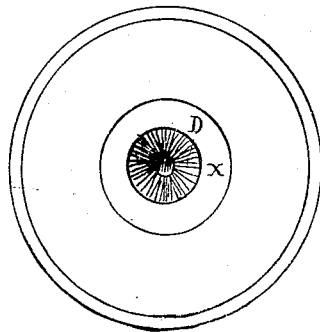
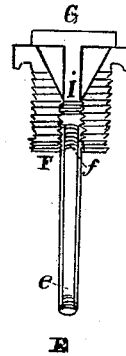
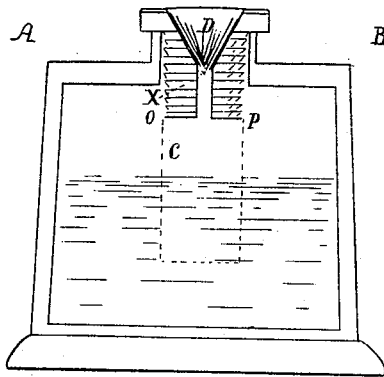


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CONSTRUCTION OF INKSTANDS BY THE EMPLOYMENT OF A CAPILLARY WICK WITH  
AN AIR-TIGHT STOPPER.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 1,957, dated January 30, 1841.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JNO. FARLEY, of Washington, District of Columbia, have invented a new and Improved Mode of Using  
5 Ordinary Writing-Ink, and hereby declare the following to be a full and exact description.

The nature of my invention is such as to accomplish all the desiderata in writing such  
10 as facility in the use of the ink—purity in the fluid—preservation from molding, &c., by the employment of capillary attraction in the following manner, viz: I provide the stand with an airtight stopper DX which  
15 screws into the top and center of the stand. In the center of this stopper is a small funnel or reservoir communicating by an aperture with the interior. Through this aperture I insert a wick, as shown at C, possessing the capillary property of the sponge.  
20 The stopper being screwed down causes the

ink to rise in the reservoir for use in a pure and limpid state and by reversing the motion the ink falls at pleasure and as secured from deterioration or accident. The capillary action being an independent effect, *per se* will result with or without the intervention of a tube, as shown in the marginal drawing, which may therefore be considered a modification or omitted. 25 30

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

The employment of a capillary action for the purpose of supplying the ink as herein described in combination with the air-tight stopper arranged and operating as above set forth. 35

Washington D. C., Nov. 17th, 1840.

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