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INKSTAND.

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Fig. 1.

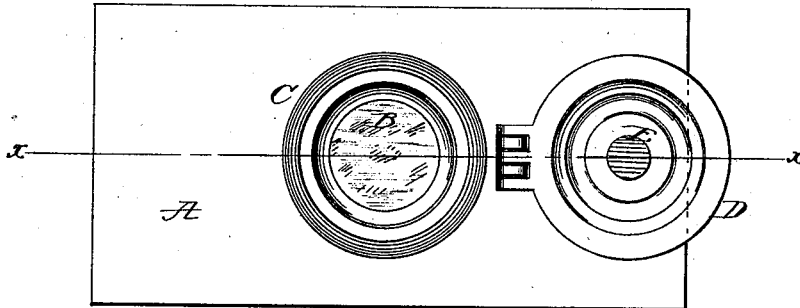


Fig. 2.

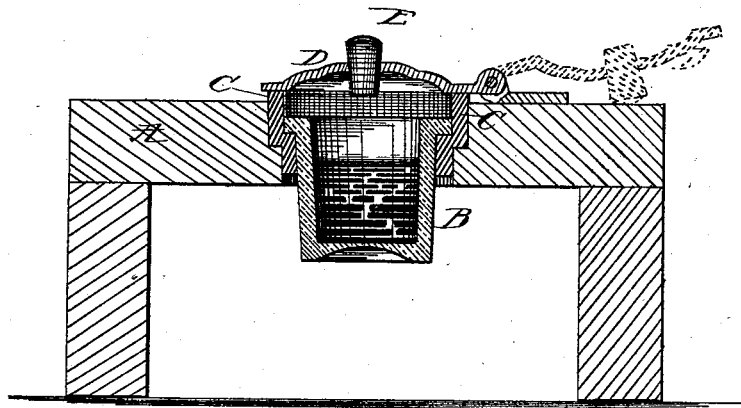
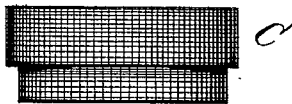


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN INKSTANDS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY H. BURRINGTON, of Providence, in Providence county, in the State of Rhode Island, have invented certain Improvements in Inkstand-Protectors; and I hereby declare the following to be a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The chief objects of my invention are to prevent the noise or click in opening and closing inkstands or ink-wells in schools, and to prevent evaporation of the ink; and to this end my invention consists of a rubber ring or elastic packing, in combination with an inkstand or ink-well, and also in a rubber or elastic bumper, in combination with the cover of the inkstand or ink-well, for the purpose of protecting the inkstand or ink-well, and preventing evaporation of the ink, and noise in opening and closing the ink-well or inkstand, as the case may be.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a top view of an ink-well set into a school-desk, with my rubber ring or elastic packing inserted around the ink-well, and the cover of the well thrown open. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of Fig. 1 on the line *x x*, and Fig. 3 is a detached view of my rubber ring or elastic protector.

In the drawings, A represents a common school-desk, or a portion thereof, simply to show the manner of using my elastic ring or inkstand-protector. A hole is made, in the usual manner, in the top of the desk A, to receive the ink-well B, which is usually made of glass, and has a rim around the top, as seen in Fig. 2. The rubber ring or protector C is made with a shoulder, to fit the rim of the ink-well, and also with an outer projec-

tion, to fit the corresponding shoulder in the top of the desk A. The ring C, when fitted into the desk, forms a cushion or packing, to receive and support the ink-well, and the top or lip of the rubber ring rises a little above the top of the desk, so as to meet or fit the cover D when closed, and thus form a tight joint and prevent evaporation of the ink.

The cover D is provided with a guard or bumper, E, which is simply a plug of india-rubber, which softly strikes the top of the desk when the lid or cover D is turned back, as shown in dotted section in Fig. 2. This bumper prevents noise from the falling back of the cover in opening the ink-well.

By the above improvements a large school may open and close all the ink-wells without a click or any noise whatever, and the ink is completely protected from dust or evaporation. The ink-wells may be easily removed and washed, and when returned to their places they drop into the rubber seats without any noise.

I do not limit my improvement to the particular form of rubber ring and bumper, both of which may be adapted to other inkstands or ink-wells, according to their form or construction.

Having described my invention, I claim—

1. The rubber ring C, fitted into the desk A, and projecting above the mouth of the ink-well, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The india-rubber bumper E, in combination with the hinged covers, substantially as specified.

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