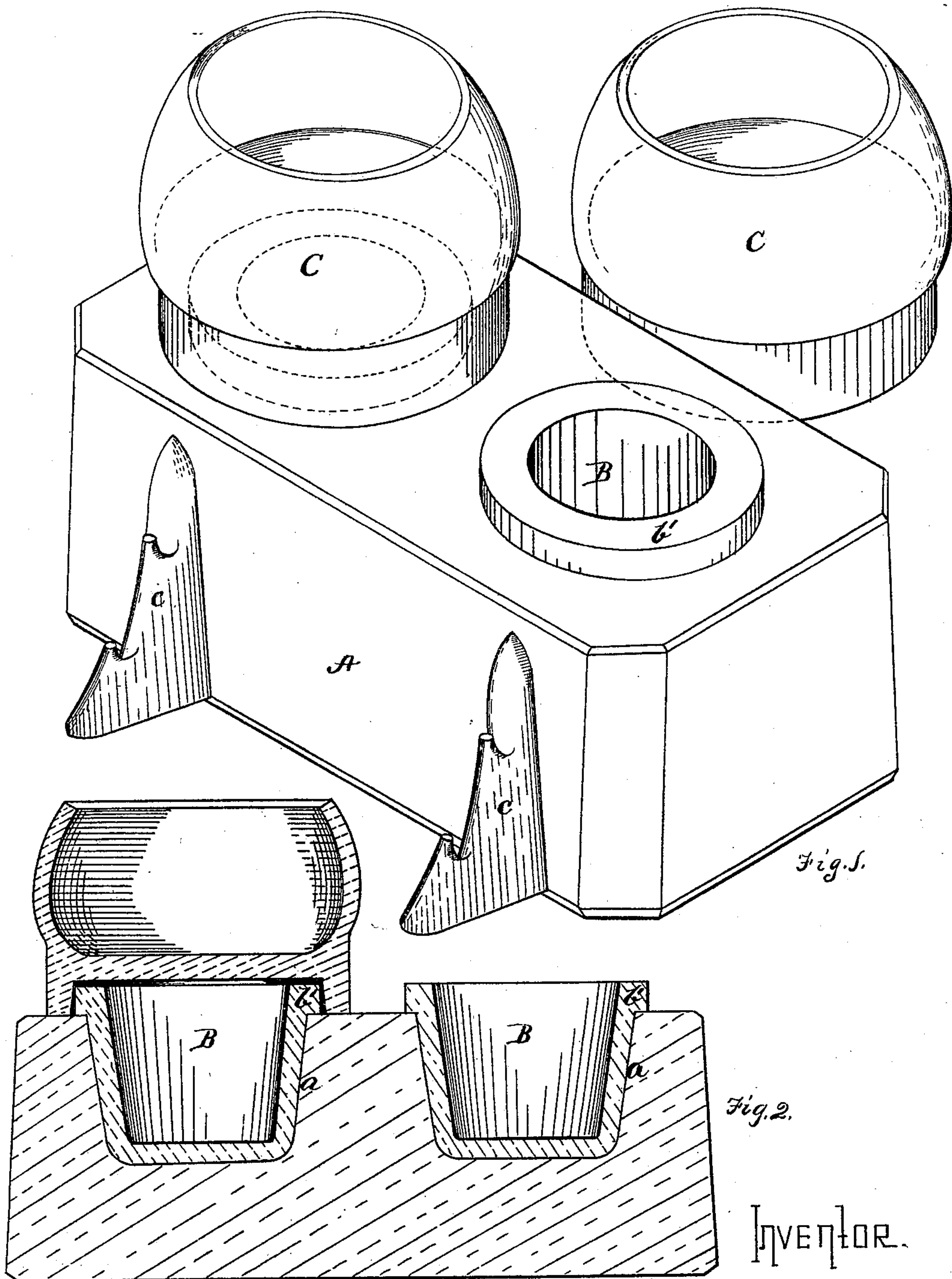


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INKSTAND

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IMPROVEMENT IN INKSTANDS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, JOHN OESTERLING, of Wheeling, in the county of Ohio and State of West 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 thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective of an inkstand embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the same.

Like letters refer to like parts wherever they occur.

My invention relates to the manufacture of glass inkstands.

I will now proceed to describe my invention, so that others skilled in the art to which it appertains may apply the same.

A indicates the base, having cavities *a a*, for the reception of the ink-cups B B, and provided with lugs or projections *c c*, which constitute a rack for the reception of pen-holders, pencils, and like articles. B B are ink-cups, fitted to the cavities *a a*, and, if preferred, provided with a flange, *b'*, which may support the cup within the cavity. If not provided with the flange, the cups B B will project slightly above the base A, so as to steady the cover. C C are cups, which may be employed as sponge, sand, or wafer cups, or paper-weight, the under surfaces or bottoms of said cups C C being shaped to form the covers of the ink-cups B B,

thus combining with the covers an article or articles of special utility, which obviates the tendency to mislay the cover at the time of using the stand.

This inkstand is formed of glass, pressed up in the usual manner, and any desired shape is given to the base and several cups by the well-known means.

I have illustrated my invention in connection with an inkstand having two ink-cups; but more or less may be employed, the number of caps and shape being optional with the manufacturers. It is also evident that instead of a cover a stopper might be used with the ink-cup, and the receptacle C formed on the stopper; but the form shown in the drawing is, in all cases, to be preferred, for the reason that the cup C, when detached, is symmetrical, and rests firmly upon the table or surface on which it is placed.

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

The pressed-glass inkstand, having the base A, ink-cup B, and combined cup and cover C, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I, the said JOHN OESTERLING, have hereunto set my hand.

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