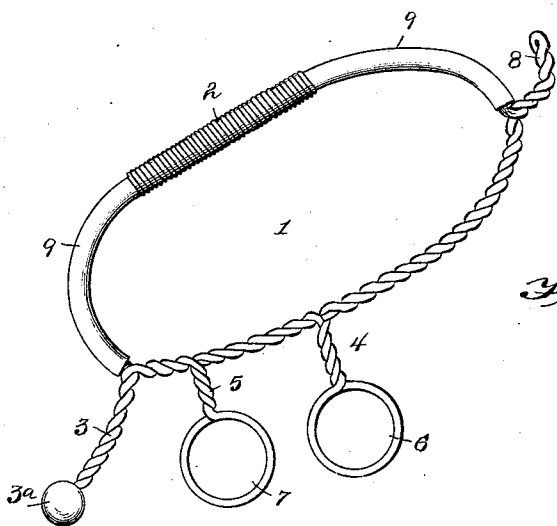
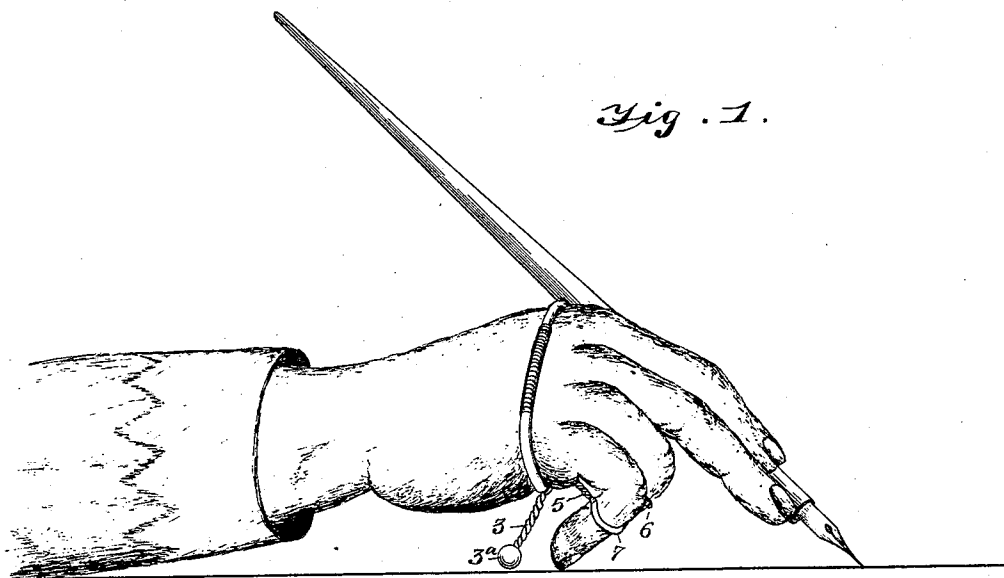


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM L. YARBROUGH, a citizen of the United States, residing at McKinney, in the county of Collin and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Hand-Support for Writers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in hand-supports for writing purposes.

The object of the invention is to provide a support especially adapted for the use of those learning to write, and by which the hand may be accustomed to the proper position for writing from the beginning of the study. It also contemplates a device of the character mentioned adapted to fit a hand of any size and embodying in its construction simple means for preventing the hand turning, thereby accurately holding the latter.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the support in applied position. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the support removed.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the figures.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the hand-loop of a support formed of a single length of twisted wire and bent into a substantially oval shape. The ends of the loop are connected together by a coil-spring 2, and said spring, when the loop is in position upon the hand, rests upon the back of the latter, the object of the spring being to adapt the support to a hand of any size.

At one end of the loop 1 is an outwardly-projecting brace 3 for preventing the hand turning from its proper position, and secured upon the outer end of the brace 3 is a ball of glass or metal 3^a, which, in the event of the hand turning, will contact with and glide over the top of the table or desk. Adjacent to the brace 3 and at the lower side of the loop the wire of the latter is extended and twisted, thereby forming two arms 4 5, which terminate in rings 6 7, adapted to respectively receive the ring and little fingers of the hand. For holding the pen or pencil in proper position a hook 8 is employed. This hook is formed at the end of the loop 1 opposite to the brace 3, and when the support is placed upon the hand the pencil or pen rests therein.

The upper side of the loop, at each side of the spring, is enveloped in a protective covering of rubber 9, and by reason of this covering any injury to the skin from contact with such side of the loop is avoided.

If it is desired to use the improved support, the hand is passed through the loop 1, and the ring and little fingers are bent back under the palm, the first joints thereof entering and remaining in the rings 6 and 7. This will permit the nail-tips of such fingers to rest upon the desk or table and support the weight of the hand. The pencil or pen is grasped between the first two fingers and thumb and rests in the hook 8, thereby supporting the same. If, in writing, there is a tendency of the hand to turn, the brace 3 will prevent such movement, thus keeping the hand always in a proper position.

It will therefore be seen that I have provided a simple and cheap support, and one adapted to fit, by reason of the coil-spring 2 connecting the ends of the loop, a hand of any size.

While the support is illustrated as provided with the protective covering, it will be understood that this feature may be omitted, if desired, without affecting the use of the invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A hand-support for writing, comprising a loop formed of a single length of wire and bent into a substantially oval shape, such loop having an outwardly-projecting brace in one end and a hook in its opposite end, and provided in one side with a pair of rings, and an elastic connection between the ends of the loop; substantially as set forth.

2. A hand-support for writing, comprising a loop formed of a single length of twisted wire bent into a substantially oval shape and having one side thereof partially enveloped by a protective covering, a brace formed in one end of the loop and provided at one of its ends with a contact-ball, a supporting-hook opposite the brace, a pair of rings formed in one side of the loop, and a spring for securing the ends of the latter together; substantially as set forth.

3. A hand-support for writing, comprising

a loop, a brace secured thereto and adapted to prevent the hand turning, a hook for holding a pen or pencil, rings also secured to the loop and adapted to receive the fingers of the
5 hand, and a coiled spring connecting the ends of the loop to render said loop expansible, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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