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Ink-Well.

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Fig 1

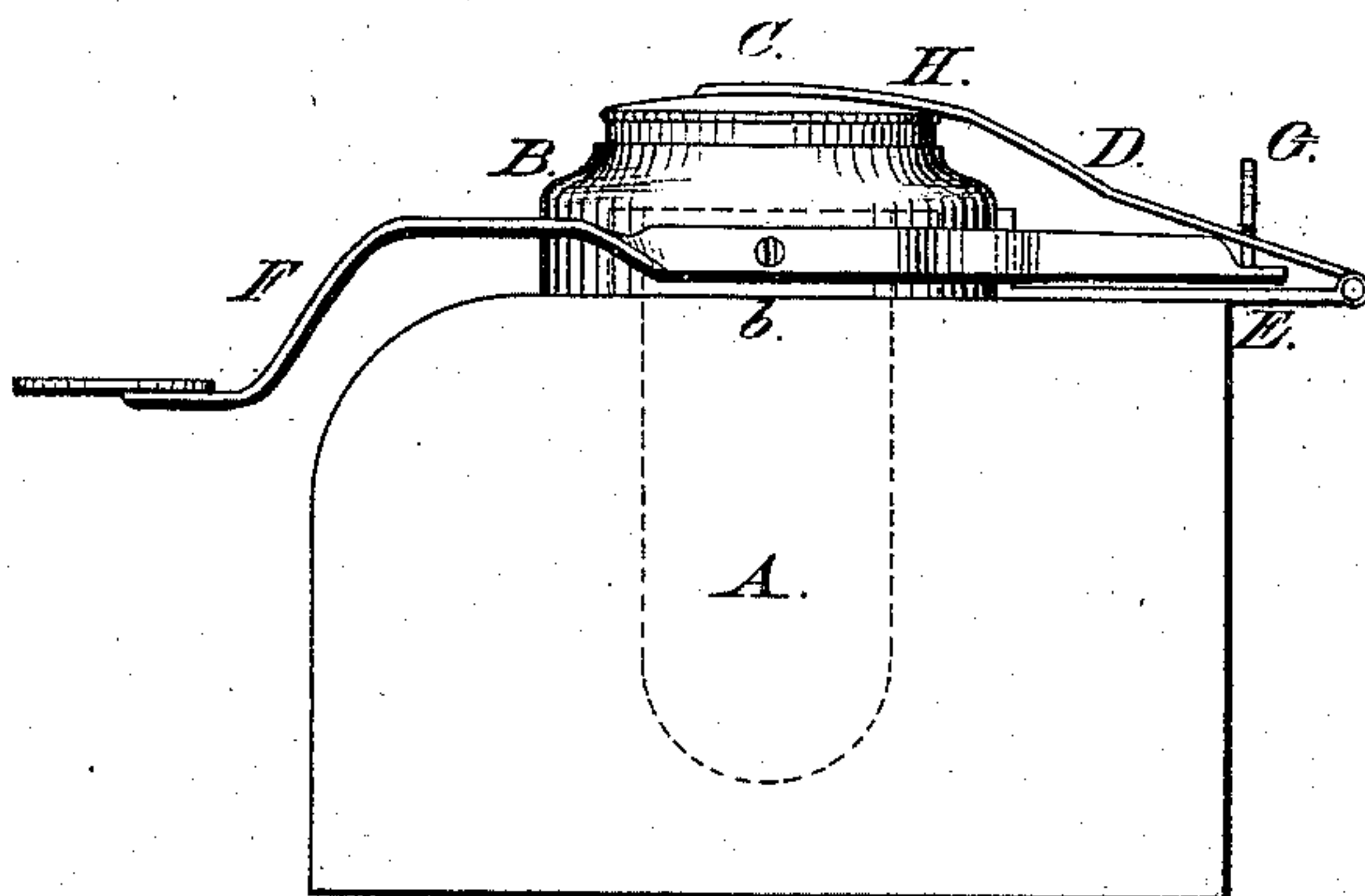
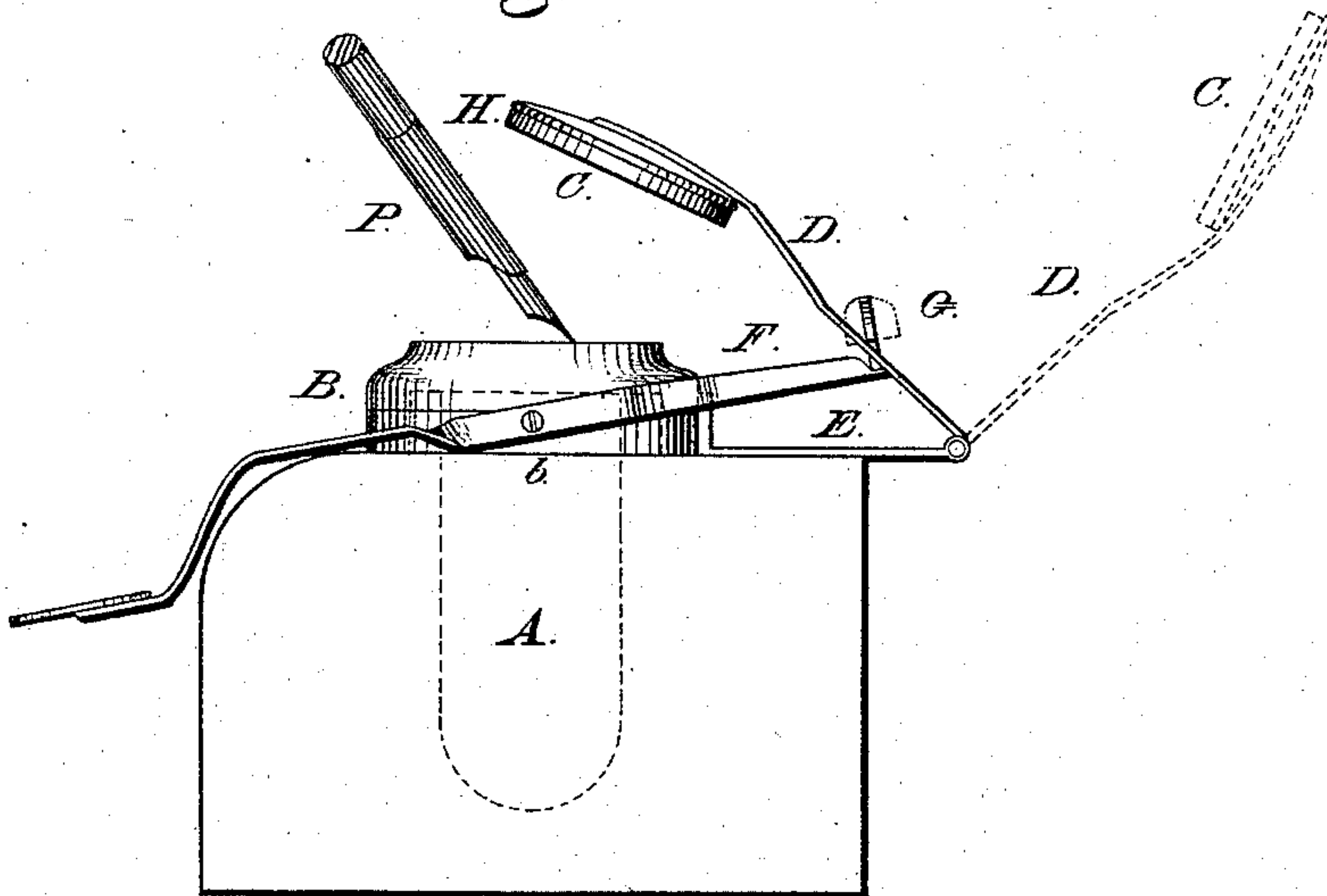


Fig 2.



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INK-WELL.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN C. LATSBAUGH, of Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful
5 Improvement in Ink-Wells, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in ink-wells; and it consists in a
10 self-closing lid or cover operated by a finger-lever while dipping the pen. I attain this object by the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation showing the lid or
15 cover closed, and Fig. 2 is an elevation showing the lid open to admit the pen.

A represents the stand, which may be of any desired form, except that it should be provided with a rim for the purpose of attaching
20 my device.

B is a metallic collar, which may be attached to the rim of the well with plaster-of-paris or any other suitable fastening.

C is the lid or cover, provided with the tang
25 D, which is slotted longitudinally and hinged to the extreme end of the arm E, said arm being fastened to the collar B.

F is a finger-lever, pivoted at *b* to the side of the collar B, extending forward in position
30 for the finger of the hand holding the pen. A slight pressure of the finger on the end of

the lever F raises the lid or cover to allow the insertion of the pen P.

Fig. 2 shows in dotted lines the lid or cover C thrown back for the convenience of filling
35 the well. This is done by turning the key G lengthwise of the slot.

The finger-lever F is provided with a flat key, G, which operates in a slot in the tang, which, when turned crosswise of the tang,
40 prevents the lid from rising above the center of the hinge, thereby compelling the lid to drop of its own weight over the mouth of the well, which is shown in dotted lines. The lid or cover C is provided with a disk, H, which
45 may be made of wood or rubber.

I am aware that prior to my invention ink-wells have been made with self-closing lids or covers operated by a lever. I therefore do not broadly claim such a combination; but
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What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In an ink-well, the combination, with the rim or collar, the arm, and the slotted tang, of the pivoted lever and key whereby the
55 proper elevation is imparted to the lid or cover, all substantially as set forth.

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