

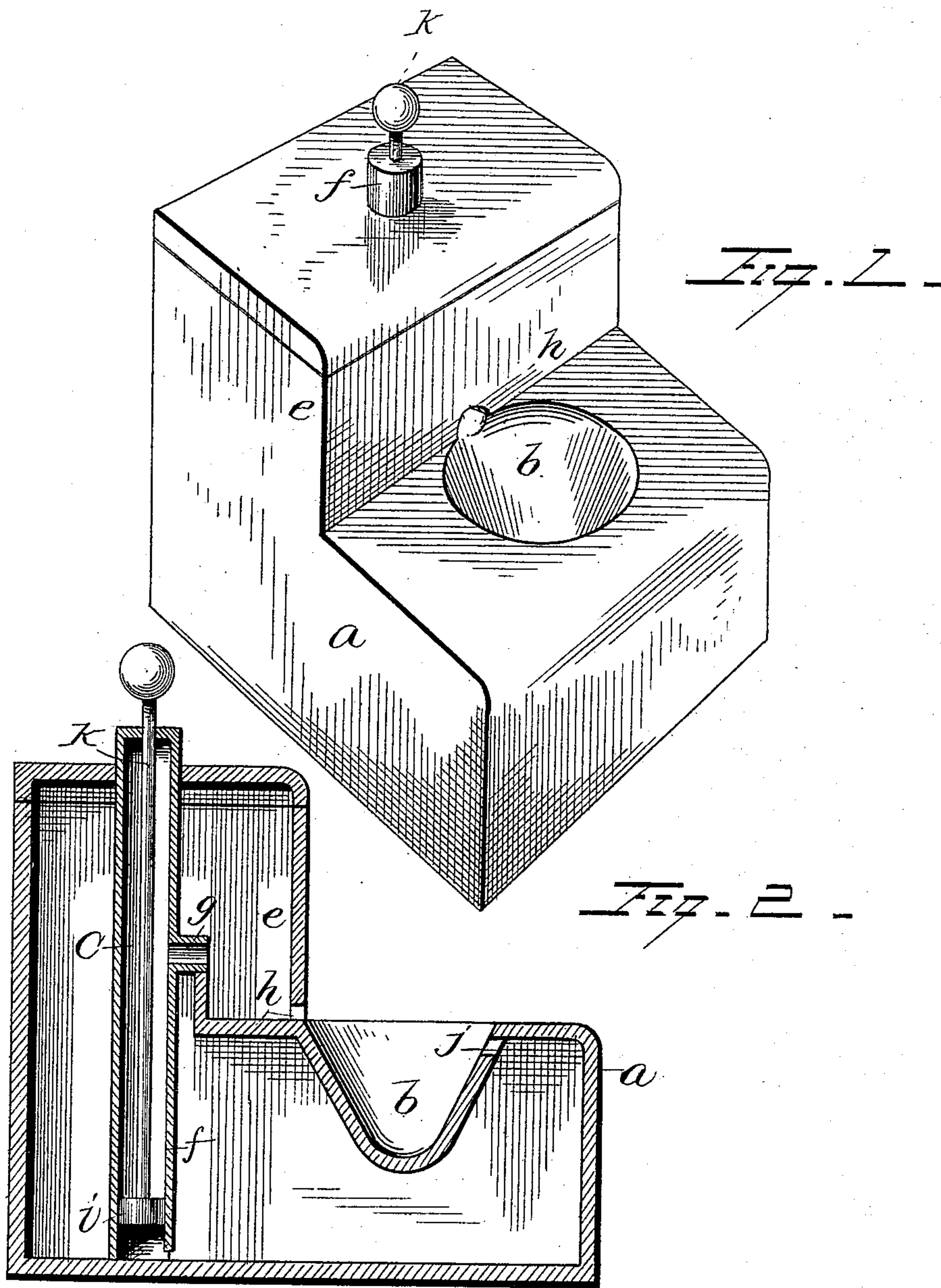
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## INKSTAND.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, STEPHEN G. BALDWIN, of Marion, in the county of Grant and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and  
5 useful Improvements in Ink-Wells; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the  
10 same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in  
15 inkstands.

The object of the invention is to provide an inkstand neat, compact, and convenient in shape and size, and so constructed and arranged as to preserve the ink by preventing  
20 evaporation, and also keeping the ink clear and clean and free from dust and preventing it from becoming thick and muddy. This is accomplished by providing an ink-well and a normally-closed supply-reservoir from which  
25 the ink can be drawn into the well in such quantities only as are needed for immediate use.

With these ends in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction  
30 and combinations of parts, more fully described hereinafter, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front perspective view of the  
35 article, and Fig. 2 is a central vertical section of the same.

The article essentially comprises a body, *a*, forming an ink-supply reservoir, an ink-well, *b*, depending from the front portion of the top  
40 wall of the body into the interior of the same, and a lift-pump or elevator, *c*, or equivalent device, to raise and discharge into the well the desired quantity of ink from the reservoir.

The body is preferably cast or otherwise  
45 formed integral and hollow, with the portion *e* extended upwardly from the rear portion of its top and the well *b* depending from the top wall below and in front of the raised portion into the interior of the body.

50 The top of the raised portion is preferably

removable to allow access to the interior of the supply-reservoir, and said top carries a tube, *f*, which projects upward through the same and downward to or near the bottom of the reservoir, where it is provided with one  
55 or more openings into the same. The tube is provided with a discharge-mouth, *g*, opening above a channel, *h*, leading to the ink-well. A piston, *i*, is located in the tube, and is provided with a rod, *k*, extending up the same, and by  
60 which the piston is operated.

The ink-well is provided with one or more discharge-apertures, *j*, near its upper portion, opening into the interior of the body, to prevent  
65 overflow of the well, for when all over a certain quantity of ink is pumped into the well the overflow passes back into the reservoir.

The operation of the article is obvious. When it is desired to raise ink and discharge  
70 it into the well, the piston is reciprocated, raising the ink and discharging it through mouth *g* onto the channel *h*, from which it flows into the well. It should be observed that the pump is entirely inclosed except the upper  
75 end of the tube, which is closed, and the upper handle end of the operating-rod.

It is evident that the article will keep the ink from evaporating and also keep it clean  
80 and clear and from becoming thick and muddy. It is also evident that the invention is not limited to any particular size or shape.

What I claim is—

1. An inkstand comprising a hollow body forming a normally-closed supply-reservoir,  
85 an ink-well in the upper portion of the same, and a pump or elevator in the body to raise the ink from the reservoir to the well, substantially as set forth.

2. An inkstand comprising a hollow body  
90 to form an ink-supply reservoir, an ink-well depending from the top wall of the same into its interior, and a pump or elevator to raise the liquid from the reservoir to the well, comprising a vertical tube opening into the reser-  
95 voir and extending up through the body and provided with a discharge-mouth to discharge onto a channel extending to the well, and a piston in the tube provided with an operating-rod above the body, as set forth.  
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3. An inkstand comprising a body having  
an internal ink-supply reservoir, an ink-well  
in the body depending into the reservoir and  
provided with one or more apertures in its  
5 upper portion to allow the overflow from the  
well to pass back into the reservoir, and means  
for raising the ink from the reservoir to the  
well when and in quantities as desired.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as  
my own I affix my signature in presence of 10  
two witnesses.

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