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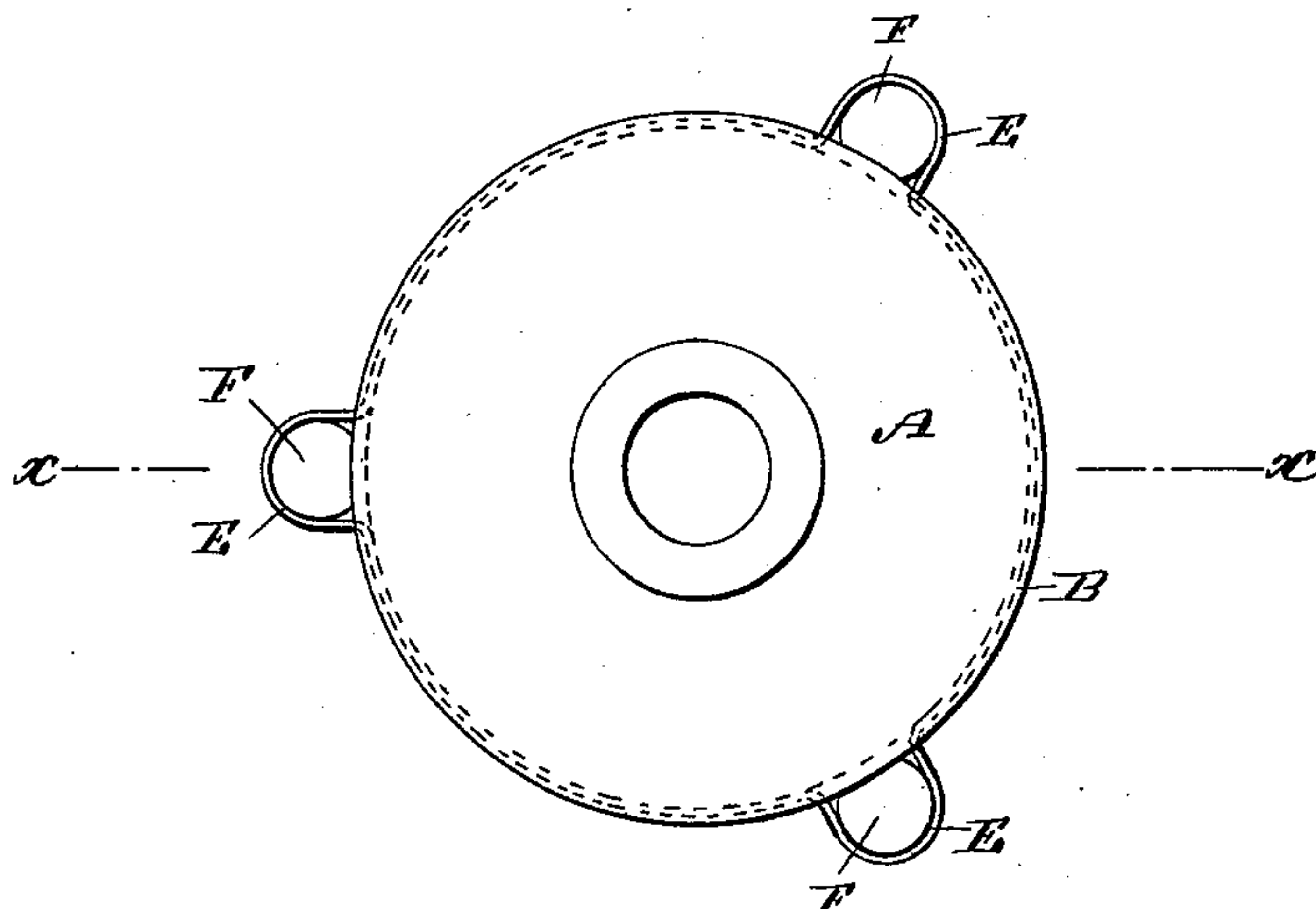
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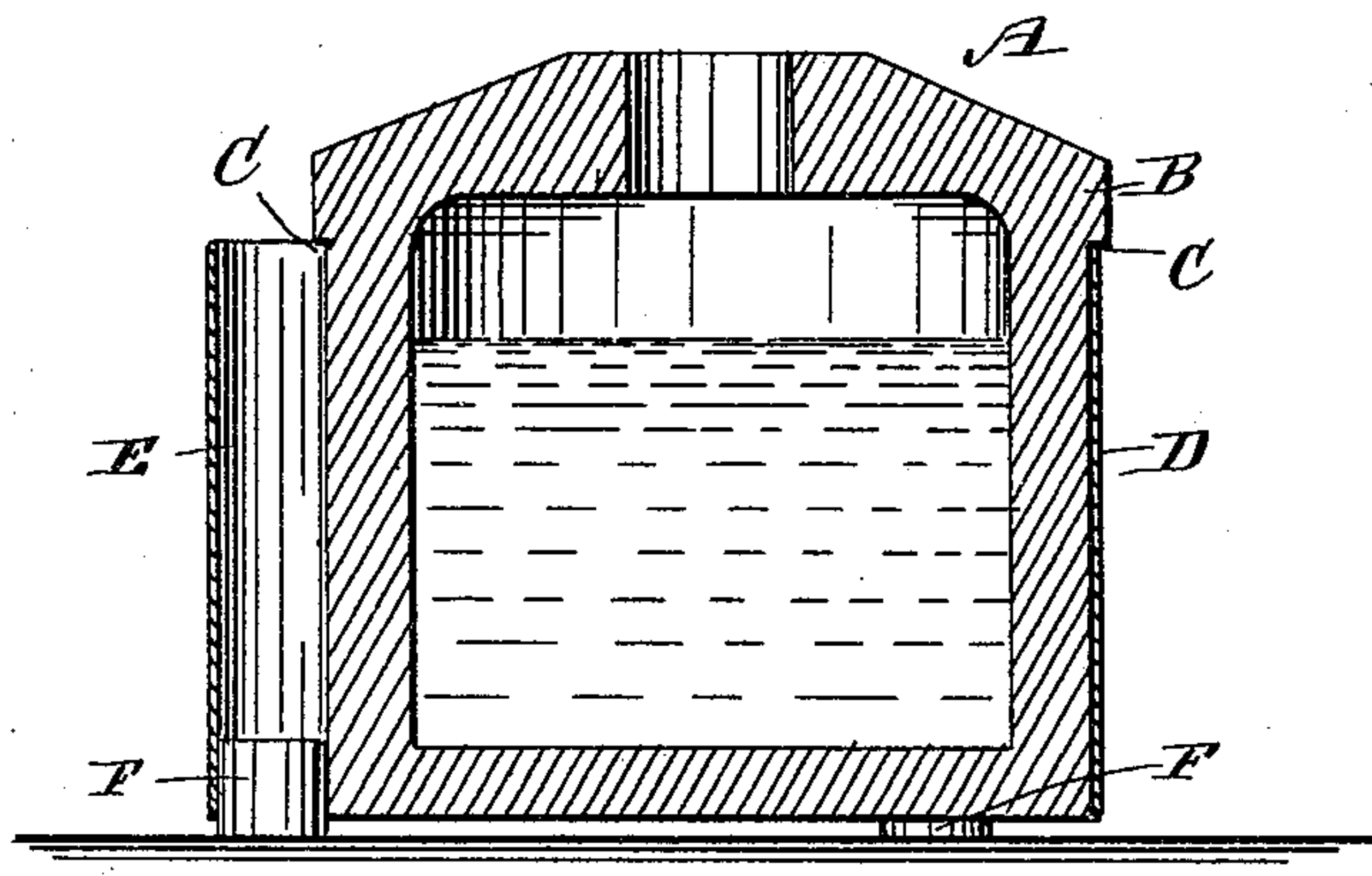
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## INKSTAND.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM O. RASTETTER, of Dalton, Wayne county, Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Inkstand, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved inkstand which is simple in construction, strong, durable, and cheap, cannot scratch the desk or table, and is provided with means for holding pen-holders.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed. Corks or stoppers are passed into the lower ends of the tubes, and form a soft and yielding support for the bottle and prevent injury to the points of the pens passed into the tubes.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved inkstand, and Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional elevation of the same on the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

The ink-bottle A, made of earthenware, glass, or like material, is provided at its top with an exterior fixed collar, B, forming an annular shoulder, C. The bottle A is held within a cylindrical sheet-metal casing, D, on the top edge of which the shoulder C rests, the bottom edge of the casing being flush with the bottom of the bottle. Parts of the sheet-metal forming the casing C are bent to form three or more vertical tubes, E, on the outside of the casing, into the lower ends of which tubes, corks, or other stoppers, F, of yielding or soft material, are passed, which stoppers or corks project from the lower ends

of the tubes E. The stoppers F form the supports for the bottle, and as they are soft and yielding they do not scratch the table upon which the inkstand rests, and prevent injury to the points of the pens passed into the tubes. The tubes E serve as receptacles for pen-holders. The shoulder C prevents the ink-bottle from dropping through the casing D. By thus making the casing removable the pen-tubes may be readily washed and cleaned, which is a matter of great convenience, as otherwise they would become clogged up with ink, dust, &c.

I am aware that an inkstand has been formed in which the pen-tubes were formed in the same piece as the ink-well, and I do not desire to claim any such construction as of my invention.

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

1. An ink-bottle surrounded by a removable casing, on which tubes are formed, in the lower ends of which corks or other stoppers are inserted to form feet for the inkstand to rest on to prevent slipping and scratching, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. The combination, with an ink-bottle having an exterior annular shoulder, of a removable casing surrounding the bottle below the shoulder, on which casing external tubes are formed, and of corks or stoppers passed into the lower ends of the tubes, substantially as herein shown and described.

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