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PEN CASE FOR HOLDING PENS.

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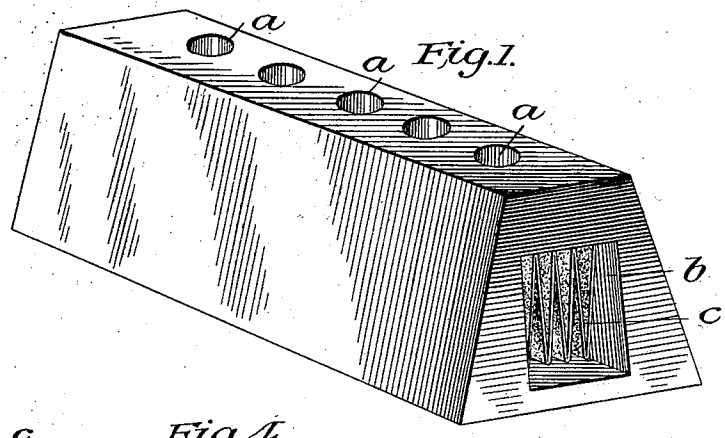


Fig. 1.

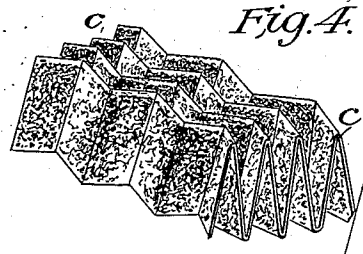


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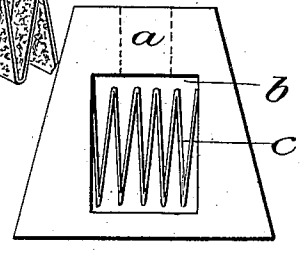


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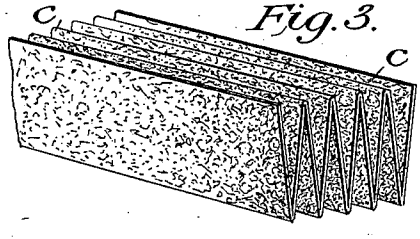


Fig. 3.

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PEN-CASE FOR HOLDING PENS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JEREMIAH CLINTON HILL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Williamsport, in the county of Lycoming and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pen-Cases for Holding Pens When Not in Use, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in pen-cases in which the pen while being conveniently held in the case is at the same time brought into contact with an absorbent material which quickly removes the residue of ink from the pen, thereby keeping the pen clean and free from rust and dried ink. I attain these objects by the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

The case is made of wood, glass, metal, or other material in the form of a block with a base sufficiently wide to stand securely. One or more holes or openings about one-half inch in diameter are made in the top of the case, into which the pens are to be inserted with the point down, thus affording a secure and convenient device for holding the pen when not in use. Immediately under the holes and connected therewith a chamber extends the full length of the case or of so much of it as comes underneath the holes, into which is inserted absorbent material and into which chamber the pens project from above. This absorbent material is preferably blotting paper or pad folded longitudinally into narrow folds, reversing each fold in the manner of a folding fan. The pen being inserted in the hole passes down between two of the folds of the blotter and comes into contact therewith. The folded blotting-paper may also be crimped transversely, thereby facilitating the insertion of the pen and at the same time the better bringing the blotting-paper into contact with the concave surface or side of the pen for absorption of the ink. An absorber may be substituted for the blotting-paper, made of blotting-paper pulp, with an opening or crevice in the top underneath the holes into which the pens will extend, or absorbent cotton or other absorbent material may be used.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the case, with an end view of the chamber in the lower part of the case. Fig. 2 is an end or cross section of the case, showing folded blotting-paper in the chamber. Fig. 3 shows the blotting-paper folded; and Fig. 4 shows the same folded and crimped, as herein described.

a a indicate the openings or holes for the pen, shown as five in number.

b is the chamber, in which is placed the absorbent material, and *c* is the folded blotting-paper in position.

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

1. A pen-case for holding pens when not in use, constructed with holes or openings to receive the pens, with a chamber underneath connected with said holes, and containing therein blotting-paper, folded longitudinally substantially as described.

2. A pen-case for holding pens when not in use, constructed with holes or openings to receive the pens, with a chamber underneath connected with said holes, and containing blotting-paper folded longitudinally and crimped transversely, substantially as described.

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