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Fig. 1.

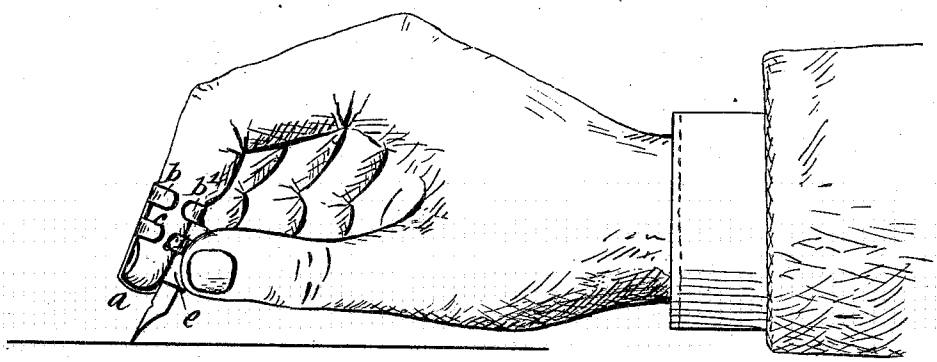


Fig. 2.

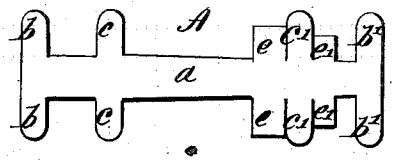


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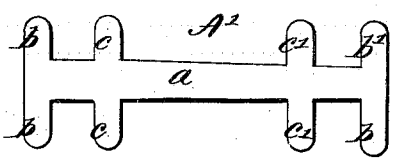


Fig. 3.



Fig. 7.

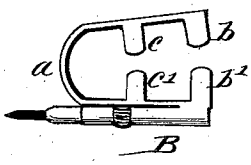
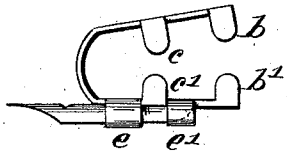


Fig. 6.



Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD E. FORSTER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Pen and Pencil Holder, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the annexed drawings, forming a part thereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved pen-holder in use. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the blank employed in the manufacture of my improved pen-holder. Fig. 3 is an end elevation of the pen-holder. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the blank for the lead-pencil holder. Fig. 6 is an end elevation of the same, and Fig. 7 is a side elevation.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and efficient device for holding a pen or pencil which may be carried on the end of the finger, thus dispensing with the usual long pen or pencil holder.

My invention consists of a spring-clamp adapted to receive the end of the finger, and provided with a device for holding the pen or pencil in the position of use.

In carrying out my invention I form a blank, A, of sheet metal by punching with a press or dies, or in any other convenient way, the said blank having a central longitudinal bar, *a*, arms *b*, projecting from opposite edges at one end, arms *c*, projecting from opposite edges a short distance from the end, and a similar arrangement of arms *b'* and arms *c'* at the opposite end of the bar, and upon opposite sides of each arm *c* there are formed rectangular ears *e e'*. The bar *a* is curved to conform to the shape of the end of the finger, the arms *b c* and *b' c'* are curved to partly encircle the finger, and the ears *e e'* are curved over toward each other to form a holder for the body of a pen, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. The holder thus formed is worn upon the end of the index-finger, and is held in the position of use by the said index-finger and the thumb, as shown in Fig. 1.

In arranging the holder for a pencil I form the blank A' as shown in Fig. 5, it being in all respects like the blank shown in Fig. 2 with the exception of the omission of the ears *e e'*. The bar *a* is bent to conform to the end of the finger, and the arms *b c* and *b' c'* are curved to partly encircle the finger, and the pencil-lead-holding tube B is attached to the under side of the bar *a* by soldering or otherwise, as shown in Figs. 6 and 7.

The pencil-lead-holding tube B is of the usual construction—that is to say, it is formed of an internal split tube and an external converging tube arranged to screw over the split tube and contract the split tube upon the lead contained therein, in the usual well-known way.

My improved holder is slipped upon the end of the finger, as shown in Fig. 1, and the pen or pencil is pressed by the thumb, so as to hold it firmly in the position of use.

By means of my improvement the long handles usually employed with pen-holders are avoided, and the writer is able to control the movements of his pen with ease and accuracy.

The holder is made of spring-brass or equivalent material, so that it will adapt itself to fingers of different sizes.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A finger pen or pencil holder formed of a bar, *a*, curved to conform to the shape of the end of the finger, and provided with arms *b c b' c'*, curved to partly encircle the finger, and means for holding the pen or pencil, substantially as shown and described.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, a finger pen-holder formed of the bar *a*, curved to fit the end of the finger, and provided with arms *b c b' c'*, bent to partly encircle the finger, and having ears *e e'*, curved to form a pen-holding clamp, substantially as shown and described.

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