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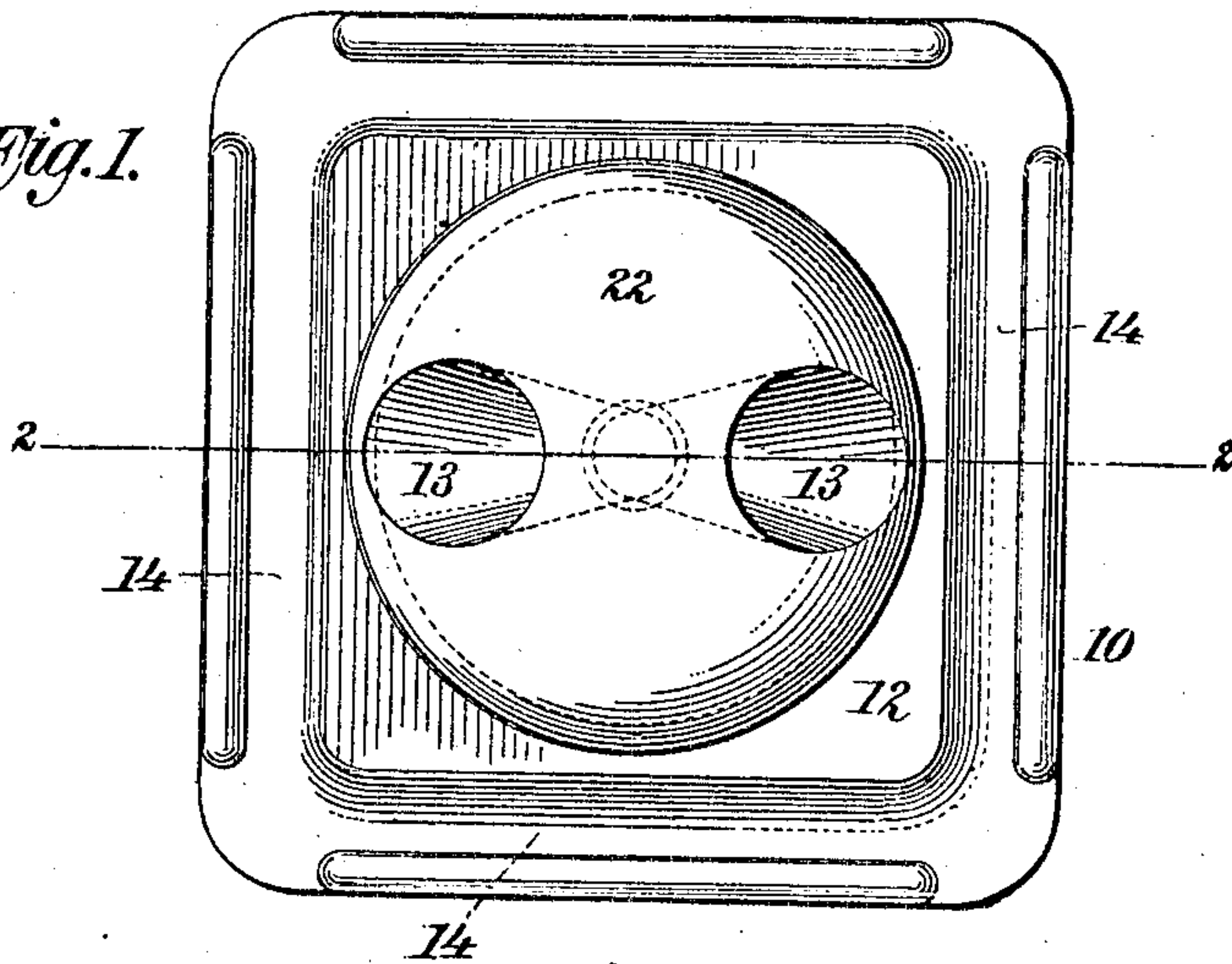


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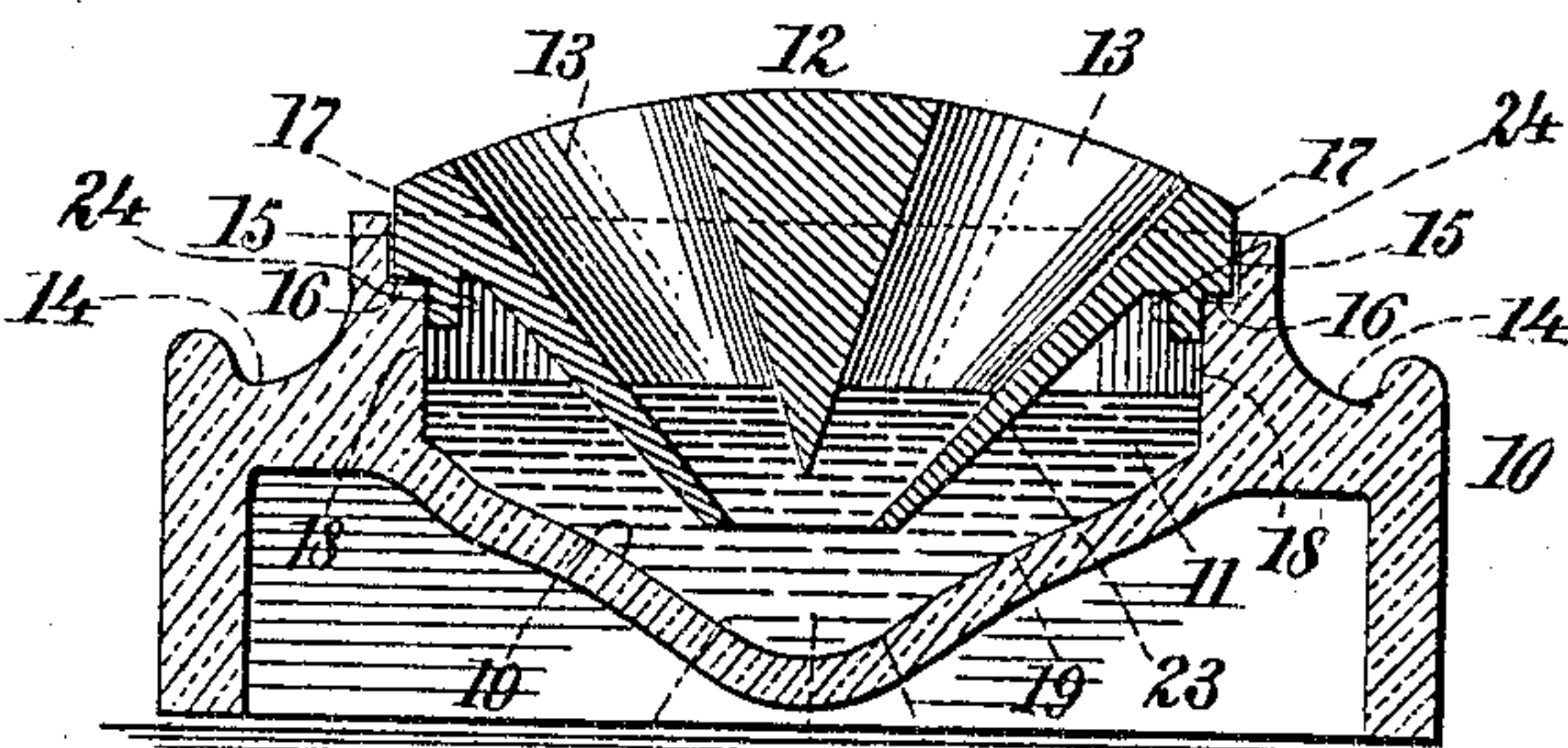


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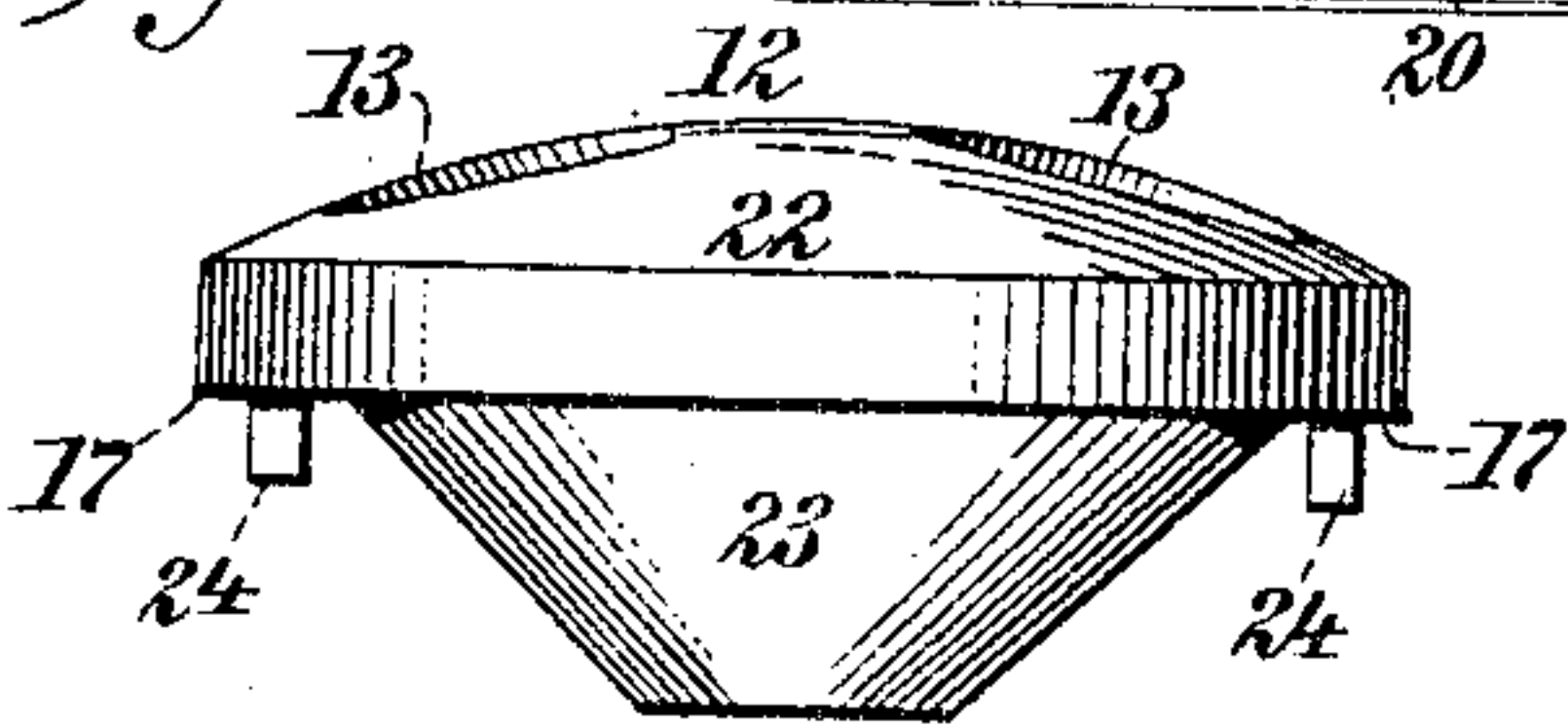


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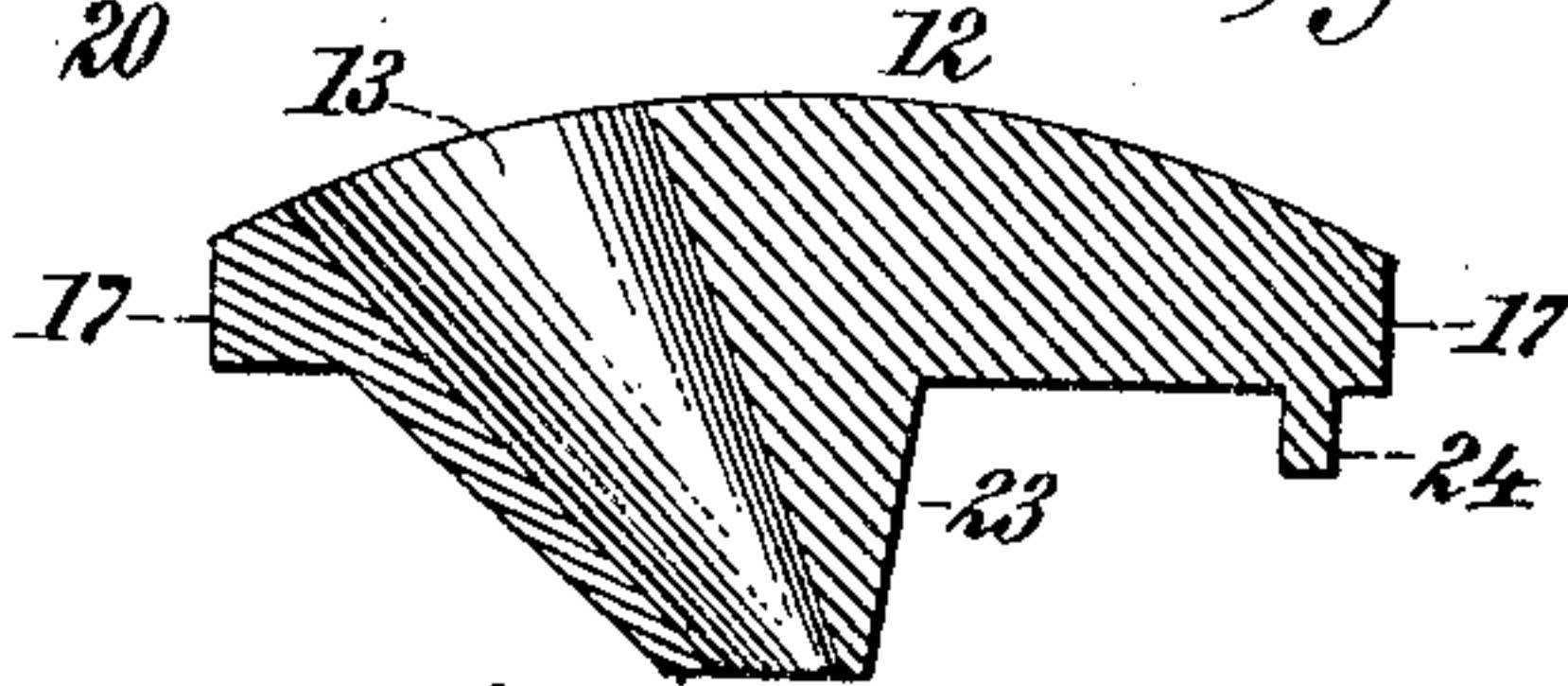


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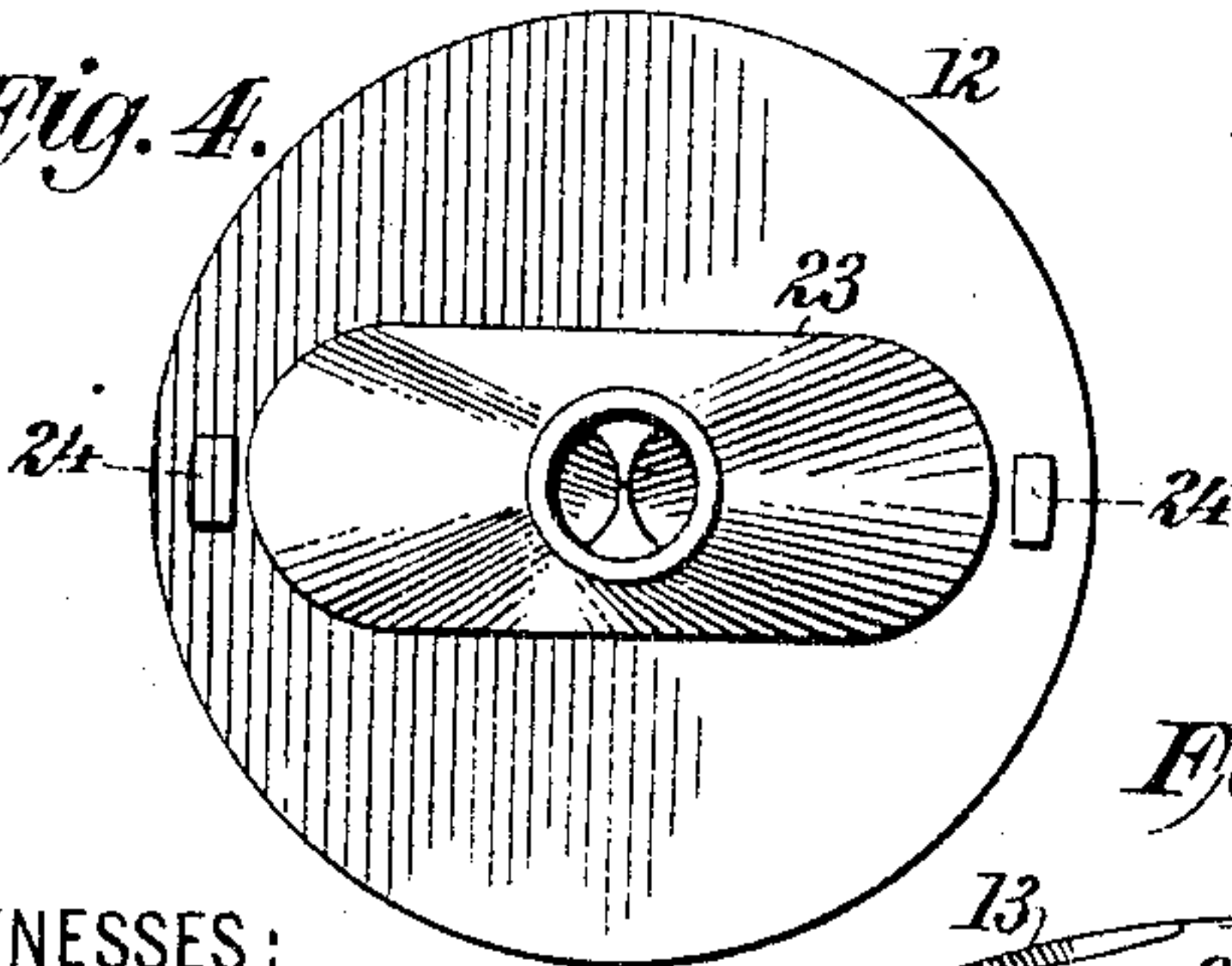


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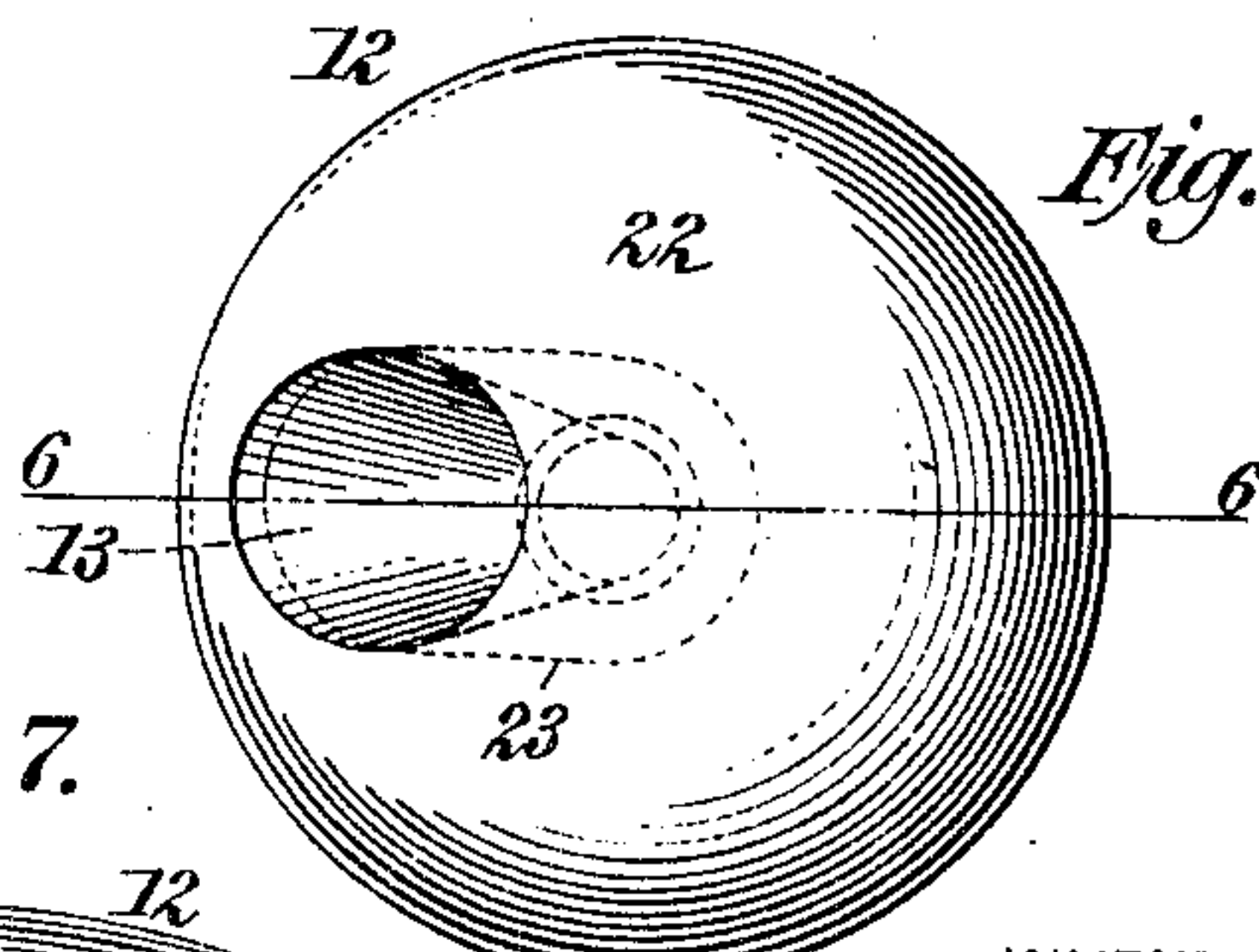
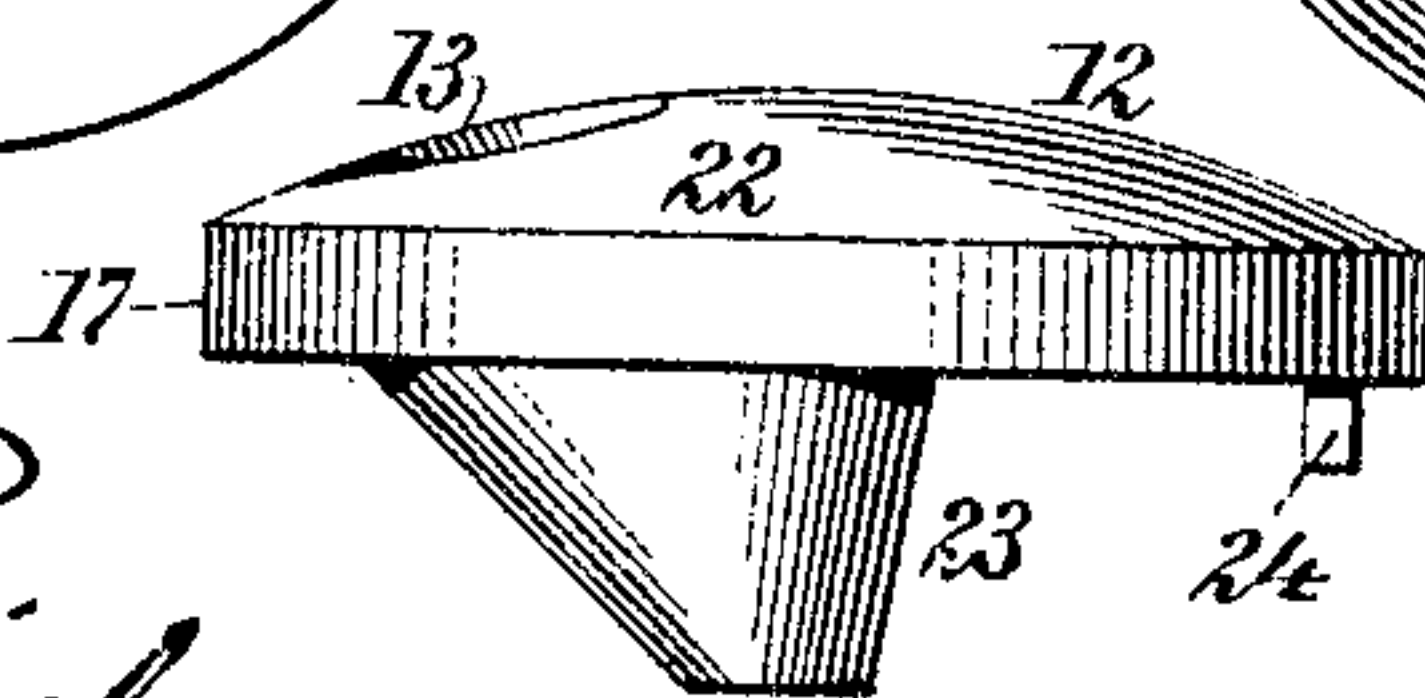


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## INKSTAND.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. NUMAN, 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.

The invention relates to improvements in inkstands, and consists in the novel features and structure hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

The object of the invention is to afford a novel, easily-constructed, and convenient inkstand for desk use, said inkstand comprising a body portion, preferably of glass, affording the well for ink, and a cover portion, preferably of hard rubber or the like, adapted to seat within the mouth of said body portion and having an extension projected downwardly into said well and containing an inwardly and downwardly inclined downwardly-converging opening into which a pen may be passed for receiving the ink. The cover will preferably be loosely located within the mouth of the body portion, and the opening or openings extending downwardly through the same for the passage of the pen will be disposed eccentrically to the cover, and the cover, except for the presence of said opening or openings, will have a convex upper surface to avoid the gathering of dust, which in the case of ink-well covers having concave top surfaces finds its way naturally into the ink-well.

The invention will be fully understood from the detailed description hereinafter presented, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top view of an inkstand constructed in accordance with and embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section of the same. Fig. 3 is a detached side elevation of the cover. Fig. 4 is a bottom view of the same. Fig. 5 is a top view of a modified form of cover, the modification consisting in the omission of one of the dipping-holes of the cover shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 6 is a vertical section of same on the dotted line 6 6 of Fig. 5, and Fig. 7 is an edge view of same.

In the drawings, 10 designates the body of the inkstand; 11, the well therein for receiving ink; 12, the cover for said well, and 13 the

dipping-holes formed in said cover to receive the pen.

The body 10 will preferably be of low broad outline and provided at its upper outer edges with grooves 14 to serve as rests for the pens when the latter are not in use. Within the upper edge of the mouth 15 of the body 10 is formed a shoulder 16, upon which the outer annular edge portion 17 of the cover 12 may find a bearing, said shoulder 16 extending around the circular mouth 15 and the vertical walls of said mouth above said shoulder being adapted to receive the vertical edges of said cover portion 17, whereby the outer edges of the cover become fully inclosed within the mouth of the well. Below the shoulder 16 the well is formed with substantially vertical walls 18, from whose lower edges the surfaces of the well extend first on convex lines 19 and then on concave lines 20 to the bottom of the well, as shown in Fig. 2, a distinct concavity 21 being formed at the center of the lower end of the well.

The cover 12 defines a circular outline viewed from above and comprises in one integral piece an upper portion 22 and a downwardly and inwardly extending portion 23, said upper portion being in the nature of a disk having a convex upper surface and said lower portion constituting an extension which passes downwardly and inwardly to the concavity 21 at the bottom of the well. Formed within the upper portion 22 and extension 23 of the cover are the dipping-openings 13, these openings being substantially circular in cross-section and inclining from the outer portions of the cover inwardly and downwardly to the lower end of the extension 23 and having downwardly and inwardly converging walls. In Figs. 1 and 2 I illustrate the cover 12 as being formed at opposite sides with dipping-openings 13; but it is to be understood that I do not limit the invention to the employment of two of such openings, since in many instances it will be desired that the cover only have one opening or be of the construction shown in Figs. 5, 6, and 7, in which I illustrate the cover as provided on one side with one dipping-opening corresponding with either dipping-opening shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The cover will be formed with two oppositely-disposed dipping-open-



ings 13 when the inkstand is to be used on a desk at opposite sides of which persons facing each other may be seated.

The cover 12 rests loosely within the mouth 5 of the well and upon the shoulder 16, and therefore the cover 12 may be conveniently turned axially, so as to bring the dipping opening or openings in the most convenient position for the person or persons using the 10 inkstand, it being entirely convenient to turn said cover with the use of the penholder, said cover yielding to the pressure of the pen when the latter is applied within a dipping-opening and moved in the direction in which 15 it may be desired to rotate the cover.

I regard it as a very desirable feature that the annular edges of the upper portion 22 of the cover 12 are inclosed within the upper edges of the mouth of the well and that the 20 upper surface of said cover, except at the dipping opening or openings, is smooth and convex and adapted to shed dust, which otherwise might gather upon it and find its way into the ink-well. The cover 12 is a very 25 great improvement over ink-well covers having a concave upper surface with a spout leading centrally therefrom into the well, since such covers readily gather dust and direct the same downwardly into the ink-well.

30 I preferably provide the cover 12 with a downwardly-extending lug or lugs 24 to engage the vertical wall 18 of the well 11 and prevent the tipping upwardly of the cover by pressure applied to one side thereof during 35 the dipping of a pen into an opening 13. When the cover 12 has only one opening 13, it will be provided with one lug 24, located at the side of the cover opposite to the opening, and when the cover has two openings 13 a 40 lug 24 will be provided at each side of the cover. When dipping a pen into an opening 13, the user might carelessly so handle the pen that it would operate as a lever to press the cover 12 upwardly at the side opposite to 45 that at which the pen entered the cover, and the lugs 24 are to prevent under such conditions the cover being dislodged.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

50 1. An inkstand comprising a body portion within which is formed a well and below the upper edge of the mouth of which is an inwardly-extending shoulder, and a cover adapted to enter within the upper edge of 55 said mouth and rest upon said shoulder, said cover having a downwardly-projected extension through which a dipping-opening passes, said opening starting at one side of the center of the cover and thence extending downwardly and inwardly through said extension 60 to the lower part of said well; substantially as set forth.

2. An inkstand comprising a body portion 10 having a well 11 containing at its lower end a distinct concavity 21, said body portion also having at its mouth vertical walls 15 and at the lower edge of said walls an inwardly-extending shoulder 16, and a cover 12 having a convex upper surface and a 70 downwardly-projected extension 23 within which is formed a downwardly and inwardly inclined dipping-opening 13 leading to said concavity 21, the outer edges of said cover being adapted to fit within said walls 15 and rest upon said shoulder 16; substantially as 75 set forth.

3. An inkstand comprising a body 10 having a centrally-disposed well 11 formed with vertical side walls, a mouth coextensive with the horizontal space defined by said walls 80 and a concavity 21 at its lower central portion, and a cover 12 adapted to the mouth of the well and having a convex top and a downwardly-extending portion 23 leading to said concavity, said cover being formed 85 through its top at one side of its center and through said downwardly-extending portion with a dipping-opening having downwardly-converging surfaces; substantially as set 90 forth.

4. An inkstand comprising a body 10 having a well terminating in a concavity 21 at its lower central portion, and a cover 12 adapted to the mouth of the well and having a convex 95 top and a downwardly-extending portion 23 leading to said concavity, said cover being formed through its top at both sides of its center and through said downwardly-extending portion with downwardly and inwardly 100 inclined dipping-openings having downwardly-inclined converging surfaces; substantially as set forth.

5. An inkstand comprising a body portion having a centrally-disposed well 11 formed with vertical side walls, a mouth coextensive 105 with the horizontal space defined by said walls and a concavity 21 at its lower central portion, and a circular removable cover 12 adapted to the mouth of said well and loosely fitting the same so that it may be freely 110 axially turned while covering said well, said cover having an integral downwardly-extending portion 23 leading to said concavity and also a downwardly and inwardly inclined dipping-opening formed through it at one 115 side of its center and through said portion 23; substantially as set forth.

Signed at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, this 16th day of January, A. D. 1907.

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