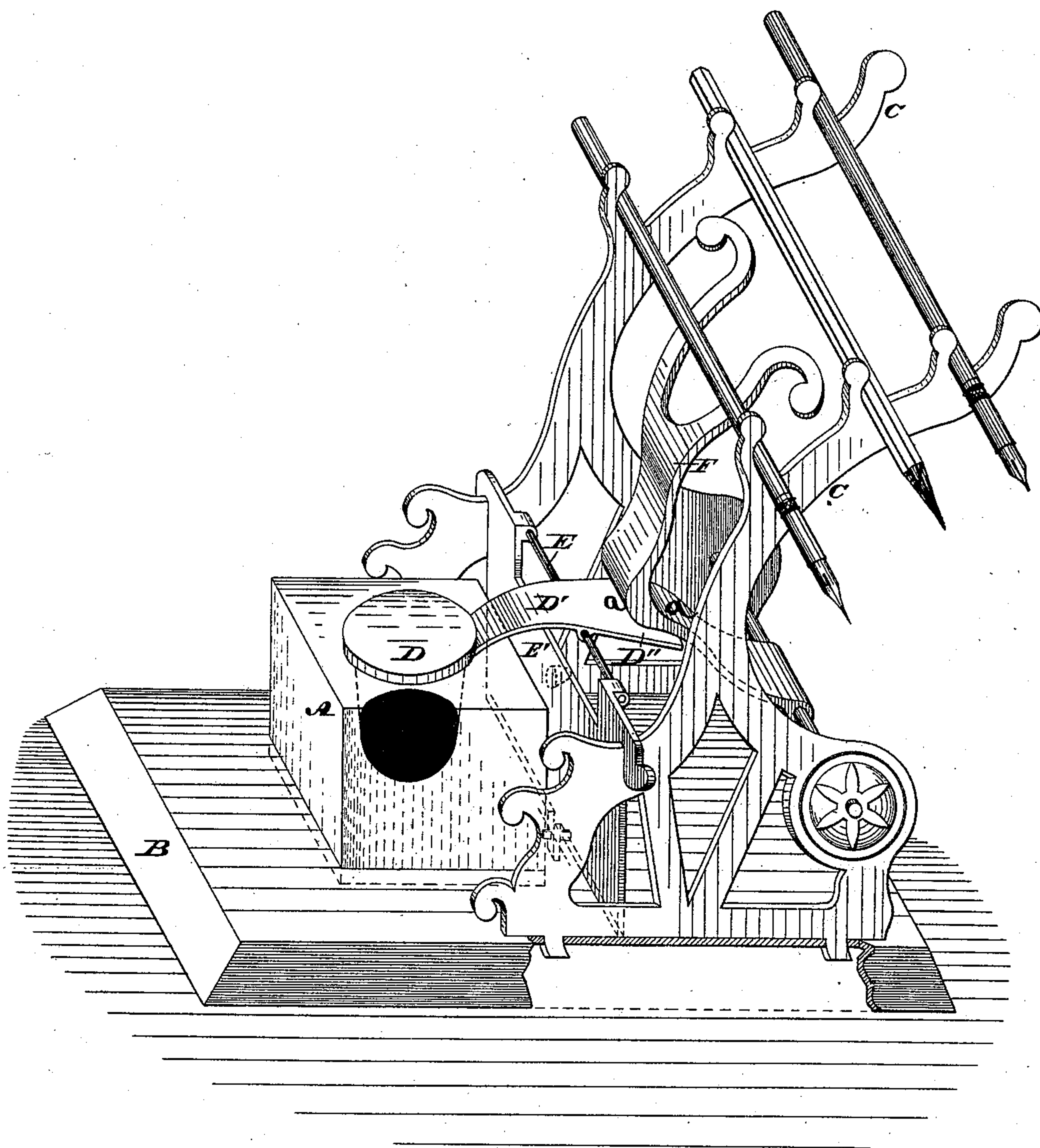


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAAC BROOKE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pottstown, in the county of Montgomery, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Inkstands, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawing, the figure being a perspective view of an inkstand embodying my invention.

My invention relates to an improvement in an inkstand having a cover which is opened by the removal of a pen from the rack, and closed when the pen is placed on the rack.

The invention consists of a self-closing cover, which is provided with an arm at the rear thereof, the same being pivoted to the frame and provided with a rearward-projecting tongue, in combination with a lever which, pivoted to the pen-rack, is fitted within the opening or space thereof and formed into a forwardly-projecting part which overhangs the tongue, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

Referring to the drawing, A represents an ink-well, which is placed on the base B, from which rises the pen-rack C.

D represents the lid or cover of the inkstand, the same being mounted on a rod or bar, E, and so hung thereon or weighted or actuated by a spring as to be self-closing, the rod E being connected with the binder E' of the rack, or may be connected directly with the rack. The rear of the arm or piece D', to which the cover is attached, is extended or has a piece secured to it, forming a tongue, D'', which is so disposed as to be engaged on its upper face by a lever, F, the axis whereof is on the rack C and the motion toward the tongue D'', so as to raise the cover D, said lever being weighted, actuated by a spring or mounted eccentric on its axis so as to produce said motion. The lever F is of curved or bent form in a forward direction, as at *a*, so as to overhang the tongue D'', and extends upwardly between the side pieces of the rack, so that when it is thrown back clear of the tongue D'' and a pen placed on the lowest hook or notch of

the rack, or at least at such part thereof as to be below the top of the lever, it will occupy a position in the path of the lever, and thus control the same, preventing the weight of the lever being transmitted to the tongue D'', the cover D thus remaining closed. It will be seen that when ink is required the pen, which holds the lever F, is removed, whereby said lever quickly moves downwardly against the tongue D' and depresses the same, thus raising the cover D, so that the inkstand is open and will remain open, and the pen may be dipped therein as usual. In order to close the ink-well, the lever F is forced rearwardly, whereby it clears the tongue D'', and as the cover D is no longer controlled it quickly closes and the ink is covered. The pen is then placed on the rack in front of the lever F, thus acting as a barrier to the forward motion of said lever, whereby the latter is inoperative, and the cover is not disturbed. By again displacing the pen the lever is permitted to advance on the tongue D'' and depress the same, so that the cover D is quickly opened, as is evident.

I do not limit myself to a pen constituting the barrier or stop of the lever F. A lead-pencil, stick, or a rod pivoted to one side of the rack and engaging with the other side thereof, is considered an equivalent device of the pen heretofore described and shown, and will effect the same results.

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

In an inkstand, a self-closing cover having an arm at the rear thereof pivoted to the frame, and having a rearward-projecting tongue, and a lever which is pivoted to the open rack and formed with a forwardly-projecting part, which overhangs the tongue of the cover, substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

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