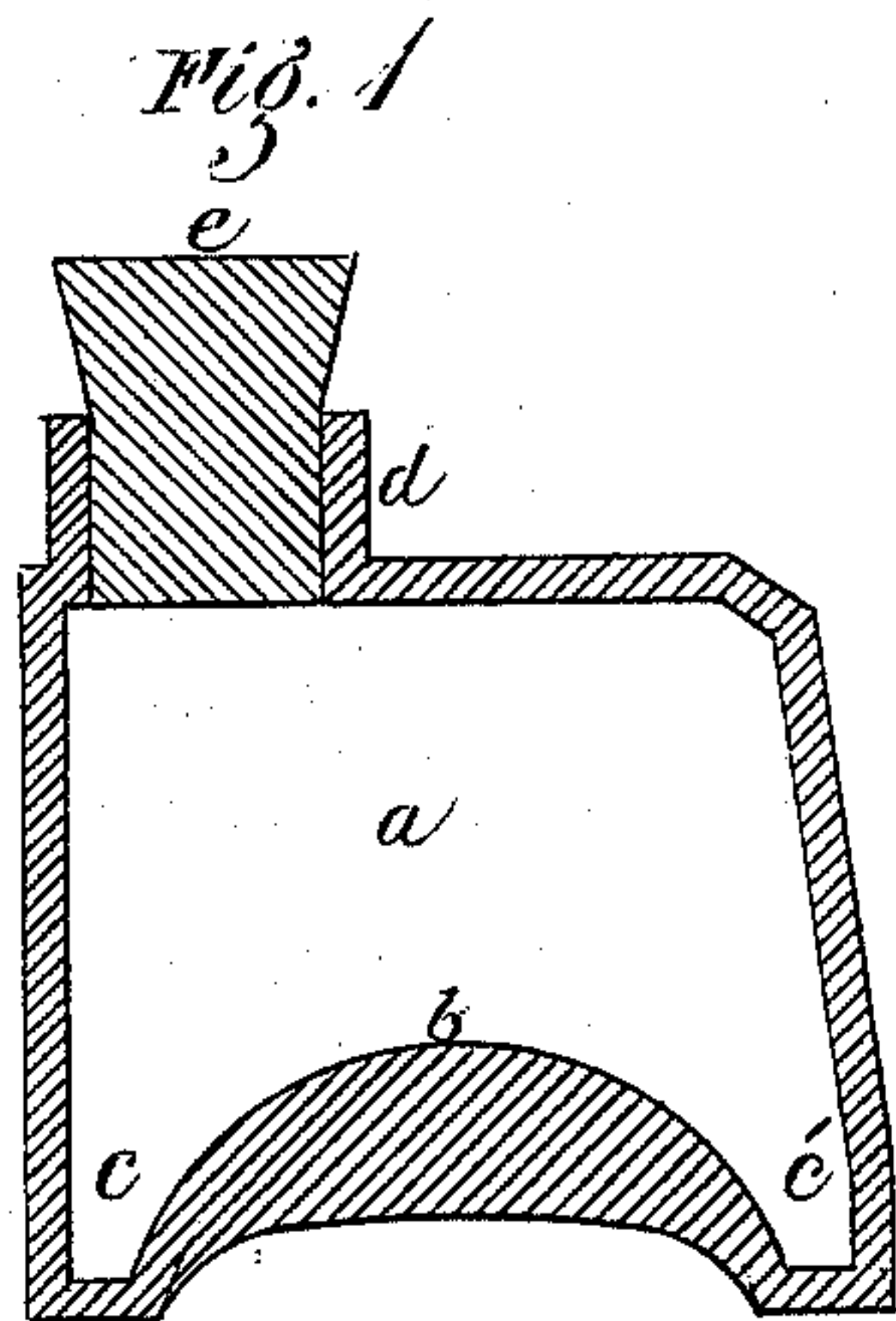


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IMPROVEMENT IN INKSTANDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM READ, Jr., of Cambridge, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Inkstands, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 of the accompanying drawing is a central vertical longitudinal section; Fig. 2 is a front view; and Fig. 3 is a side view of my improved inkstand.

The present invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in inkstands or bottles, whereby the ink is completely utilized without clogging the pen with sediment, and a support and rest are provided for the cork and pen when they are not in use. My improvements consist, mainly, in an ink bottle or stand, having its bottom elevated so as to separate the lower portion of the bottle into two compartments, into one of which the sediment is turned and retained, while the other receives the clear fluid and allows the pen to be fed from it, without being clogged, until the ink is entirely exhausted; also, of attaching to or forming on an inkstand or bottle a pen-holder, arranged as will be more fully explained in due course, and connecting with the same a support for the cork or stopper when withdrawn from the stand or bottle.

In the drawing, *a* represents the body of an ink bottle or stand, the bottom *b* of which is elevated in the center so as to form two compartments, *c c'*, in the bottom of the bottle or stand, which is formed at the forward part of the top with a collar, *d*, for the reception of a cork or other stopper, *e*. On the side, or any other desired portion of the bottle or stand, is attached or formed a pen-rest, *f*, having at each end projections *f' f'*, over the face of which extends a rubber or other elastic band or spring, *g*, forming a slot, *i*, in which is inserted and held a pen. Inserted in the top, or in any desired portion, of the pen-rest *f* is a needle or other point, *k*, that forms a support for the cork or stopper *e*, when withdrawn from the bottle or stand.

Owing to the ordinary formation of inkstands or bottles it is impossible to use all of

the ink, and when there is but little ink in the bottle much trouble and loss of time is occasioned by the necessary tipping up of the bottle in order to fill the pen, and great annoyance is caused by the collection on the pen of the sediment deposited on the bottom of the stand.

The above objections are obviated by my invention, which operates as follows: If the ink is low in the bottle it is only necessary to shake the bottle slightly and turn the ink into the rear compartment *c'*, where it remains until the sediment settles; the bottle is then tipped forward and the clear ink is conveyed into the front compartment *c*, from which the pen is fed until the ink is exhausted, without coming in contact with the sediment.

When the pen is not in use it is inserted in the slot *i*, and held by the projections *f' f'* and the rubber band or spring *g*.

The pen-rest *f* may be formed of glass, and blown on the bottle or stand; or of wood or any other suitable material, and attached to the bottle, &c., by glue, cement, or in any desired manner; or it may be arranged on the bottle or stand in any desired position.

Having thus fully described my improvements, what I claim as my invention, and desire to have secured to me by Letters Patent, is—

1. An inkstand or bottle having its bottom divided into compartments *c c'*, substantially as and for the purpose specified.
2. An inkstand or bottle having a pen-rest, *f*, formed with projections *f' f'*, and provided with an elastic band or spring, *g*, substantially as specified.
3. An inkstand or bottle having a pen-rest, *f*, provided with a cork or stopper support, *k*, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed by name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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