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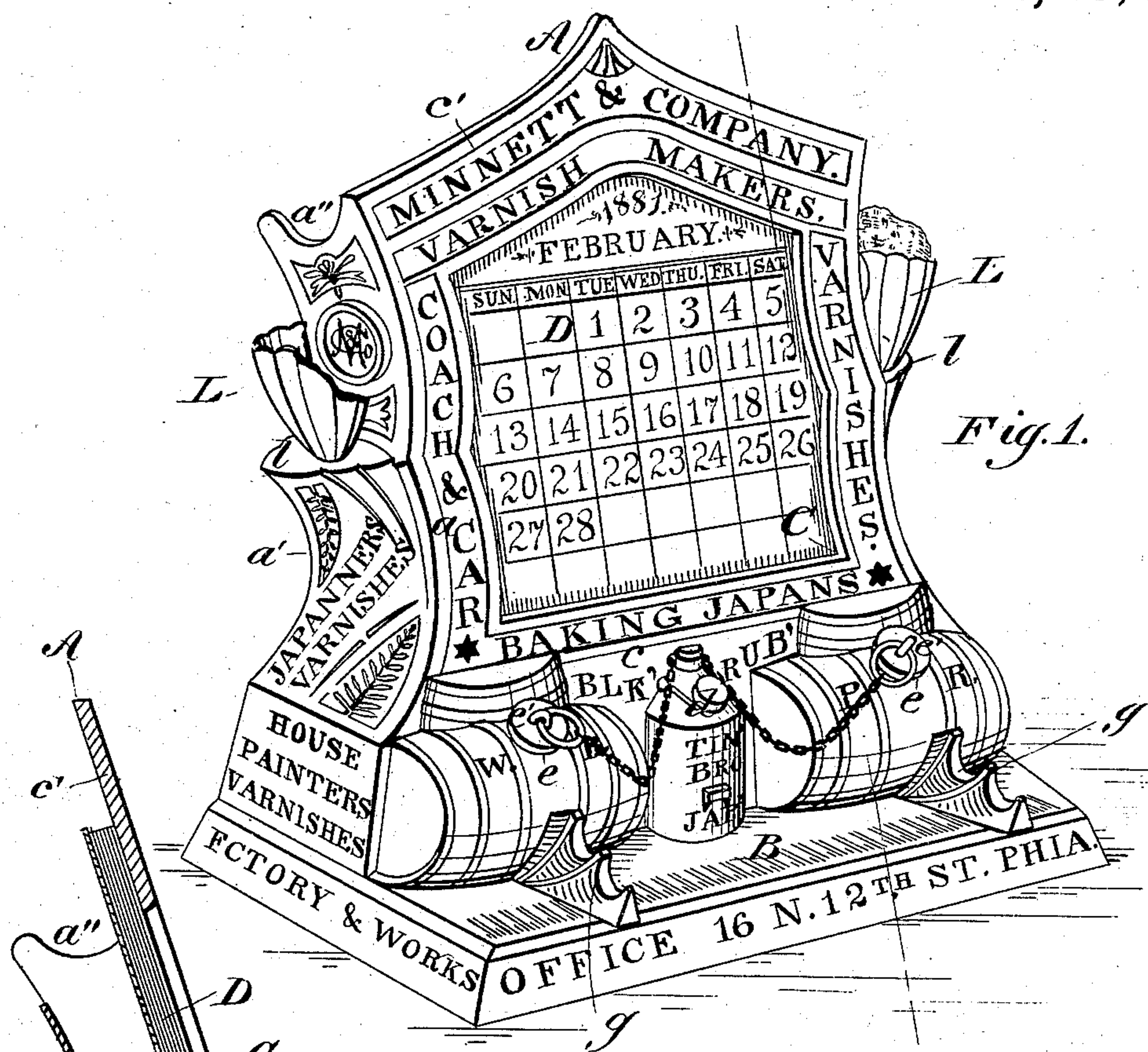


Fig. 1.

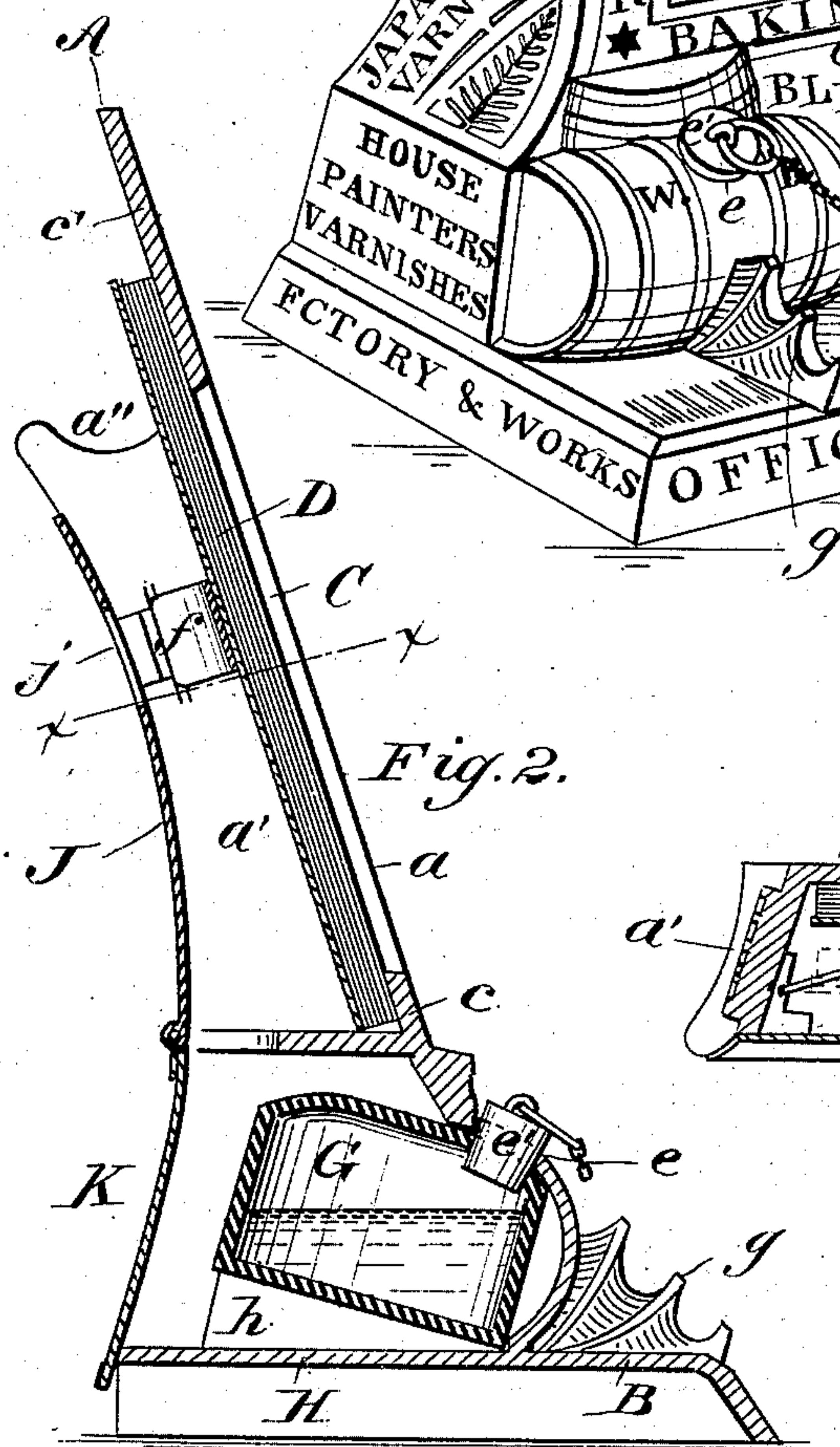


Fig. 2.

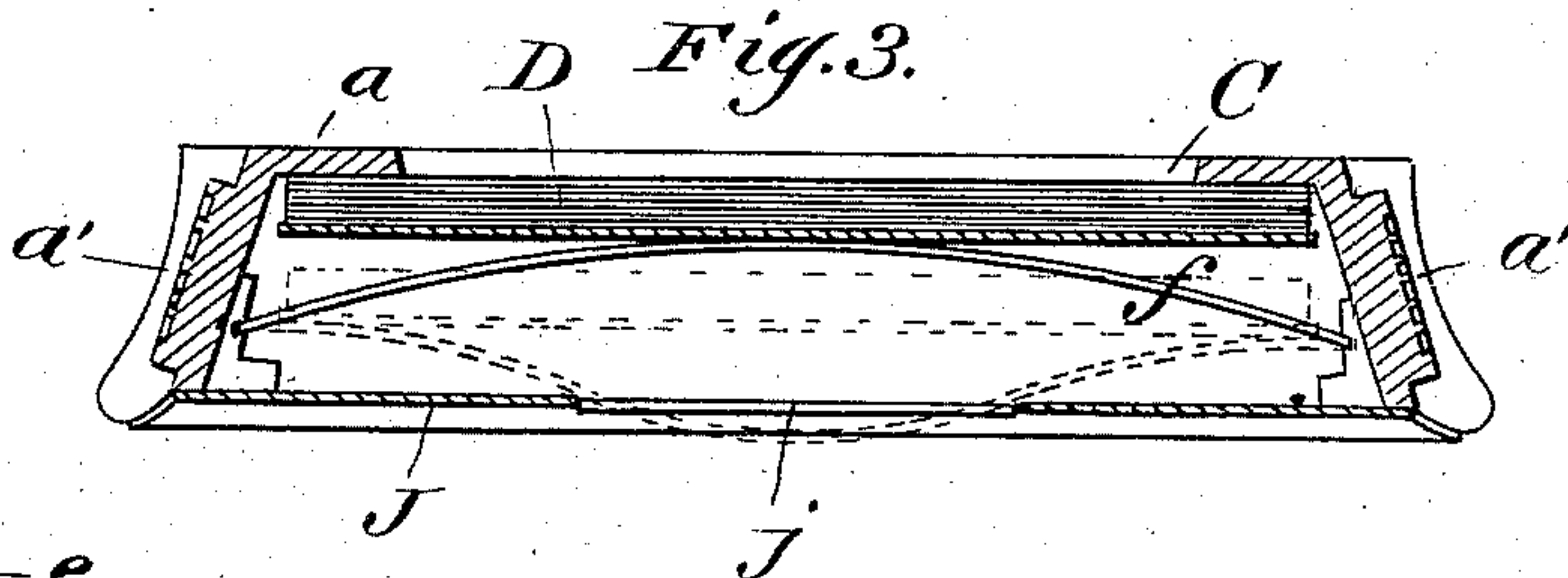


Fig. 3.

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ADVERTISING-INKSTAND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED I. E. KNIGHT, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Advertising Pen-and-Ink Cabinet, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a convenient inkstand or cabinet constructed with means for holding pen-holders, sponges, rules, &c., and also a central removable panel, ornamentation, or calendar, and formed with surfaces adapted for emblematical or lettered advertising.

The invention consists of an upright casting having side faces which are diagonal to the front face, the latter being inclined and formed with a large central opening above suitable ink-bottle openings, the ink-bottles being held in place within the cabinet, upon the floor or base of the casting; in the casting formed with the said side faces and having the front face provided with the central opening, in combination with a back spring for holding the calendar, panel, or some ornament in said opening; also, in the construction and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section thereof, and Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the line *xx* of Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the casting, which is formed with the side faces, *a' a'*, and with the inclined front face, *a*. The central opening, C, is formed in the front face in such manner as to leave the narrow strip or portion *c'* at the top of the casting for raised letters, and the wider portion *c* at the bottom, in which portion the ink-bottle openings *cc* are formed; and this portion *c* is of such size that it may have any emblem or design in rilievo appropriate to the business or profession desired to be advertised. In this instance I have shown the design of two barrels resting on their sides in front of upright barrels, the ink-bottle holes *cc* representing the bung-holes of the barrels, and the stoppers *e' e'* representing the bungs of the barrels. The stopper *d*, intended for the red-ink stand

or bottle, is at the top of a figure representing a can, the opening representing the mouth of the can. The stoppers *ee* are secured by a chain which passes over the top of can, as shown.

In front of the barrels are formed the two pen-racks, *g g*, which are cast or fastened on the extended portion B of the casting, and in position and design represent wedge-shaped blocks for keeping the barrels in place.

The bottles G, for one or more kinds of ink, are supported within the cabinet upon the floor or shelf H, and held firmly in place by the blocks *h*, of wood or metal, which prevent the bottles from slipping back or away from the opening in the face of the casting.

The monthly calendar D is held in place in the opening C by means of the spring *f*, the ends of which are formed into sharp points, which impinge against and embed themselves into faces of solder on the inner surfaces of the side pieces, *a' a'*, and is covered from view and held in place by the sheet-metal back J, which has the opening or slot *j* cut in it, for allowing the spring to be pressed forward to hold the calendar firmly in place.

Hinged to the lower side of the sheet-metal back J is the flap-door K, also of sheet metal, which serves to close the chamber containing the ink bottle or bottles.

The ornamental cups L L are of cast or stamped out of sheet metal, and are secured to the side pieces upon the bracket-projections *ee* of the casting, as shown, by soldering or otherwise, and serve as receptacles for the sponge, pins, pens, flowers, or other articles; and the curved portions *a'' a''* at the top of the side pieces, *a' a'*, constitute the holder for the rules or similar articles. The side faces furnish surfaces for lettered and monogram advertising, as shown, and the front, and also the sheet-metal back and door, may be utilized for this purpose.

Thus constructed, the stand or cabinet is not only convenient and capable of holding the things necessary for writing, but is highly ornamental to the desk, and furnishes a novel and effective means of advertising.

It is obvious that instead of placing a calendar in the opening C a looking-glass, picture,

or any other ornament or device might be used and not depart from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

5 1. The casting having the inclined front face, *a*, provided with the ink-bottle openings, and having the floor or shelf *H*, in combination with the bottles *G* and the wedges *h*, substantially as shown and described.

10 2. As a new article of manufacture, the advertising-cabinet herein shown and described, consisting of the casting *A*, formed with the

diagonal side pieces, *a' a'*, inclined front face, *a*, having suitable ink-bottle openings, and having the large central opening, *C*, the pen-rack 15 *g g*, cups *L L*, and rule-holders *a'' a''*, the front and sides of the casting being adapted for advertising, substantially in the manner herein shown and described.

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