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Fig. 1.

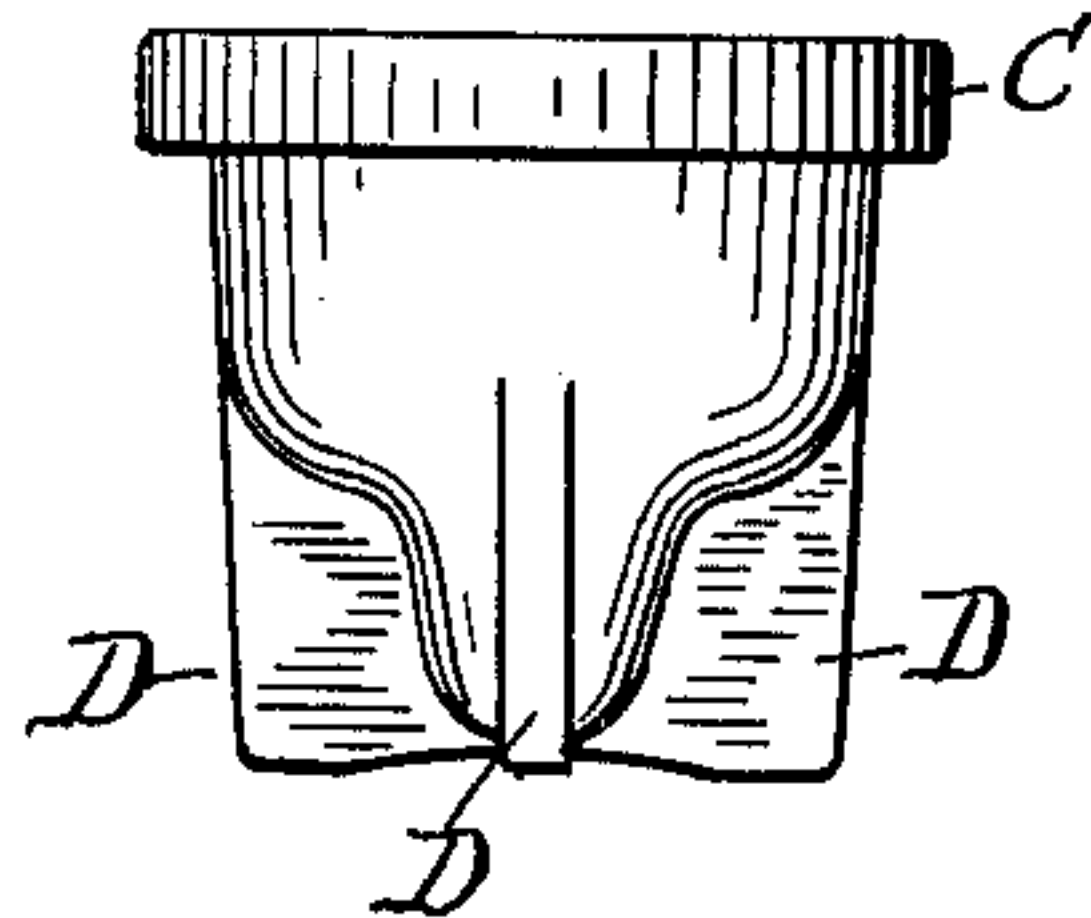
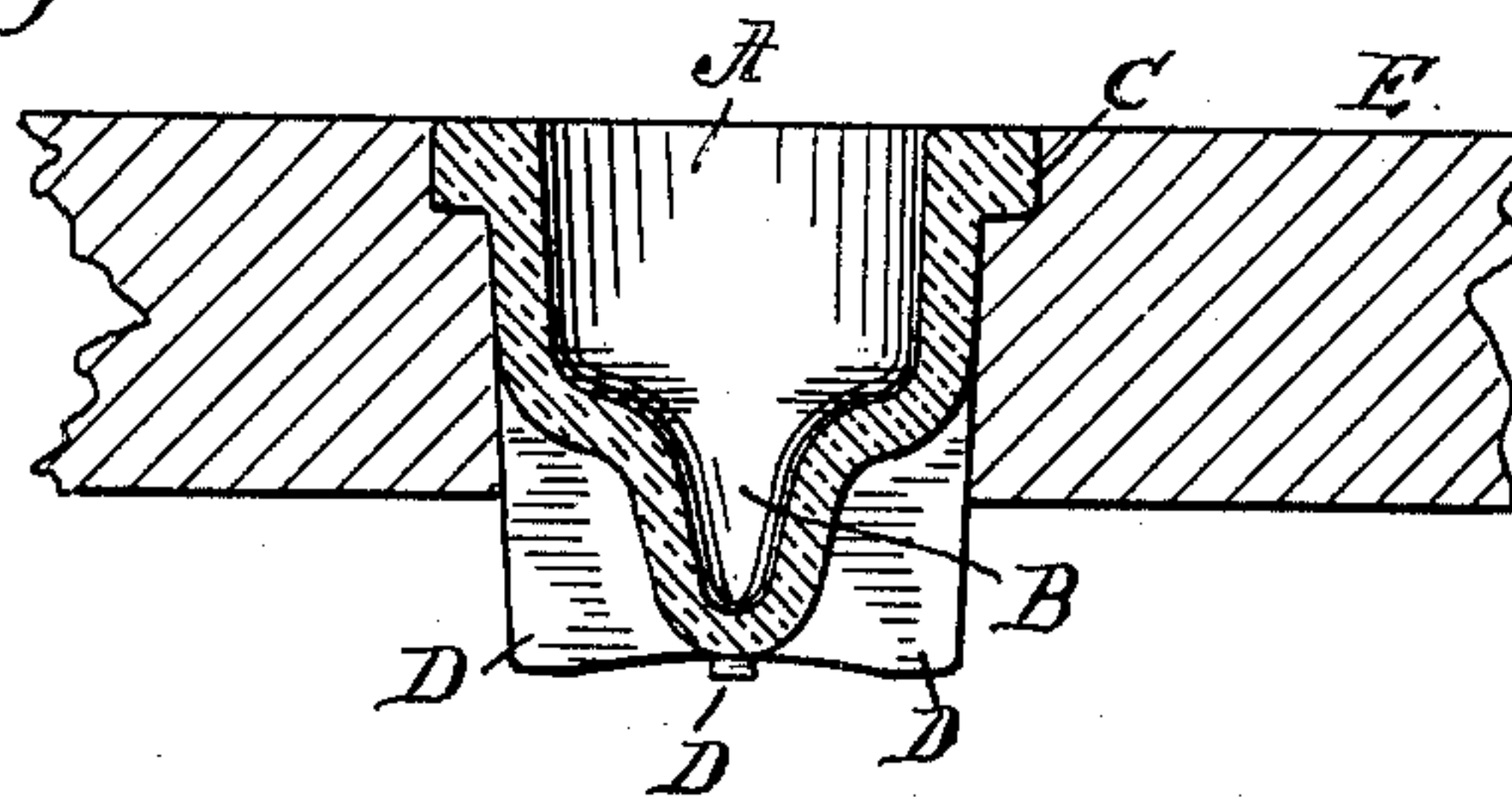


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK M. ASHLEY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Inkstands, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to inkstands, and particularly to that type used in public schools which are usually placed in the scholars' desks. This type of inkstand holds a small quantity of ink compared to the amount held by the usual commercial stand used in business offices, and it is necessary that the ink be kept fresh in order that the copy-books of the scholars shall be free from blots caused by dust and impurities getting into the ink, and therefore the stands are emptied and refilled with fresh ink just before the writing lesson or exercise. Since it is necessary that the ink should be sufficiently deep in the inkstand to reach the edge of the pen and a very small quantity of this amount of ink is used in a single exercise, a great loss of ink results from throwing away the ink not used.

The object of the present invention is to prevent to a considerable extent this waste of ink and at the same time provide a stand which is equally cheap to make and one that will sit on a table without falling over in case it is necessary to use it apart from the school-desk.

A further object is to reduce the depth of the stand, so that the penholder will not be wet by the ink when the stand is practically full when projected to the bottom of the stand.

Referring to the drawings, which form part of this specification, Figure 1 is an elevational view of my improved inkstand, showing the supporting-flange on which the stand rests when in use in a school-desk and the projecting wings which serve as a base for the stand. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the inkstand as it appears when resting in the school-desk.

A indicates the main reservoir; B, a contracted depression therein, the said depression being about the depth of the length of the end of a commercial pen measured from the point of the pen to its eye, the depth of the main reservoir being such that when filled to the usual degree the ink will be about one inch in depth or less, which prevents the

ink from reaching the penholder in the great majority of cases.

C indicates the flange, which is adapted to rest in a depression cut in the top of the desk, which is indicated by E.

D indicates projecting wings, the bottoms of which serve as a base on which the stand may rest when removed from the desk E. These wings D are easy to draw from the mold, and their edges serve as a guide to support the stand firmly in the opening in the desk.

The stand is molded complete in one operation and in consequence of its low cost and saving of ink in use will easily save its cost over those now in use in a very short time.

The drawing is a full-size working drawing, and any person skilled in the art may easily make the same.

For use in schools for writing exercises as now conducted it is only necessary to fill the depression in the stand, which is more than sufficient for a single exercise, and therefore when the ink is afterward thrown out very little is lost compared to that lost by the ordinary stand now used for the purpose.

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

1. An inkstand having a supporting-flange at its top adapted to fit a desk as set forth and having a main reservoir open at the top and a contracted depression in its base, the diameter of which is about that of the width of a commercial pen, the combined depth of the reservoir and depression being less than the length of a commercial pen; substantially as described.

2. An inkstand having a supporting-flange at its top adapted to fit a desk as set forth and having a main reservoir open at the top and a contracted depression in its base, the combined depth of the reservoir and depression being less than the length of a commercial pen, and wings projecting from the body and serving as a base for the stand; substantially as described.

3. An inkstand having a main reservoir with a depression in its bottom, and wings projecting from the exterior thereof and serving as a base therefor; substantially as described.

4. An inkstand having a flange at its upper end from which the structure may be sus-

pended, a main reservoir having a contracted depression in the bottom thereof and wings adapted to serve as a base.

5. An inkstand comprising a body portion having a reservoir therein, and wings projecting from the body and serving as a base therefor.

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