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Fig. 1.

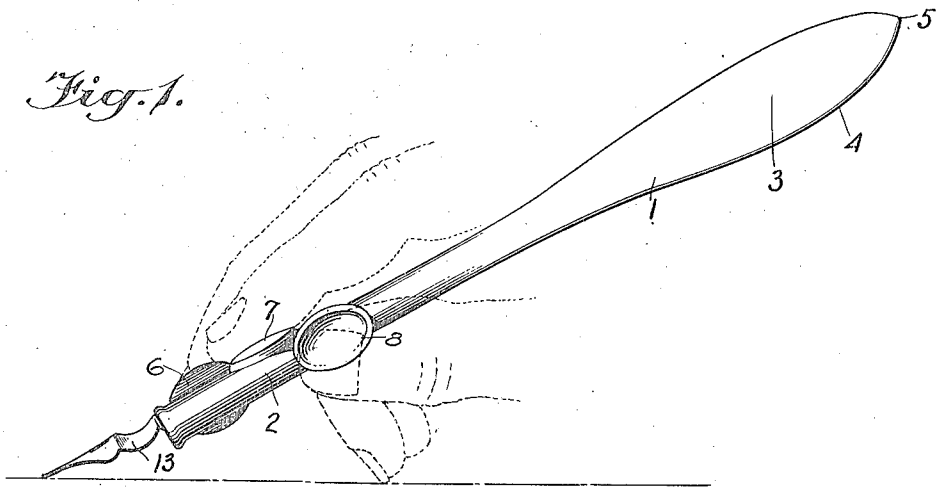


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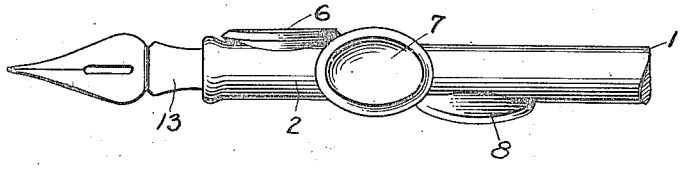


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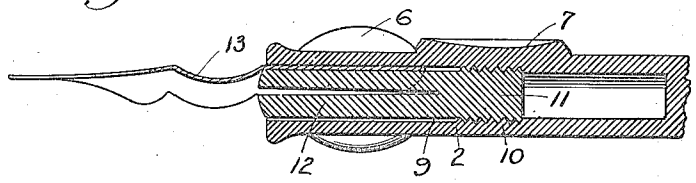
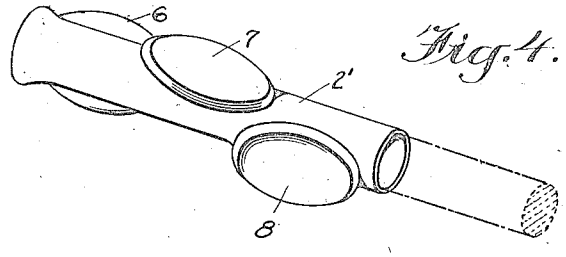


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTHONY BORSELLA, a subject of the King of Italy, and a resident of the city of New York, Long Island City, borough of Queens, county of Queens, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Penholder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in pen holders, and has for an object to provide an improved arrangement which will guide the hand in properly holding the pen.

Another object of the invention is to provide a pen holder with a plurality of guiding lugs against which the thumb and certain fingers press when the holder is in use, the same causing the pen to be properly grasped and held at a proper angle.

In the accompanying drawings—Figure 1 is a side view of a pen holder embodying my invention, a hand being shown in dotted lines in connection therewith; Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the gripping portion of the holder shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical section through the structure shown in Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a slightly modified form of the invention in which a tubular member is provided adapted to receive a handle of any desired kind.

Referring to the accompanying drawings by numerals, 1 indicates the handle of the pen holder embodying the invention, and 2 the gripping portion. Handle 1 is provided with a comparatively wide portion 3 having an edge 4 and a point 5, the split portion and associated parts acting as a paper cutter. The handle 1 and gripping portion 2 are preferably made from the same material, as for instance rubber. In forming a gripping portion 2 a plurality of lugs 6, 7 and 8 are cast or formed integral with the gripping portion. These lugs preferably slightly cup on their outer surface so as to receive certain of the fingers of the hand, as for instance the first two fingers and the thumb. The lugs 6 and 8 are arranged substantially on opposite sides while lug 7 is arranged at an intermediate point, the arrangement being such as to positively cause the hand of the writer to assume the correct position, or rather to cause the hand of the writer to grasp the pen holder correctly and hold the same correctly during the use of the device. When the pen holder is formed of a single piece, as for instance out of rubber, the construction interiorly may be solid, or may be hollow an appreciable distance from the gripping portion toward the handle 1. As shown in Fig. 3, the gripping portion is provided with a bore 9 having threads at 10 for receiving a threaded portion 11 of the split plug 12. The plug 12 is made of slightly less diameter than the bore 9 so as to have an annular opening around the same for receiving the end of pen 13 which may be positioned at any desired point. Sometimes one writer will incline or roll the holder to a greater extent or a less extent than another writer, and by the construction just described the pen may be adjusted to agree with the particular position of the holder.

In Fig. 4 will be seen a slightly modified form of the invention in which a gripping member 2′ is provided which is tubular, and which is adapted to telescopically fit over the end of a handle of any desired kind so that different varities of handle may be used, as for instance an expensive or a cheap variety. Preferably the gripping member 2 and associated parts as well as gripping member 2′ are formed from a cast or molded material, as for instance rubber or other materials may be used without departing from the spirit of the invention, that is, the device may be formed of metal, celluloid, cork or in fact any material that will properly support a pen.

What I claim is—

A pen holder, comprising a handle formed with means for receiving a pen, and a gripping portion, said gripping portion having enlargements for receiving or guiding the thumb and first two fingers of the hand, said enlargement overhanging the body of the gripping portion so that the fingers and thumb cannot engage the gripping portion except on said enlargements, said enlargements being spaced substantially an equal distance apart and in a spiral relationship, whereby the holder will be properly held in the hand for writing.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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