

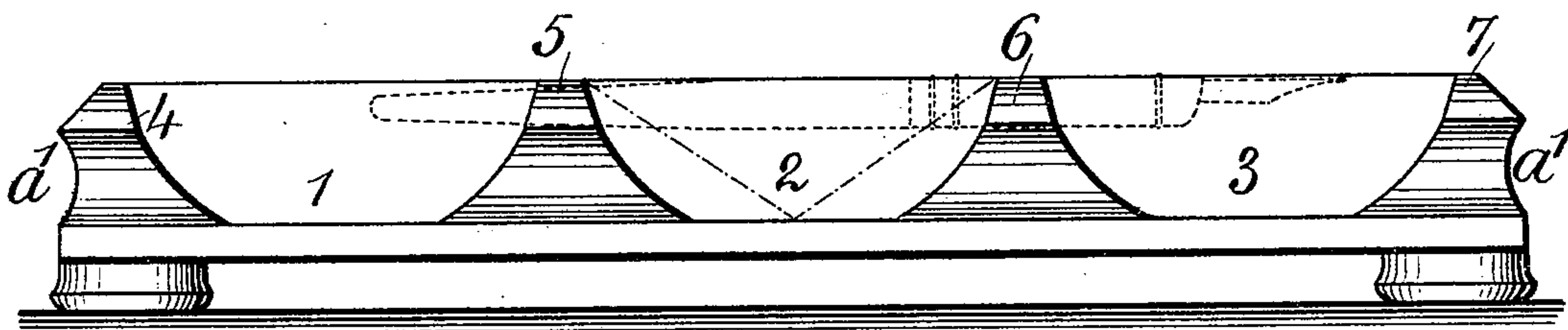
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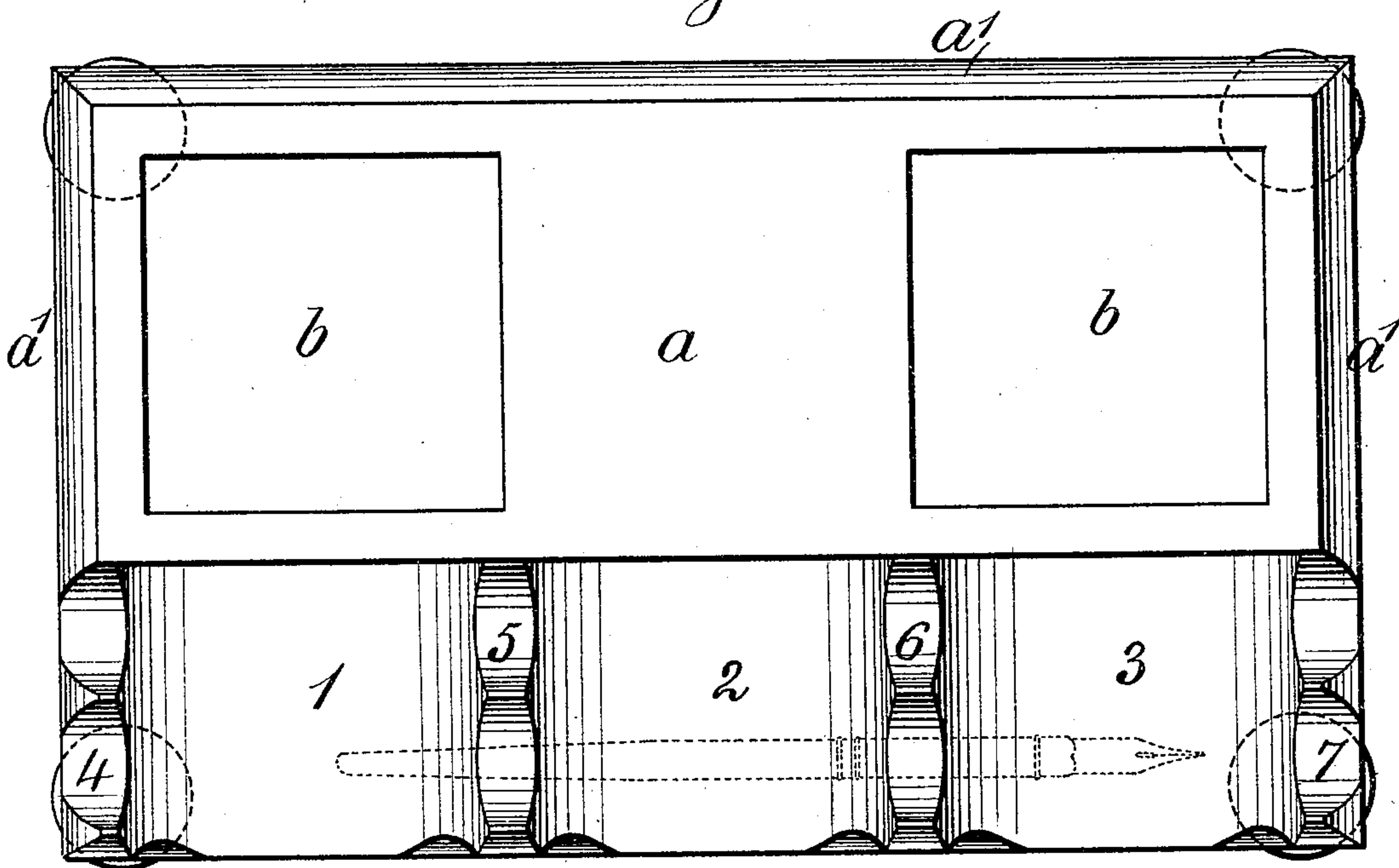
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*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 1.*



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## INKSTAND-BASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY C. FREYER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Inkstand-Bases, of which the following is a specification.

Wooden slab bases have heretofore been extensively employed for supporting inkstands, especially for use on library tables where a handsome article is desirable, and these wooden slab bases have heretofore been made with longitudinal grooves in the surface for holding pen holders and pencils. These grooves support the entire length of the pen holder or pencil and it is somewhat difficult to pick up the pen holder or pencil because of inserting the fingers in the grooves. Besides the grooves become smeared with ink from the pen and the fingers frequently become soiled in picking up the pen holder or pencil, and the object of my invention is to overcome these objections.

My improved inkstand base consists of a slab with depressions in the surface of the slab which may be of curved or flattened V form or any other desired shape, and between which are ribs notched for supporting the pen holders or pencils, the object being to support the pen holder or pencil near its respective ends only, so that it may easily be grasped by the fingers and taken up for use. These depressions in the slab also serve to hold rubber bands or postage stamps or similar articles for use.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view representing my improved inkstand base, and Fig. 2 is an elevation of the same from the front, the base shown being adapted to carry two ink bottles.

These inkstand bases are preferably made of slabs of wood and highly polished so as to present an agreeable exterior, and *a* represents the slab base which is provided with a molded edge *a'* and as shown in Fig. 1 with two recesses *b* for ink bottles. These inkstand slab bases may also be made of other material such as thin metal of the form set forth.

The longitudinal front portion of the inkstand slab base is provided with the depressions 1, 2, 3, in the surface of the slab and between which are the notched ribs 4, 5, 6

and 7 to receive the pen holders or pencils. These surface depressions are shown as of curved form, but they may be of this form or of a flattened V shape without departing from the essential features of the invention.

The pen holders or pencils are supported in the notches of the ribs 4, 5, 6 and 7, at or near their respective ends and their greater portion or length is consequently above the surface depressed portions 1, 2 and 3, in the slab base, and to grasp and lift said pen holders or pencils from their support, the fingers do not come in contact with any portion of the inkstand base, but readily take hold of the pen holder or pencil, and should the notched portions of the ribs receive ink from the pens, the same does not get on the fingers because the pen holders or pencils are readily grasped by the fingers between the ribs and over the depressed portions, and these depressed portions 1, 2 and 3 form convenient receptacles for rubber bands, seals, postage stamps and other like useful articles.

Although I have shown in the drawings three surface depressed portions, I reserve the right to use any number of depressed portions, because in a small inkstand slab base using only one ink bottle there would only be room for one or two surface depressions at the most, and in a base holding more than two bottles there would probably be more than the three surface depressions shown, and I do not limit myself to the surface depressions with intermediate notched ribs along the front of the slab base, as the same might be arranged along each side or partially along the front and along one or both sides, the essential feature being the surface depressions and intermediate notched ribs for supporting the pen holders or pencils.

I claim as my invention—

As a new article of manufacture, an inkstand base composed of a slab with depressed portions in the surface and intermediate ribs notched to support pen holders or pencils at or near their respective ends, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

Signed by me this 6th day of February, 1893.

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