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PEN-RACK AND INKSTAND.

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Fig. 1.

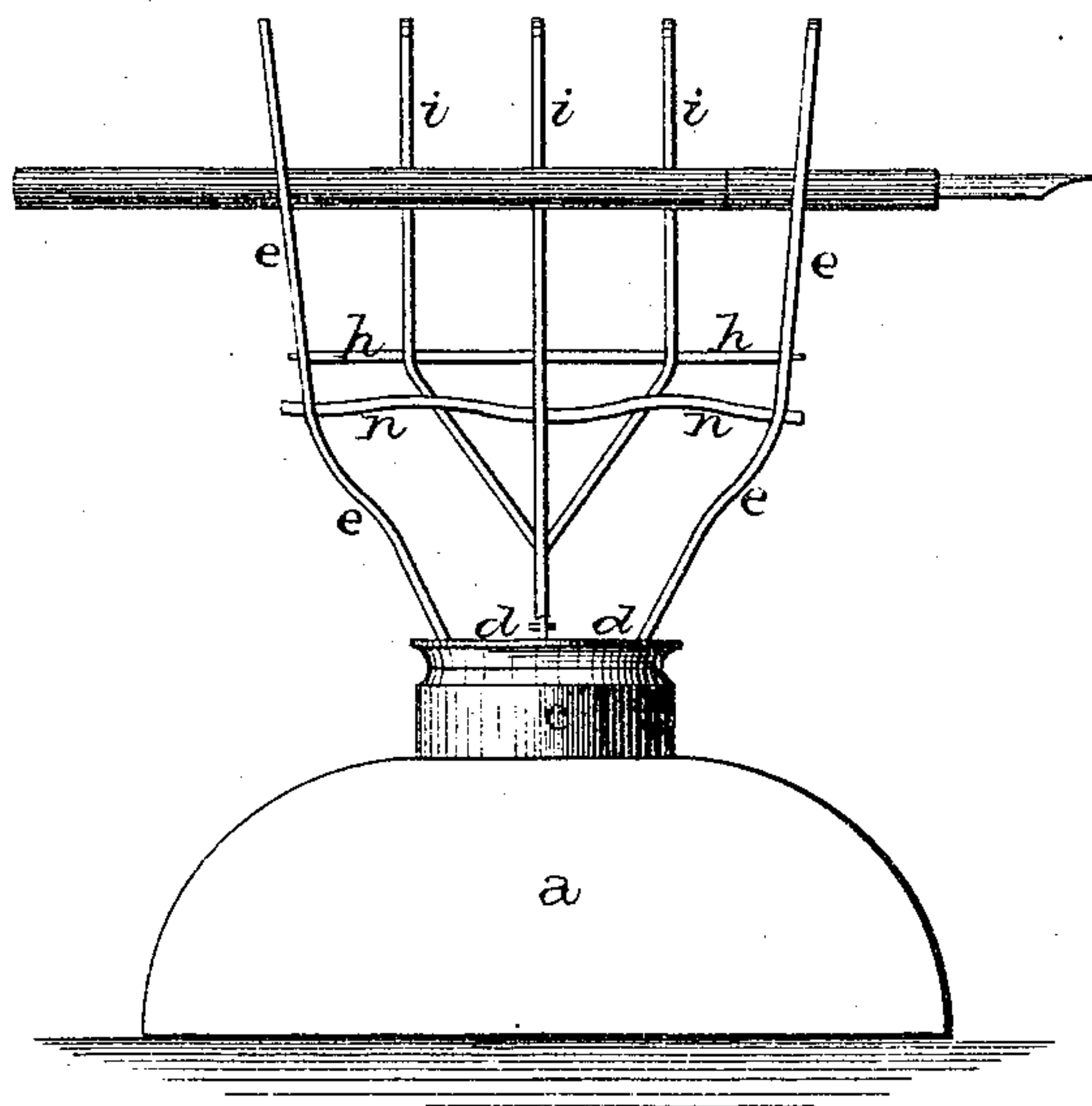
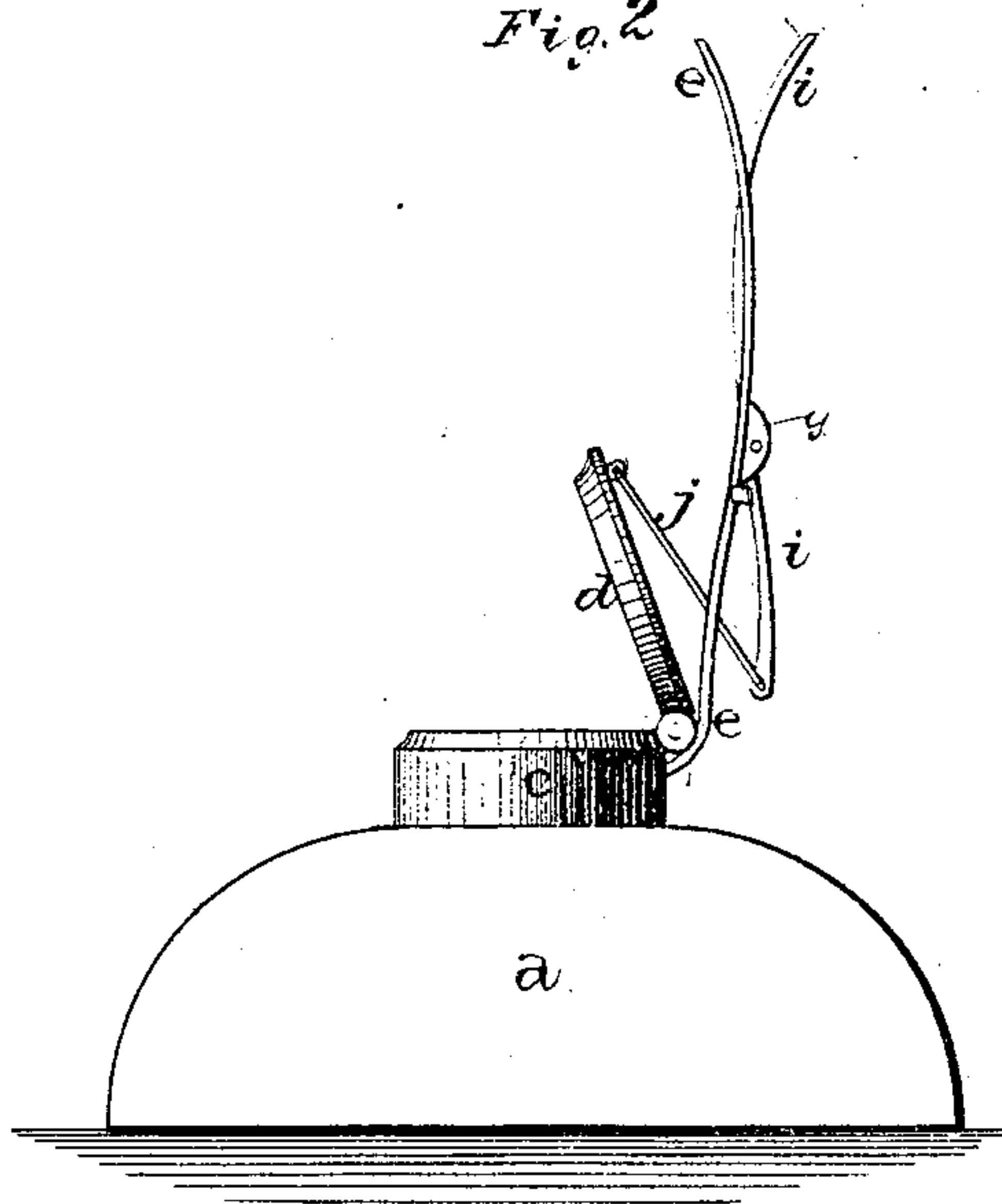


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PEN-RACKS AND INKSTANDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDGAR C. HAMILTON, of Washington C. H., in the county of Fayette and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Pen - Racks and Inkstands; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in inkstands; and it consists in attaching a pen-rack to an inkstand in such a manner that it shall form a part of the inkstand, and in so connecting the rack to the cover that the act of putting a pen-holder in the rack will cause the cover to close, and vice versa, so that the stand will always be kept closed when not in use.

The accompanying drawings represent my invention.

a represents an ordinary inkstand or bottle, to the collar *c* of which, just back of the cover *d*, are secured the two outwardly-curved wires or rods *e*. To the rear sides of these two rods are attached the bearings *g*, in which the rod *h* partially turns. Secured to this rod *h* are any suitable number of vertical rods, *i*, which have their upper ends curved slightly back from the bottle, while the two rods *e* have their ends inclined forward. By thus inclining the rods in this manner, and beveling

away their ends, as shown, a pen may be readily inserted between them.

The lower ends of the rods *i* are connected together, and have fastened to them a small connecting-rod, *j*, which extends forward and is fastened to the front of the cover *d*.

Passed in and out between the rods *e i* is a suitable spring, *n*, which holds the rods *i*, when left free, in a vertical position, and so that their lower ends will hold the cover *d* in an elevated position.

When a pen-holder is forced down between the ends of the rods *e i*, the lower ends of rods *i* are forced forward, so as to close the cover. As soon as the pen-holder is taken out the spring at once snaps the cover open again.

By thus combining the stand with the rack, not only is a more convenient implement formed, but a means devised of always keeping the cover closed to exclude dust, &c., from the ink when it is not in use.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

The combination of the stand *a*, collar *c*, rods *e i*, cross-bar *h*, spring *n*, rod *j*, and cover *d*, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of October, 1875.

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