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FIG. 1.

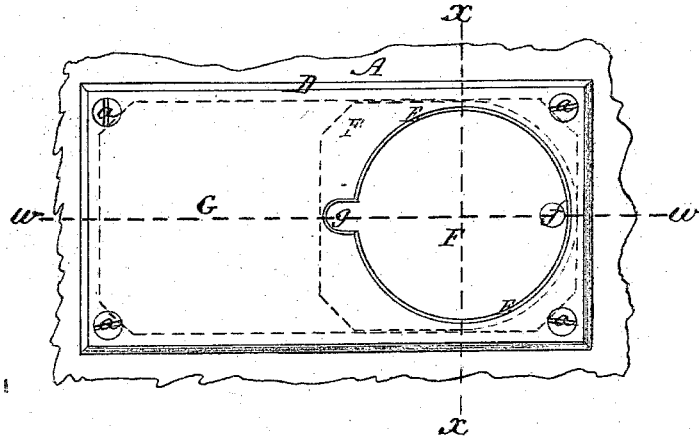


FIG. 2.

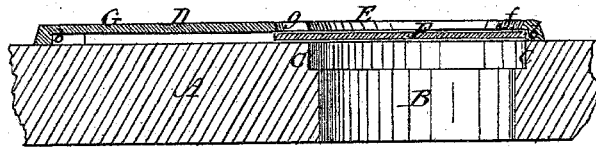
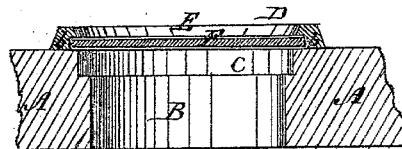


FIG. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN INKSTANDS.

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*To all persons to whom these presents shall come:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM O. HASKELL, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improved Arrangement of Lid to Ink-Wells; and that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

The present invention relates to the lids of ink-wells for school-desks; and it consists of a lid arranged to open and close the mouth of the ink-well by being slid within a frame or plate fixed to the top of the desk in proper position, and constructed with an opening leading to the ink-well, and with an extension for covering the lid when slid from over the mouth of the ink-well.

In the accompanying drawing my improved arrangement of lid to ink-wells is illustrated—Figure 1 being a plan or top view of the same with the ink-well closed; Figs. 2 and 3, sections in plane of lines *ww* and *xx*, respectively.

A in the drawing represents a portion of a school-desk top, having a hole, B, with shoulder, C, through it, for the reception of an ink-well, as ordinarily. D, a plate rectangular in shape, and secured by screws *a*, one at each corner, to the top of the desk, over the ink-well hole B. This plate D, at a point directly over the ink-well, has an opening, E, corresponding therewith, to allow the well to be used, and under the plate, between it and the desk-top, is arranged a lid, F, of suitable shape and size to entirely close the opening E in the plate when in position over the same. The lid F is received under the plate D be-

tween its flanged edges *b*, and is adapted to be slid from across the ink-well mouth to and under the plate at its portion G, extended beyond its opening E, the thickness of the lid and the depth of the flanges *b* being such as to produce a joint sufficiently close and tight to seal the ink-well to the passage of air and to the waste of ink by evaporation. *f*, a knob fixed to lid D for convenience in sliding it; and *g*, a notch in edge of plate-opening E to receive said knob, when the cover is slid back to open the ink-well, and thus secure the complete clearance of the lid from the well-mouth.

A lid arrangement such as described obviously possesses many advantages over the pivoted or hinged lids, among which may be mentioned—it is less expensive in labor of fitting, it is neater, it is noiseless, and, above all, it is entirely out of the way of the scholar, and is not, as with the hinged lids more particularly, an obstruction to the free use of the desk.

Having thus described my improved arrangement of lid to ink-wells, what I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The continuous flanged edge *b* of plate D, having hole E and closed portion G, in combination with a lid or slide, F, and desk-top A, as and for the purpose specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 4th day of October, A. D. 1870.

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