

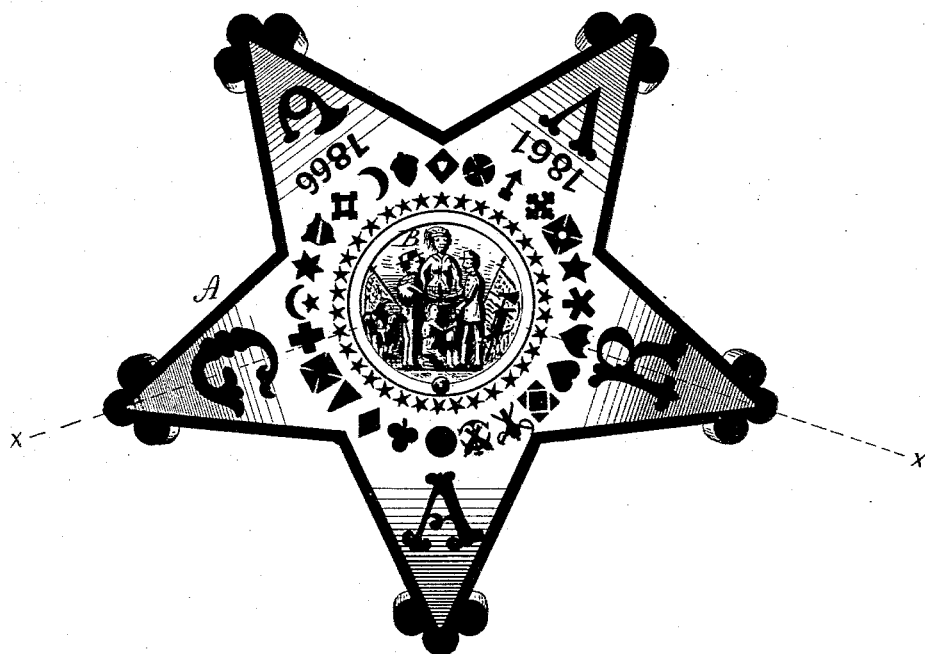
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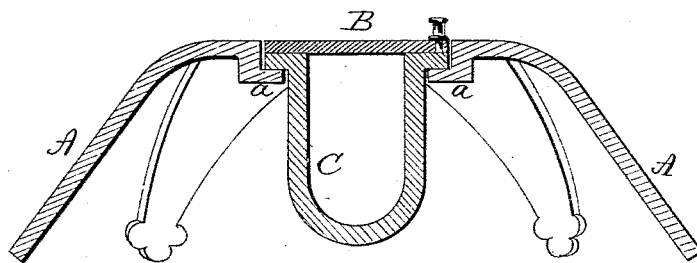
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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



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## INKSTAND.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN GÉRARD, of New Britain, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Inkstands; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a top view; Fig. 2, a vertical section on line *x x*.

This invention relates to an improvement in inkstands, the object being to construct the body of the inkstand in representation of an emblem or badge. This badge represents a five-pointed star having a circular ornamented panel at the center.

The invention consists in an inkstand having its body of star shape, the points of the star turned downward from the horizontal plane, so as to form legs to raise and support the central portion, the panel or central circular portion removable, and a recess there formed with a central opening through it to receive and support the ink-well, the panel made separate from and so as to form a cover for the ink-well, and whereby the general appearance of the Grand Army badge is preserved. The points A are turned backward and downward to form legs, which raise the

center, as seen in Fig. 2. The central ornament in this badge is circular. This central ornament, B, is made detachable, and beneath a recess is formed to produce a shoulder, *a*. Through the opening the ink well or fount C is set, and so as to rest upon the shoulder *a* and below the surface of the body above. The central part, B, then forms a cover for the ink-well. The fount may be the common school-desk fount, as shown. The bend of the points or legs A should be to such an extent as shown, so that the tip will stand at least as low as the bottom of the ink-well. By this construction I produce the inkstand without destroying or detracting from any features of the badge, preserving it intact.

I claim—

As an article of manufacture, the herein-described inkstand, consisting of a star-shaped body having a circular central panel, the points of the star turned downward to form legs to support the central portion in a raised position, the circular central portion recessed to form a shoulder, *a*, and with a central opening through the recess, combined with an ink-well, C, resting in said recess upon the shoulder *a*, and with a removable central panel, B, substantially as described.

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