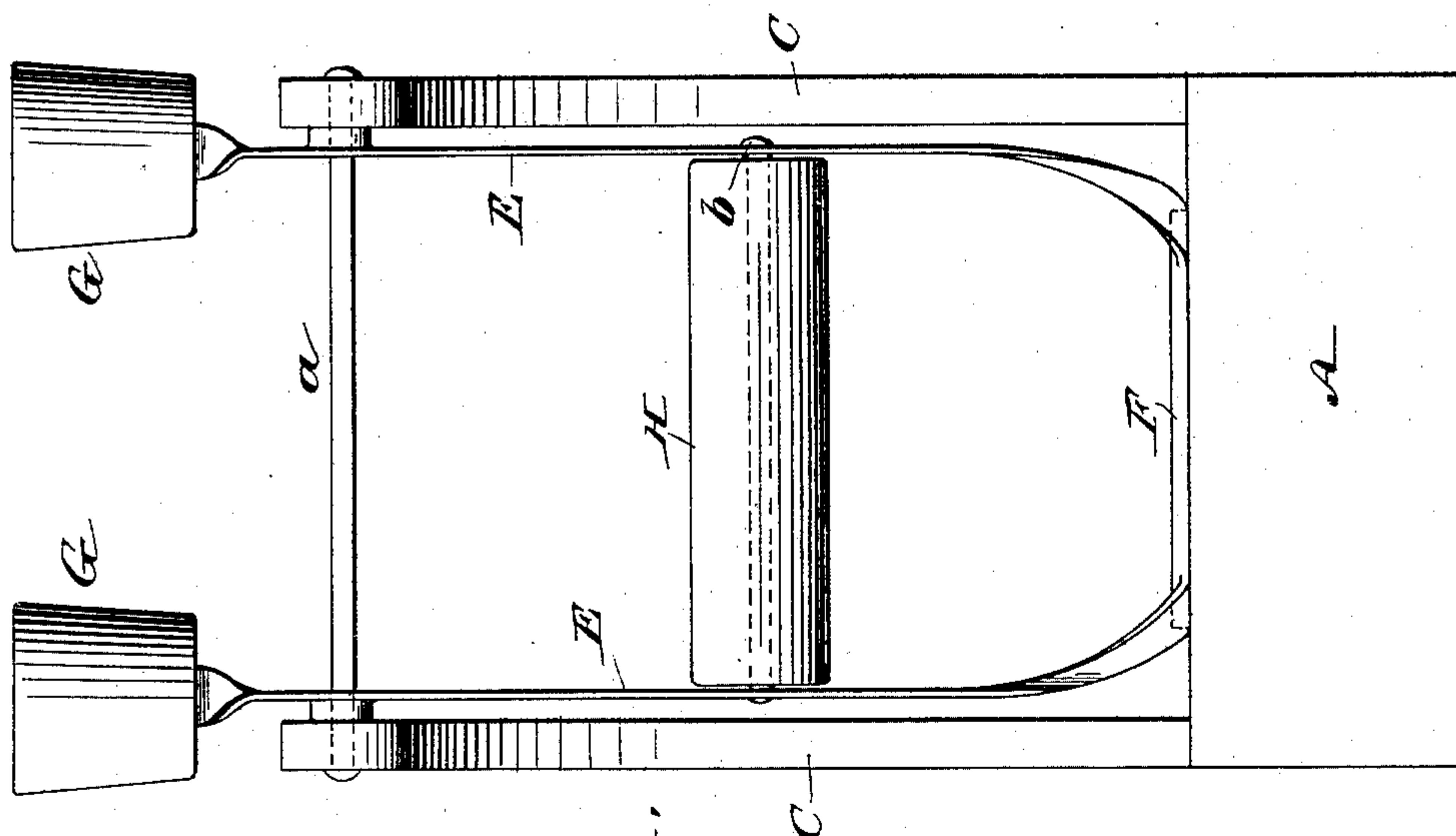
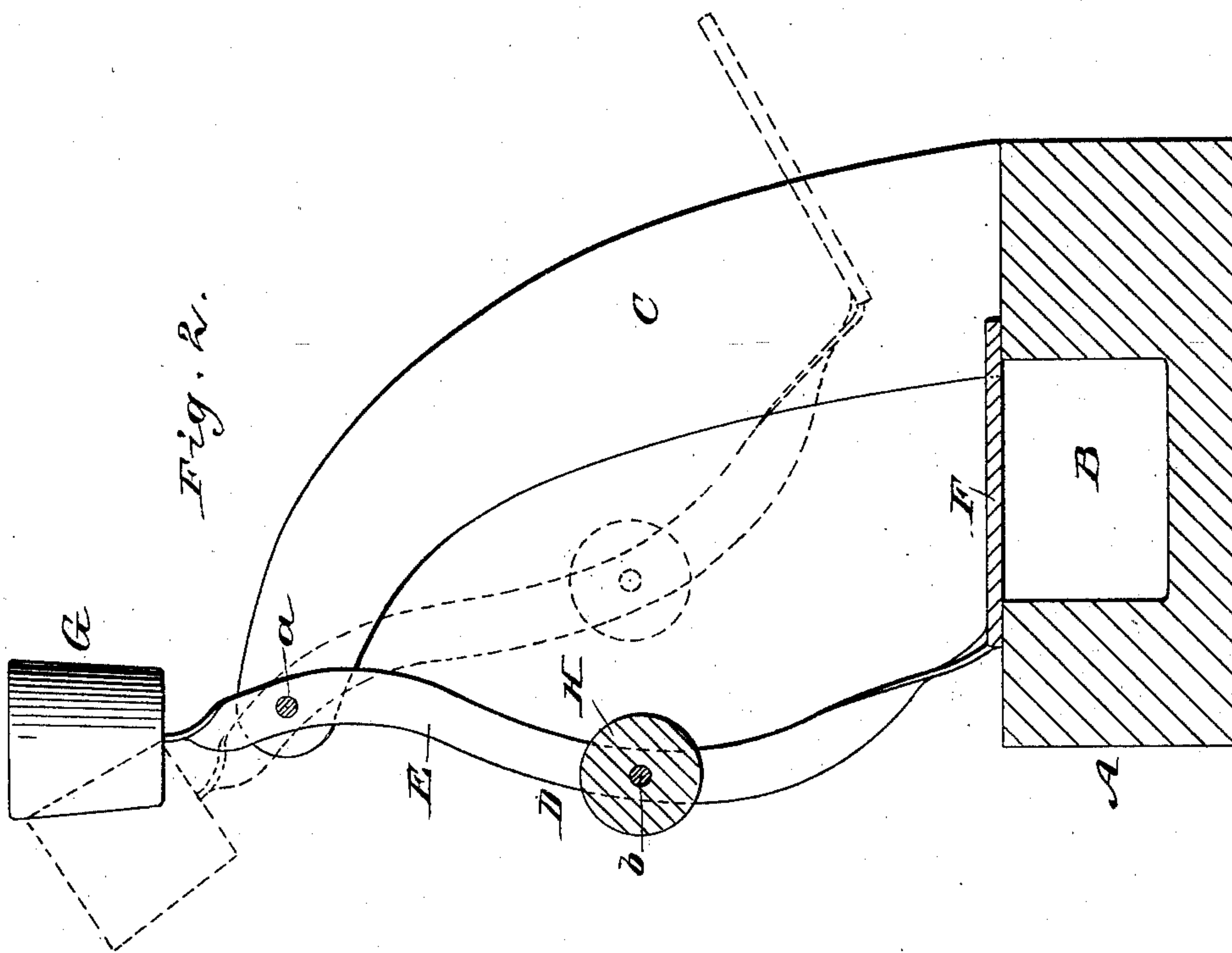


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## INKSTAND.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN HOEY, of the city, county, and State of New York, 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 practical self-closing inkstand; and to this end my invention consists, principally, of an inkstand the cover of which swings from a pivot above the ink-well, a hand-piece being connected to the cover in front of the well, so that the act of dipping the pen will swing the cover back from over the well.

The invention further consists of the special construction of the inkstand, all as hereinafter described and claimed.

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

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my new and improved inkstand; and Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of the same, showing the cover closed in full lines and open in dotted lines.

A represents the base of the inkstand, in which is formed the ink receptacle or well B. Rising above the base A are the uprights or arms C, preferably curved toward the front. In the upper ends of these uprights is pivoted the frame D upon the pivot pin or rod *a*. The frame D is by preference composed of the side pieces, E, joined by the rod *b* and connected at their lower ends to the cover F for the ink-well B. The pivot pin or rod *a* stands slightly in front of the ink-well B, so that the cover F, when resting upon the base A, will stand back of a vertical line passing through the pivot pin or rod, and the cover is attached to the side pieces, E, at an obtuse angle, as shown. By this arrangement the cover will close of its own weight, and when closed will rest flat upon the base A and tightly close the ink-well. The upper ends of the side pieces, E, reach above the pivot *a*, and are provided above the pivot

with the counter-weights G, which enables the cover to be swung back from over the ink-well by a very slight touch of the frame D below the pivot *a*.

For swinging the cover back I prefer to provide the frame D with the roller H, placed in this instance loosely upon the rod *b*, so that it will be held directly in the path described by the hand in the act of dipping the pen in the ink-well, naturally, as though no cover were upon the stand. In this manner the act of dipping the pen, without any thought of extra movement, swings back the cover and admits the pen to the ink in the well. When the hand is removed, the cover drops slowly of its own weight and closes the ink-well, and prevents the evaporation of the ink.

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

1. The frame E, provided with the cover F at its lower end and pivoted in the uprights *a* above the ink-well, and provided with the weights G above and in line with the pivot, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination, with an ink-well, of a counterpoised frame provided with a cover at its lower end and an operating cross-piece, *b*, between the cover and the pivot of the frame for swinging the frame back by a touch of the hand or pen, substantially as described.

3. The combination, with an inkstand, of a frame provided with a cover, the frame being pivoted at a point above and somewhat in front of the ink-well, substantially as described.

4. The pivoted frame D, having the cover attached at its lower end, in combination with a roller, H, attached to the frame, substantially as described.

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