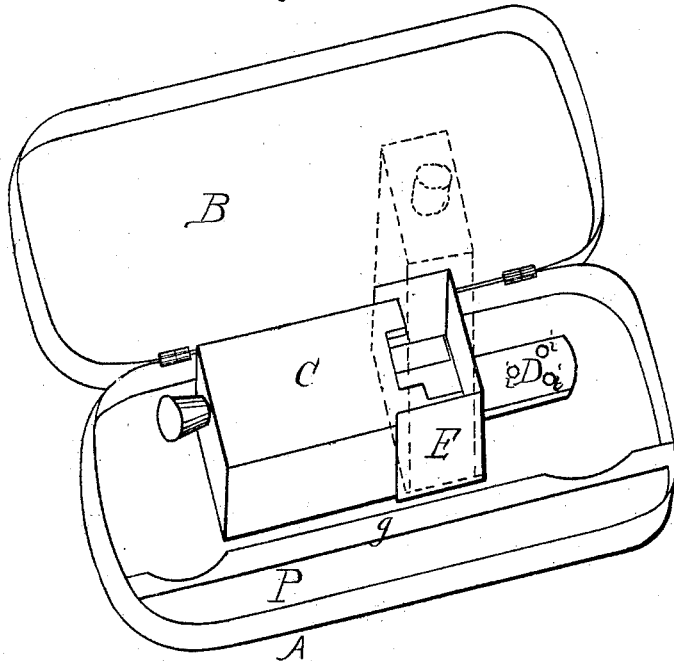
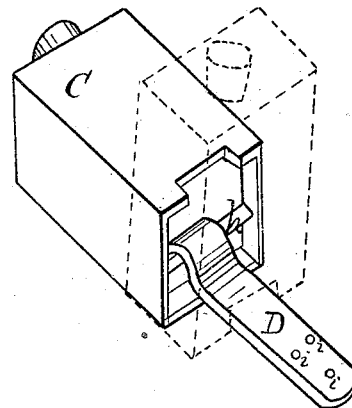


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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*

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## INKSTAND.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **49,617**, dated August 29, 1865.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN S. FLETCHER, of Cornish, in the county of Sullivan, State of New Hampshire, have invented new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Inkstands; and I hereby declare the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the drawings that accompany these papers, and which form a part of these specifications, in which—

Figure is a perspective view; Fig. 2, a view of the ink-receptacle detached from the case in which it is usually carried.

A is one part of the box or case; B, the other part or cover; C, the receptacle for the ink; D, a spring by which the bottle C is held in place, both when reclining in the box A or when standing erect, as seen in Fig. 1, the latter position being indicated by the red dotted lines.

E represents a guard acting to prevent the spring D from being raised too high, and also to prevent the bottle C from being carelessly turned in the wrong direction; *h*, a pin to connect the spring D with the bottle C; *g*, a partition to keep the pen-case in place; P, space for the pen.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will describe its construction and the mode of using it.

The box A, with its cover B, may be made of metal or of wood or gutta-percha, very light, and only large enough to receive the ink-receptacle C and a short pen-case. The ink-receptacle should be of glass in order to pre-

serve the quality of the ink, the spring D either of brass or iron, with one end fastened in a suitable manner to the bottom of the box, as seen in Fig. 1, the other end bent in the form of a hook and clasping the pin, as seen in Fig. 2.

By Fig. 2 it will be seen that the bottle C has a recess in its lower end, through which pin *g* passes from side to side, so that the bent end of the spring D requires to be raised slightly to clasp this pin. This arrangement keeps the force of the spring D constantly active to keep the receptacle C firmly down to the bottom of the box A, whether the said bottle C be lying down, as in Fig. 1, or standing erect, as indicated by the red dotted lines. It is in this arrangement that the nature of my invention consists, and the advantage is in affording the ink-bottle a large and firm base to stand upon when in use, and thus avoiding holding it in the hand, and the great liability of having it upset.

I do not claim any particular form of pocket-case or of the ink bottle; but

What I do claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the bottle C, the spring D, and the guard E, all arranged in the case A, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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