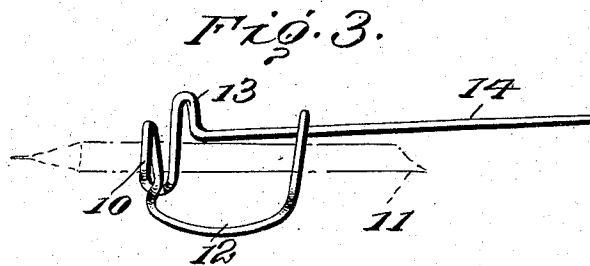
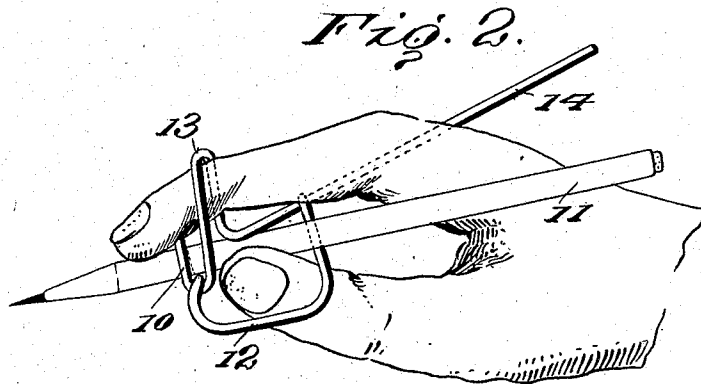
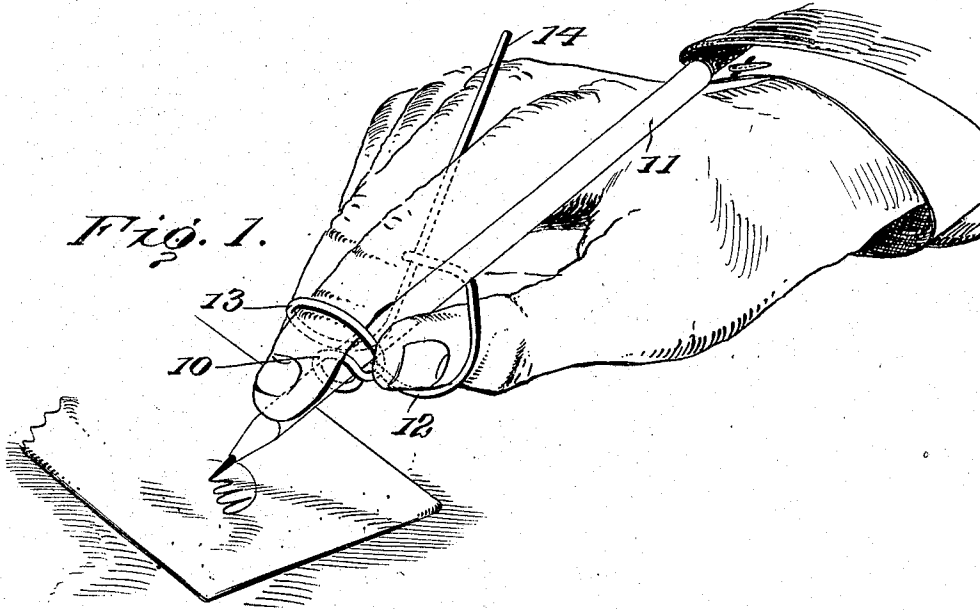


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER M. MOYLAN, citizen of the United States, residing at Century, in the county of Escambia and State of Florida, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pen and Pencil Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to writing devices and refers particularly to an attachment to be applied to pens and pencils for the purpose of enabling the writer to hold the same at the proper angle.

The invention has for an object the provision of a device of this character by means of which the pen or pencil used will be secured to the forefinger of the operator and will enable the operator free use of the thumb and remaining fingers for turning over or handling papers, blotters or the like during short intervals between the employment of the pen or pencil.

The invention has for another object the provision of a device of this character which may be employed for instructing persons in the art of writing by holding the pen or pencil employed at the correct angle and thus causing the operator to acquire the habit of positioning the pencil at such an angle as to obviate the cramping of the fingers incident to the exertion of great pressure upon the pencil which is prevalent among writers and which is not a necessity for the operation of the pen or pencil.

The invention further contemplates the provision of a device of this character which will admit of the positioning of the forefinger and the thumb against the pen or pencil in the usual manner and which will necessitate the correct engagement of the same therewith, the device enabling the withdrawal of the thumb therefrom without detaching the pencil from the forefinger in order to admit of the free usage of the same for erasures or the like during the operation of writing.

The invention still further aims the provision of a device which possesses the above enumerated advantages and which at the same time comprises but few operative parts which may be and preferably are integrally formed so that the device may be economically produced and thereby adaptable to the general public.

Other objects and advantages will be pointed out in the specification which dis-

closes the formation of the device in this application and in the appended claims.

For a full understanding of the invention reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the attachment in operative position. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, and Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the attachment as applied to the pencil.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

Referring to the drawings in which is disclosed an embodiment of the invention the same is shown as being formed of a single length of wire which is bent to form a ring 10 which is adapted to encircle the lower end of the pencil 11, or pen if the same be employed, one end of the length of wire which forms the ring 10 being extended from the under side of the pencil 11 inwardly where it is curved upwardly to form a thumb loop 12. The thumb loop 12 is terminated at the end of the length of wire which extends upwardly and engages beneath the pencil 11 where it protrudes a distance outwardly therefrom at a downwardly curved angle. The opposite end of the length of wire which forms the ring 10 is engaged beneath the thumb loop 12 at its inner extremity and is curved upwardly therefrom to form a finger loop 13, the same being formed by the curving downwardly of the length of wire to a point adjacent the pencil 11 where the length of wire which is turned upwardly as at 14 in substantially the plane of the pencil 11 is diverged rearwardly therefrom.

In applying and operating the device the pencil 11 is engaged through the ring 10 and rested intermediately upon the upper face of the outer end of the thumb loop 12. The portion 14 is engaged between the first and second fingers by inserting the forefinger between the pencil 11 and the portion 14 and engaging the end of the finger through the loop 13 against the side of the pencil 11. The thumb of the operator is now engaged upwardly through the loop 12 against the side of the pencil 11 to form a firm grip upon the same. When in this position it is observed that the pencil is disposed substantially in parallel with the fore-

finger and that the forefinger and the thumb are held in a natural position without the necessity of cramping the same against the pencil in order to secure the pencil rigidly in position. When the thumb is withdrawn from the loop 12 the loop 13 maintains the pencil 11 upon the forefinger and provides means whereby the pencil will be held in an operative position during the employment of the thumb and other fingers in handling papers or the like.

In employing this device the operator assumes the habit of writing with the pencil 11 in the correct position so that by disposing of the device the hand will naturally assume the correct engagement about the pencil.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new is:—

20 1. A device as specified comprising a length of wire bent to form a ring for engagement about the lower end of a pencil, a thumb loop formed by one end of the length of wire and extended radially and
25 upwardly on the pencil, the pencil adapted to rest upon the upper face of the said thumb loop, a finger loop formed on the opposite end of the length of wire and extended upwardly above the pencil and an upwardly bent portion extended lengthwise of the pencil and
30 diverged at its rear extremity therefrom for engagement between the first and second finger of the operator to guide the device.

2. In a device as specified the combina-

tion with a writing implement of a ring for engagement about said implement, a thumb loop extended laterally and backwardly from said ring, a finger loop upwardly extended from said ring for engagement about the index finger and a guide rearwardly extended from said ring for engagement between the index and second fingers.

3. In a holder for writing implements the combination with a writing implement of a ring for engagement about said implement, a thumb loop carried by said ring, a finger loop carried by said ring for engagement about the index finger and a guide carried by said ring for longitudinal engagement between the index and second fingers.

4. In a holder as specified the combination with a writing implement of a length of wire bent to form a ring for engagement about said implement, a thumb loop to encircle the thumb and retain the same against said implement, a finger loop in the wire to engage the index finger to steady the implement and a guide extended between the index and second fingers from the ring for directing the point of the writing implement.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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