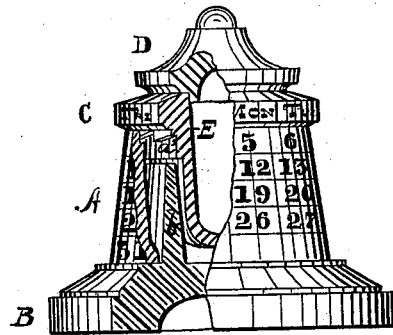


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Calendar-Inkstand.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CALENDAR-INKSTANDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CYRUS B. HOWARD, of the city of Wheeling, in the county of Ohio and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Inkstand and Calendar Combined; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates specially to an inkstand made of glass, having formed upon its surface the numerals representing the days of the month and the names of the days of the week, the construction of the inkstand being such that the day of the week can be adjusted in proper relation to the date of the month to form a perpetual calendar.

The drawing is an exterior view of an inkstand with a portion cut away to show interior construction.

The letter B designates the base of the stand, having an interior partition, *b*. A is a movable annular case, having pressed or engraved upon its surface the numerals designating the days of the month, arranged in equal spaces around the surface of the case or jacket. The top interior edge of the case is provided with inclined notches or indents *a¹* *a²*. E is an ink-well, having a projecting rim, C, upon which the days of the week are pressed or engraved in spaces corresponding to those on the case A. The neck or body of the well is provided with notches or stops, inclined or otherwise, to fit into the notches in the case below, for the purpose of preventing the well from moving from its position when the days of the week are adjusted in proper relation to the days of the month. D is a cap or lid.

The names for the days of the week, or the usual letter abbreviations, and numerals for the days of the month, can be raised upon or sunk below the surface of the cylindrical case A, or they may be ground on the surface; or they all can be formed upon the interior surface of the case, if so desired.

In case the letters and numerals are pressed into the glass the outer surface surrounding

them can be ground to relieve them and give an ornamental appearance, or the depressions can be etched out with acid to distinguish them from the plain glass.

In operating the calendar to set the days of the week with the days of the month upon which they fall, the ink-well is turned around sufficiently to place the days of the week directly over the space containing the proper days of the month. The stops around the neck catch and lock in the notches in the top edge of the case, and hold it securely until again changed at the beginning of the month.

The advantages of being readily cleaned, not liable to disfigurement or displacement, and always at hand and in sight are obvious, and need not specially be referred to.

I do not wish to confine myself to any particular form of construction or style of finish, as it is evident that many different styles and modes could be devised that would still be substantially within the scope of my invention. The base can be extended to contain one or more wells for different-colored inks, if so desired, the calendar-well forming the central one of the group.

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

1. The combination of the base B, having the annular partition *b*, the movable case A, having the number of all the days of the month exhibited upon its outer surface, and the ink-well E, having the rim C, exhibiting the days of the week, substantially as described.

2. The case A of an inkstand, provided with notches at the top, and calendar of the days of the month on the side, and an ink-well having a rim with similar notches underneath, and calendar of the days of the week on the side, in combination with the base B, having the annular partition *b*, substantially as described.

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

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