

DESIGN.

E. G. CATE.
INKSTAND.

No. 9,718.

Patented Jan. 23, 1877.

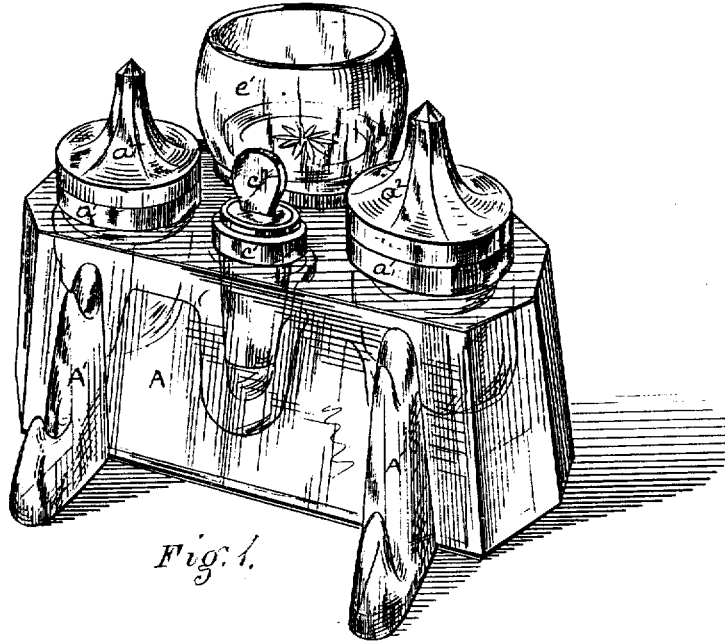


Fig. 1.

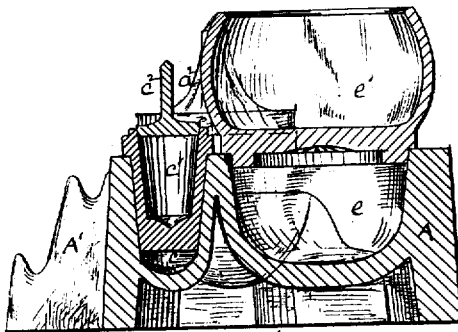


Fig. 2

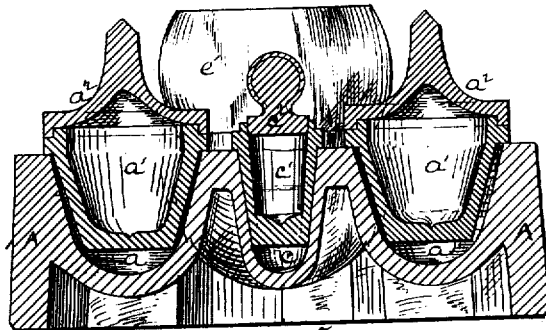


Fig. 3.

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DESIGN FOR INKSTANDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIJAH G. CATE, of Bridgeport, county of Belmont, State of Ohio, have invented or discovered a new and useful Design for Inkstands; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, concise, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, making a part of this specification, in which—like letters indicating like parts—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an inkstand illustrative of my improved design. Fig. 2 shows a vertical cross-section midway between its ends, and Fig. 3 shows a longitudinal vertical section through the ink-wells.

My improved design relates more particularly to the relative arrangement or grouping together in and on a single base of ink wells, cups, and covers, sand or pen holder, and sponge-cup acting as a cover.

The base A is of any desired exterior shape, with or without the pen and pencil racks A'. In the upper face of the base A are four depressions or wells, *a a c e*, of which the two end ones, *a a*, are nearly or exactly coun-

terparts of each other. In these two wells are the ink-cups *a' a'*, provided with stoppers or covers *a² a²*, made also of similar shape and general appearance. Between these two is a third well, *c*, also occupied by a cup, *c'*, covered by a cover or stopper, *c²*, shaped and ornamented as may be desired. In the rear of this central well and cup is the fourth well, *e*, covered by a combined cup and cover, *e'*.

This grouping of the parts designated in and on a single base, aside from utility, gives an article, having an appearance pleasing, symmetrical, and, when in use on a writing desk or table, highly ornamental.

I claim herein—

The design, in an inkstand, of wells, cups, and covers or stoppers, relatively grouped in and on a common base, substantially as described and shown.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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