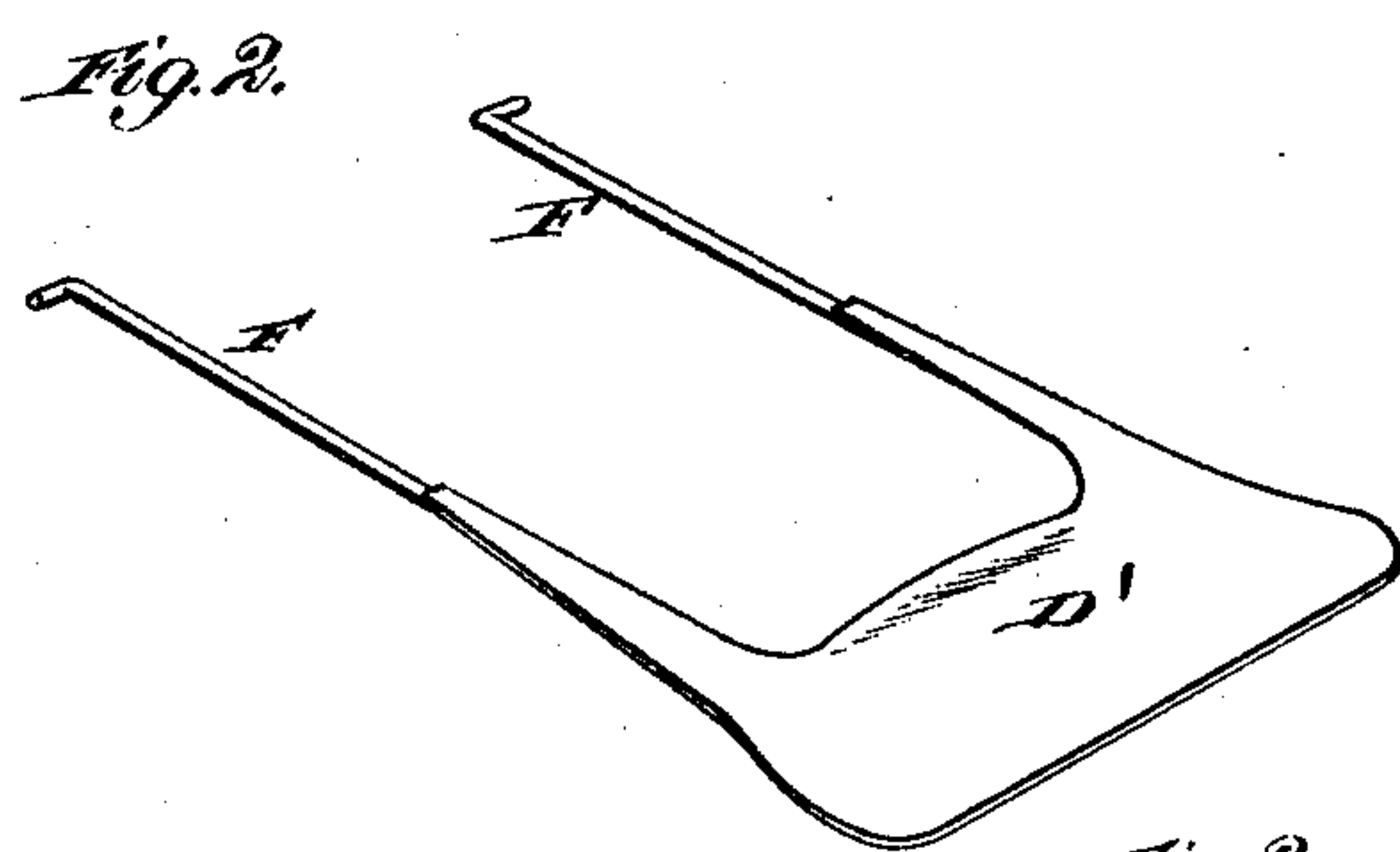
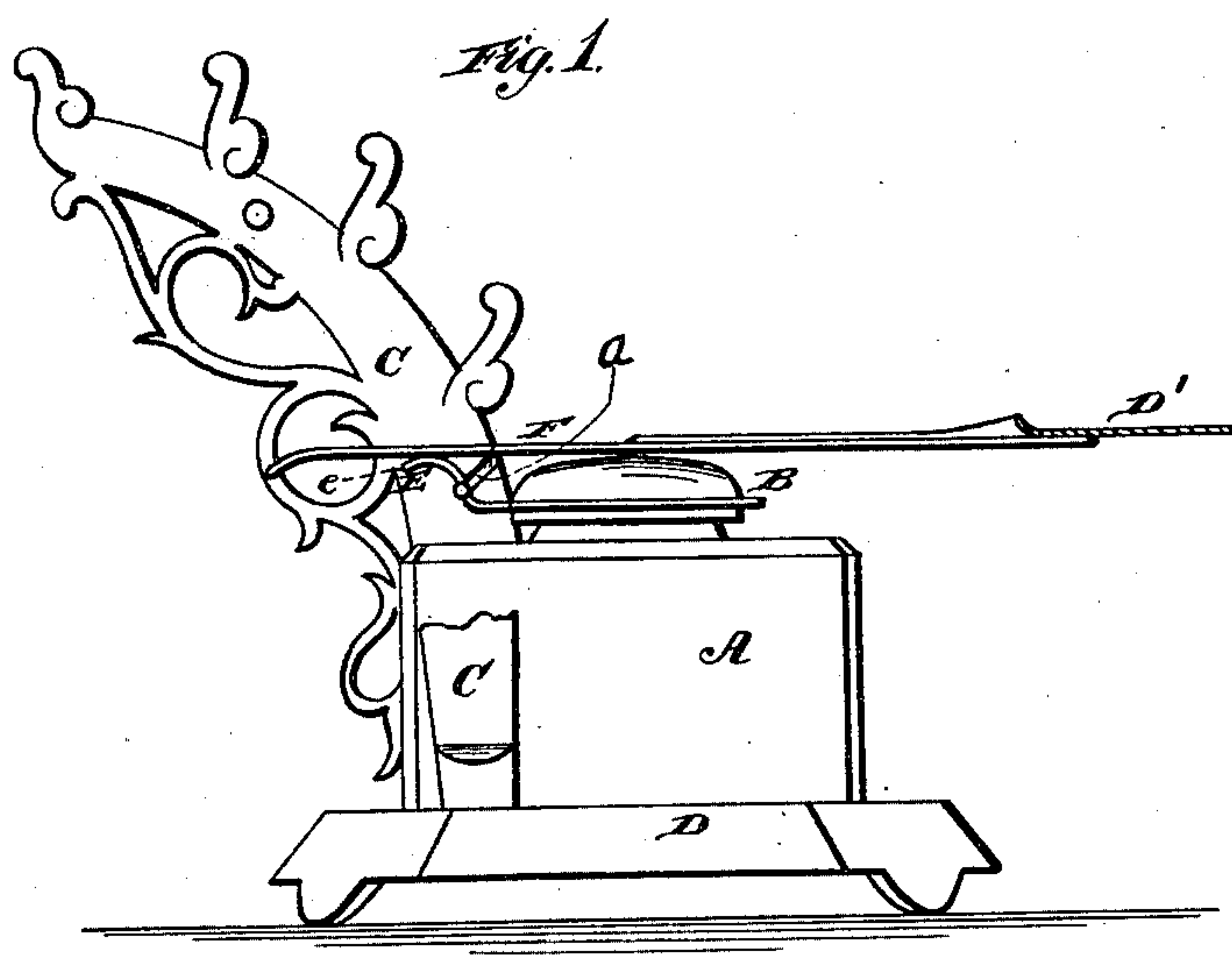


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INKSTAND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. PAGETT, of Oxford, in the county of Benton and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Inkstand-Covers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a side elevation of my inkstand, and Figs. 2 and 3 are detail views of the same.

The nature of my present invention relates to automatic or self-closing covers for inkstands; and it consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as fully set forth in the following description, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, A designates an inkstand, and B its cover, which is pivoted between the standards C C. These standards may be of any desired ornamental configuration, and also formed so as to constitute a rack for pens. As herein illustrated, these standards are mounted upon a base, D, which is formed with a seat for the inkstand, although they may be otherwise held in position, such as by securing them upon the top of a desk adjacent to an ink-well, or by connecting them in any convenient manner with the inkstand.

The cover B is formed with or secured to a bar, E, which is removably pivoted at its ends in recessed bearings *a* in the standards C C, so that the cover may be raised from or lowered upon the inkstand, and may also be removed from its bearings, when desired, for any purpose whatever. The pivots of this bar E are arranged so that its axial line will be to one side of the center, thus allowing material for a curved flange, *e*, which may be continuous from end to end of the bar, or so formed as to constitute projections near the ends thereof for the hinged spring-arms F to bear upon. The spring-arms F, which are pivoted or hinged to the standards C, extend forward into a finger-plate, D', and rest upon the curved portion of the bar E, so that when they are depressed the bar will be forced to turn upon its pivots, and hence raise the cover. The spring-arms F are so made in order that they

may be sprung into and out of their bearings in the standards C C at pleasure.

The weight of the cover should be sufficient to overbalance the finger-plate when pressure is removed therefrom, so that the cover will close automatically upon the inkstand.

In using an inkstand provided with my improved self-closing cover the writer presses his hand or finger upon the finger-plate D', thereby causing the rods F to bear sufficiently upon the flange of the bar E to turn the same upon its pivots and raise the cover, and when the cover has been so raised the pen, held by the fingers of the same hand which depresses the finger-plate, can be dipped into the ink. As soon as pressure is removed from the finger-plate the cover will drop by its own gravity, which is greater than that of the finger-plate. In this way the inkstand will be kept closed against dust and flies, and as the cover is opened and closed rapidly it will blow away any dust which may be around.

The extreme simplicity of the above-described self-closing cover commends it over those heretofore used; and this arrangement of devices may be applied to any form of inkstand, either with or without a pen-rack.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The weighted cover formed with or secured to the curved bar E, provided with eccentric journals resting in recessed bearings in the standards C C, in combination with the finger-plate D', having spring-arms F F, pivoted in the inner faces of the standards C C, in rear of the bearings of the bar E, and the inkstand A, resting in the base D, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. In an inkstand provided with a rack, the removable bar E, eccentrically journaled in recesses in the standards C of said rack and provided with the weighted cover B, in combination with the finger-plate D', having spring-arms F F, removably pivoted in bearings in the inner faces of the standards C C, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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