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Inkstand.

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Fig. 1.

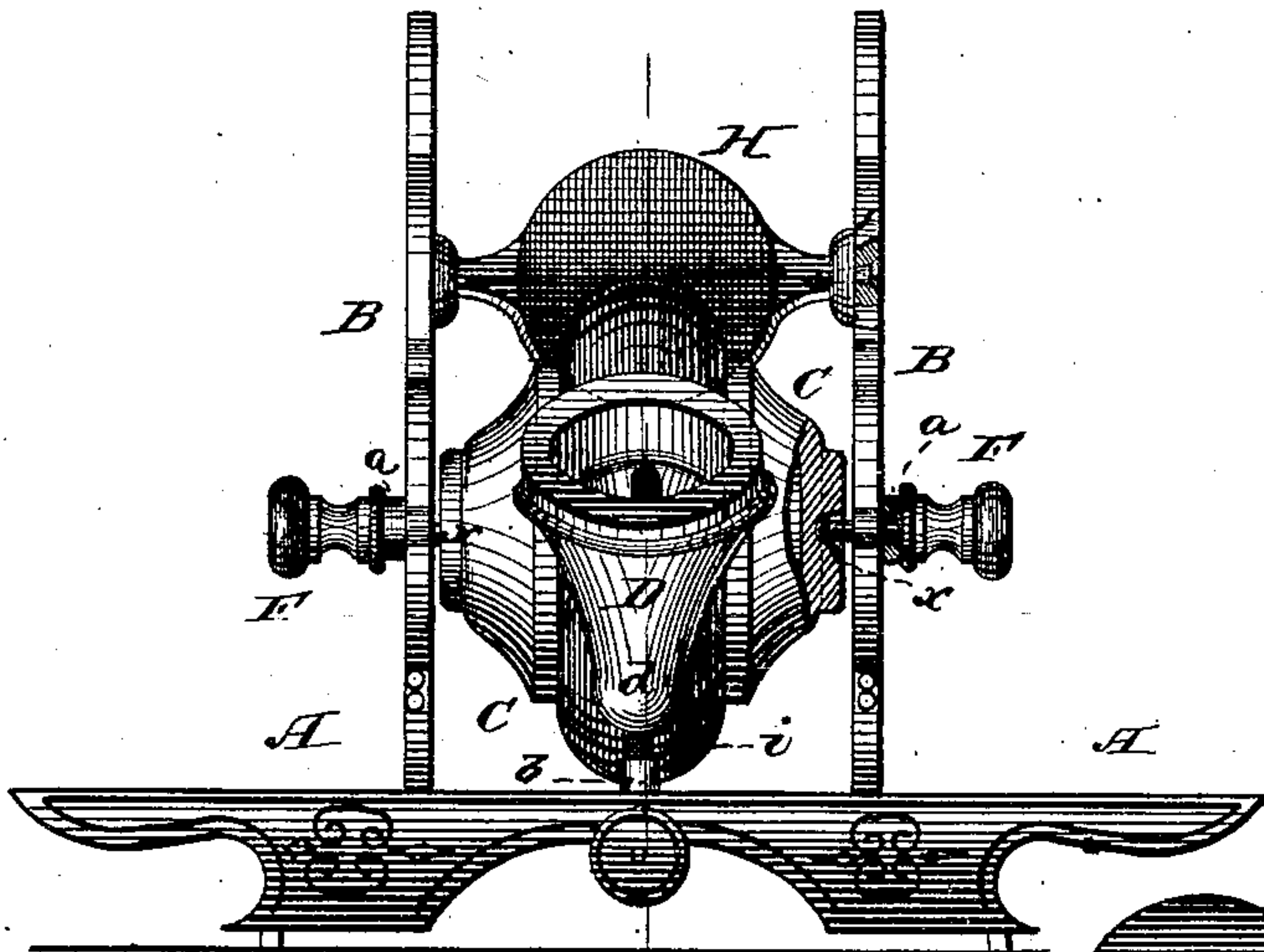


Fig. 3.

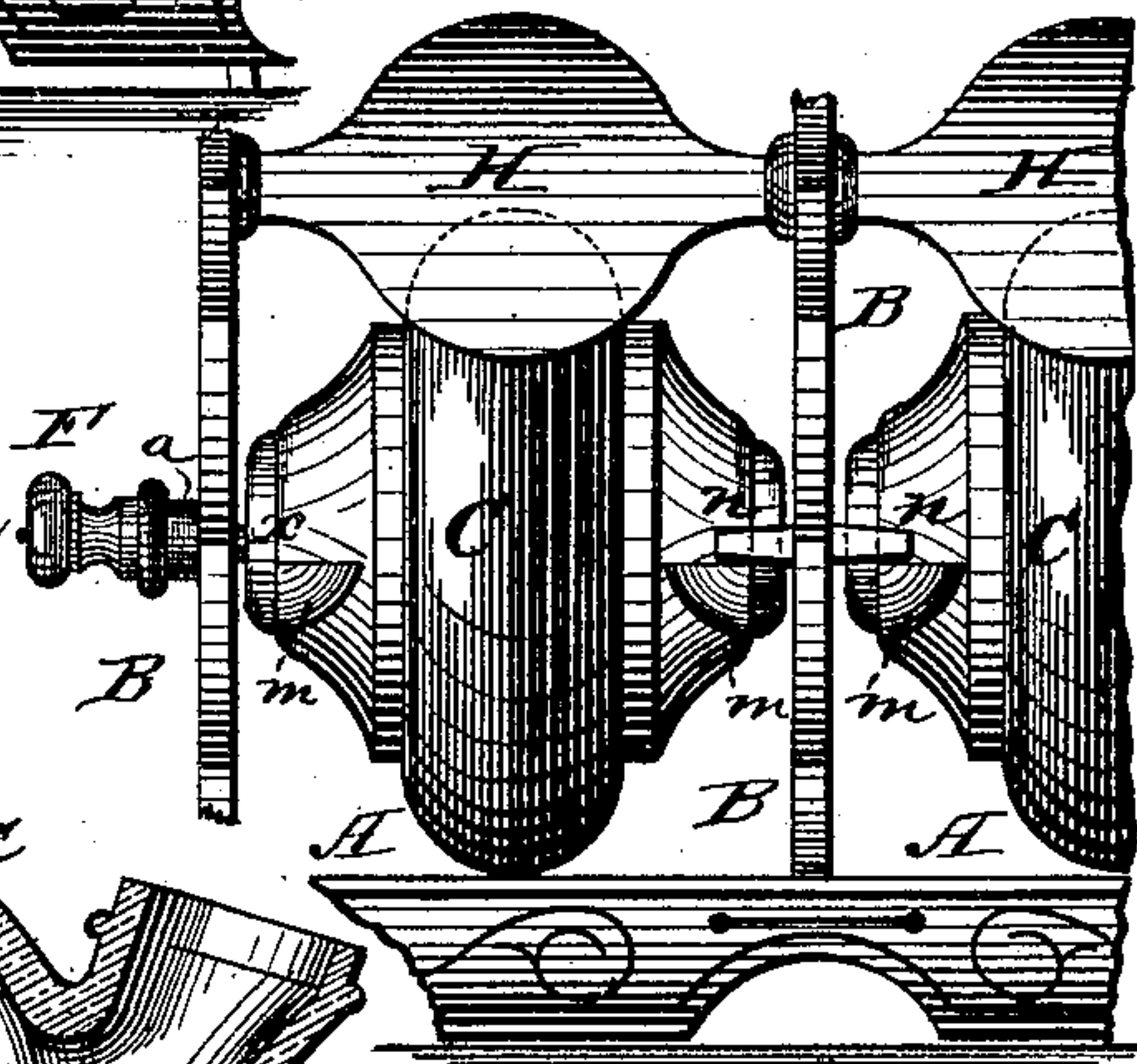
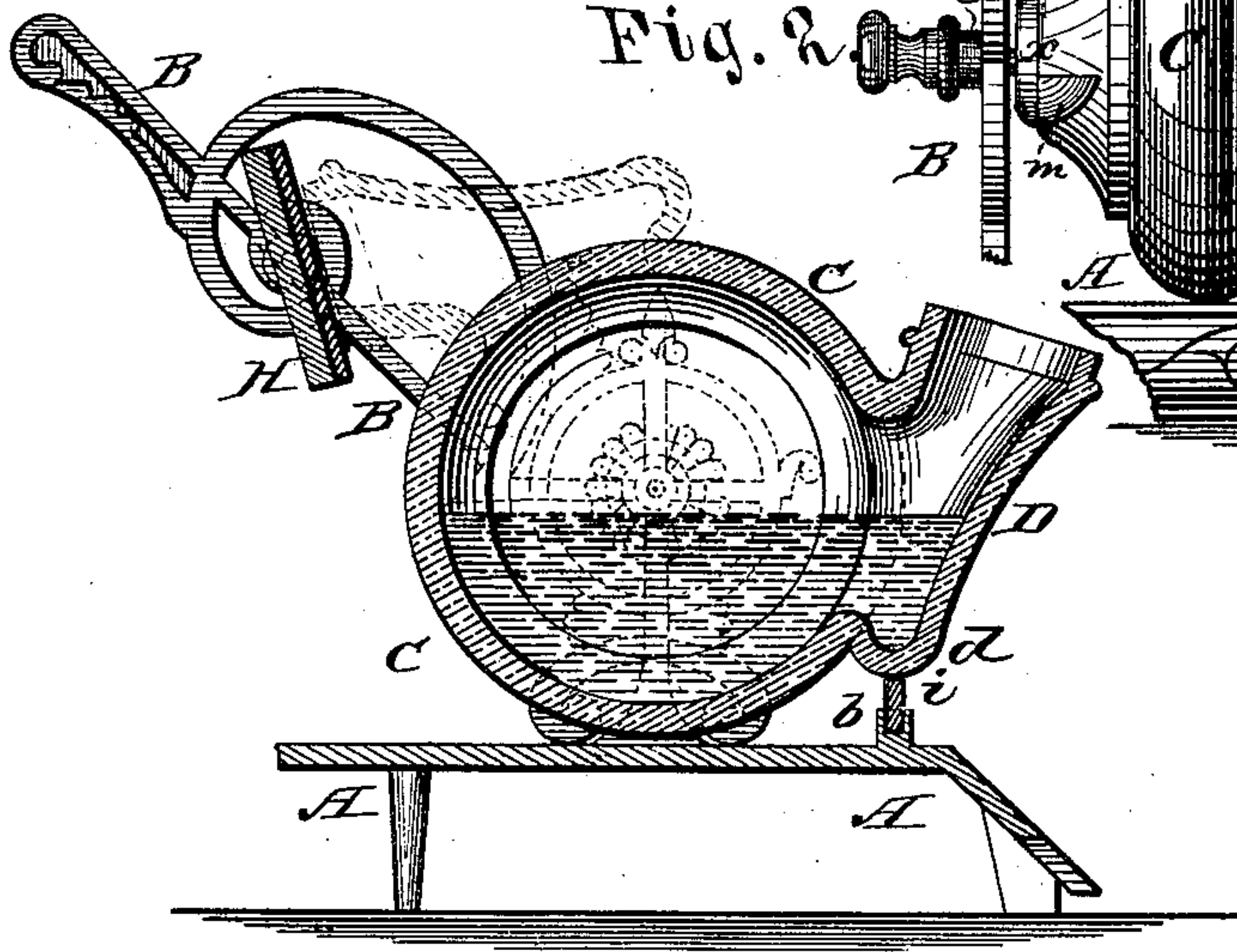


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN INKSTANDS.

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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WOLCOTT A. HULL, of Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Inkstands; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The nature of this invention consists in the construction and arrangement of an inkstand, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawing, to which reference is made, and which fully illustrates this invention, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the improved inkstand. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 3 is a rear view, showing a double inkstand.

A represents the base of the inkstand, provided with two frames, B B, inclining backward. These frames may be of any suitable form and design, and are preferably made so as to form a convenient pen-rack. Between the frames B B is the reservoir C, made in the round form, substantially as shown, and provided with a projecting mouth, D. The reservoir C is hung upon the ends of two screws, F F, which are screwed from the outside through the frames B B, and their inner ends entering recesses *x*, formed in the centers of the sides of the reservoir. Upon each screw F, between the head thereof and the outside of the frame, is placed a rubber washer, *a*. When in use a shoulder, *d*, at the bottom of the mouth-piece D, rests upon a rubber pad, *i*, inserted in or otherwise affixed to a post, *b*, on the base A. If, however, too much ink should have been poured into the reservoir C, the latter may be turned on its trunnions or pivots to raise the mouth-piece, and the reservoir be then held steady in such position by tightening the set-screws F F, which would cause the frames B to bind on the sides of the reservoir and hold the same steady. When the

inkstand is not in use the reservoir is turned on its pivots until the mouth-piece D points backward on top, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 2, and the mouth rests against a rubber-covered plate or disk, H, so as to close the reservoir and prevent the ingress of air. This plate or disk H is pivoted between the frames B B, as shown, so as to accommodate itself to and tightly close the mouth of the reservoir.

It is evident that more than one reservoir may be arranged in like manner on the same base, if desired.

Instead of the post *b*, with the rubber pad *i*, projections *m* may be formed on the reservoir, one on each side, and on one of the frames is a lug, *n*, against which one of the reservoir projections *m* will come in contact and stop the reservoir.

It will thus be seen that in either case I have one or more stops elevated above the base, so that the reservoir will at no time come in contact with the base. This is an important feature, as it keeps the base clean, and the reservoir cannot become broken by coming in contact with the base.

I am aware that reservoirs for inkstands have heretofore been used, said reservoirs revolving upon central pivots, one upon either side of the reservoir, and the reservoir held in place by adjusting-screws. I do not therefore claim such as my invention; but,

Having thus fully described this invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

In combination with an ink-reservoir hung upon pivots, a self-adjusting cover for closing the mouth when the reservoir is turned to bring the mouth against the same, as herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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