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fig. 1

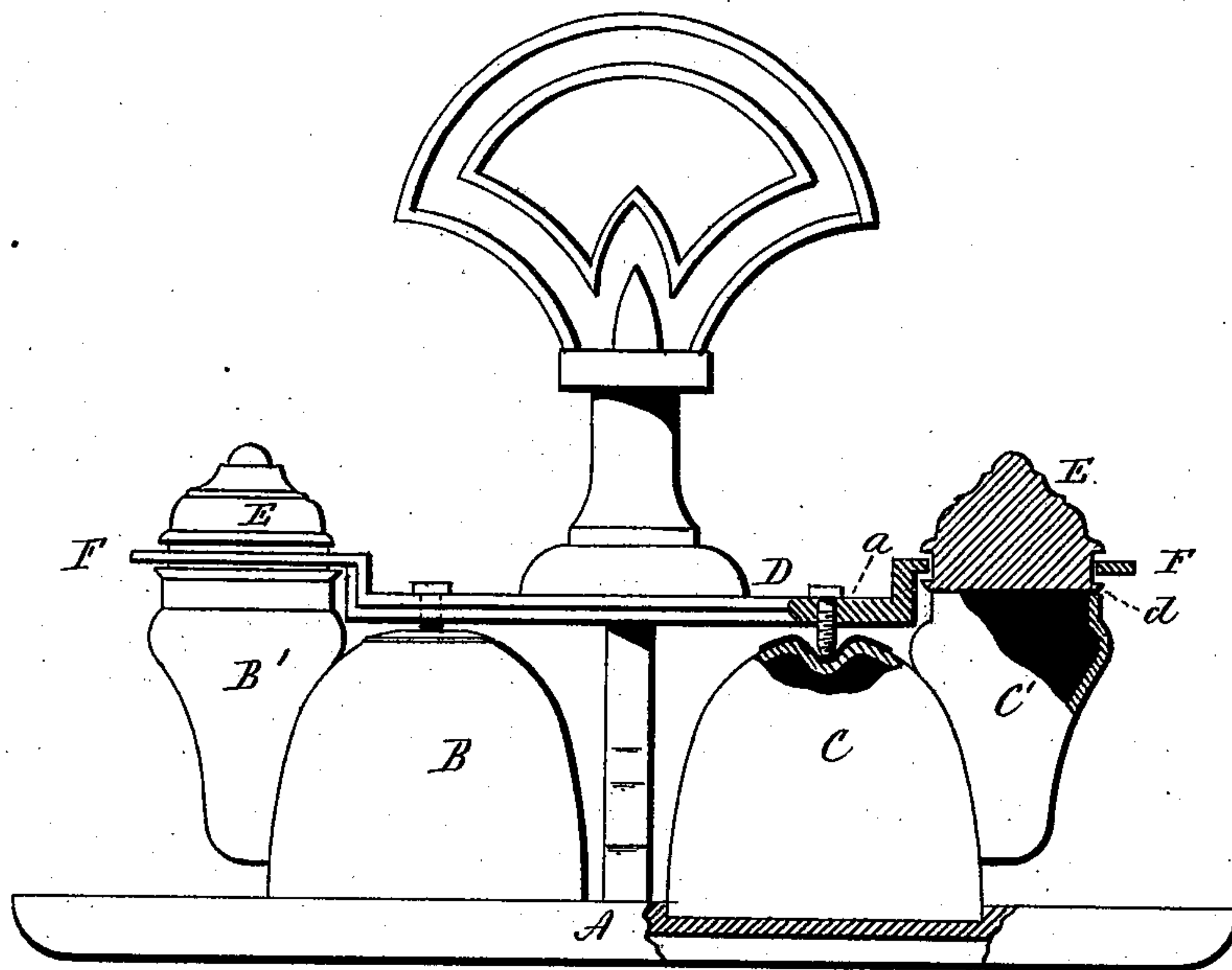
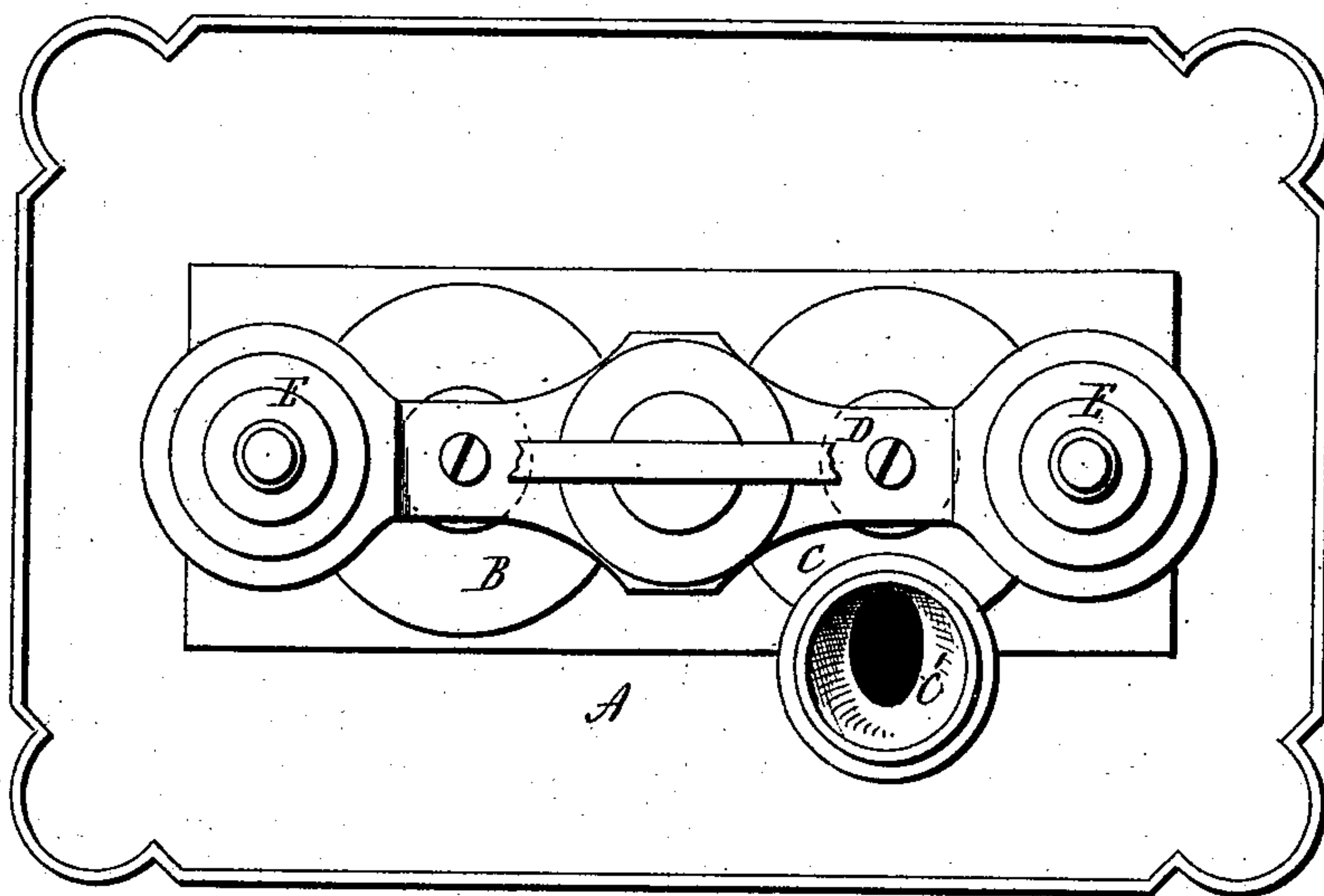


fig. 2



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INKSTAND.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, RODOLPHUS L. WEBB, of New Britain, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Inkstands; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a front view; Fig. 2, a top view.

This invention relates to an improvement in that class of inkstands which consist of a fount arranged upon a holder or platform, the object being to provide a convenient means for opening or closing the mouth of the fount; and the invention consists in the construction as hereinafter described, and particularly recited in the claims.

A is the base or platform, here represented as arranged for two ink-founts, B C. These founts rest in a recess in the base, or are otherwise arranged to be supported and guided in a horizontal plane. Above the founts is a bar, D, supported from the base, and on this bar a pivot, *a*, is arranged to take a central bearing in the top of the fount, and so that while it holds the fount in its place it permits it to turn in a horizontal plane. The founts are provided with mouths B' C', the mouths opening upward, so that when the founts are turned to bring their mouths at one side, as seen in Fig. 1, the said mouths will come beneath a stationary cover, E, and so that when the founts are turned partially around the mouth will be brought to the front, as seen at the right, Fig. 2, which is the condition for use.

The covers E should be made self-adjusted, and this is best done by arranging them in an

arm, F, extending from the bar D, and so as to have a slight vertical play, the lower edge of the cover slightly beveled, as at *d*, so that when the fount is turned to bring the mouth beneath the cover the edge of the mouth will readily pass beneath and slightly raise the cover, thus allowing the cover to rest equally on all sides and so as to completely close the mouth.

The cover may be provided with a spring to give it a pressure; but with a loose vertical arrangement of the cover, as shown in Fig. 1, the weight of the cover is sufficient for all practical purposes.

The founts may be arranged in a stand singly or with several on the same stand.

I do not broadly claim an ink-fount arranged to revolve upon a horizontal plane, as such, I am aware, is not new; neither do I broadly claim an ink-fount arranged so that the mouth is closed by a partial revolution of the fount.

I claim—

1. An inkstand having the fount constructed with a mouth, C', projecting from one side and arranged to rest on the base, with a pivot at the top, so that the fount may be turned or revolved in a horizontal plane, combined with a stationary cover, beneath which the mouth is brought, substantially as described.

2. An inkstand having the fount constructed with a mouth upon one side and arranged to be turned or revolved in a horizontal plane, with a stationary cover, beneath which the mouth is brought, the said cover arranged to be vertically self-adjusting on the mouth of the fount, substantially as described.

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