

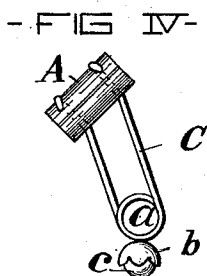
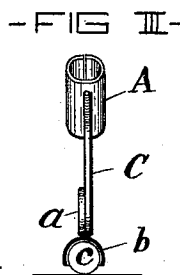
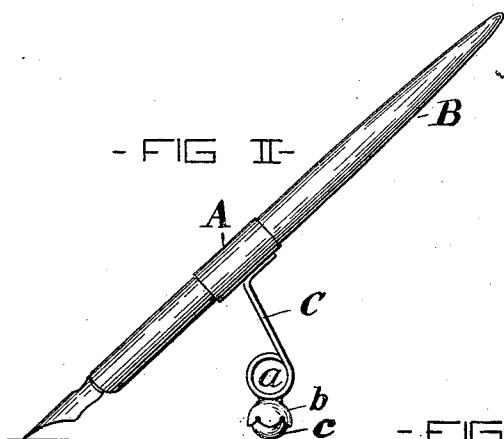
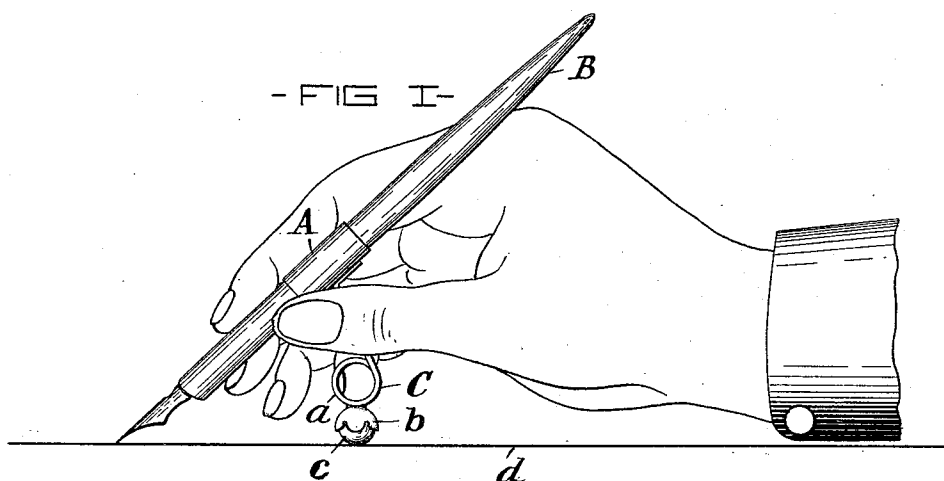
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HAND SUPPORT FOR PENHOLDERS AND LEAD PENCILS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILEY G. CROOM, of the city of Vicksburg and State of Mississippi, have invented certain Improvements in Hand-Supports for Penholders and Lead-Pencils, of which the following is a specification.

In the drawings forming a part hereof, Figure I is a view of the hand-support as it would appear in use. Fig. II is a view of the device without the hand. Fig. III is a sectional view of a part of the invention. Fig. IV illustrates a modification in the construction of the device, as will hereinafter appear.

Referring to Figs. I, II, and III, A is a sleeve in which the penholder or pencil R is inserted. The sleeve is shown in the drawings as open—that is to say, it is made as a spring-clamp—so as to adjust itself to penholders and pencils of different sizes, after the manner of ordinary penholder-sleeves.

C is a wire, which at its upper end is attached in any suitable manner to the sleeve A. The lower end of the wire C is coiled, so as to form a finger-ring *a*, and is attached to the cup *b*. This cup contains the ball *c*, which is adapted to turn freely therein as it

is passed over the paper, which is shown in Fig. I and denoted by *d*.

While it is preferred to have the ball to turn in the cup *b* in order to reduce friction, a simple ball could be substituted for the cup and the movable ball without departing from the spirit of the invention, which aims to provide a penholding device with a knob adapted to rest on the paper and support the hand in writing.

In Fig. IV a double wire is used instead of a single one.

I claim as my invention—

1. A penholder-rest consisting of an arm connected with the penholder and extending downward therefrom and provided with a ball-bearing foot, substantially as specified.

2. A penholder rest consisting of a spring or yielding arm connected with the penholder and extending downward therefrom and provided with a ball-bearing foot, substantially as specified.

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