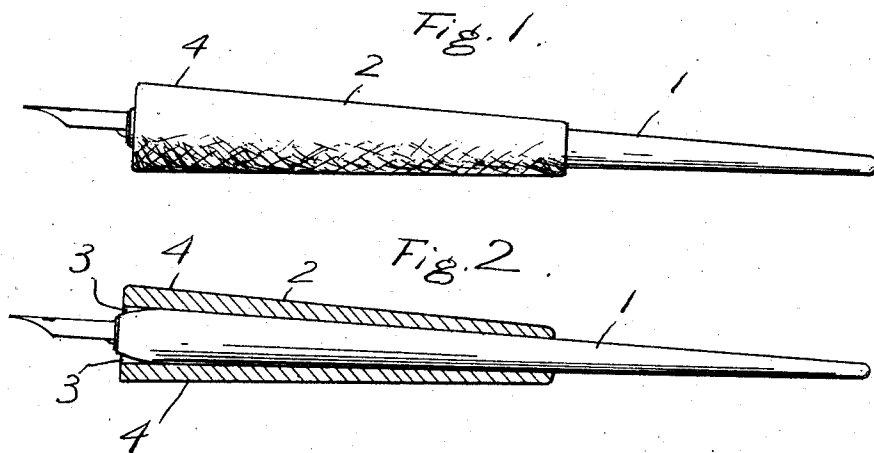


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST R. ORCHARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fargo, in the county of Cass, State of North Dakota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Penholders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in attachments for pen holders and more particularly to an attachment for absorbing moisture from the hands to prevent the pen holder from slipping, for absorbing ink to prevent the staining of the fingers and to prevent cramping the fingers, the object being to provide novel structural details.

The details of the invention will appear in the course of the following description, in which reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, like characters of reference designating similar parts, throughout the several views, wherein:

Figure 1 is a side elevation showing the manner of use of an attachment constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section of the attachment *per se*.

Referring specifically to the accompanying drawings, the numeral 1 designates the pen holder, and the numeral 2 the attachment

forming the subject matter of the present invention. The attachment 2 comprises a sleeve having a bore 3, constructed to surround the lower end of a pen holder of conventional form, and in the preferred embodiment of the invention having a cone shaped outer surface 4, which fits snugly into the crotch between the thumb and index finger and affords an increased area to absorb moisture. To assure this arrangement, the sleeve extends from the writing end of the holder to a point beyond the center thereof. Towards the end of effecting such action, the material used is preferably molded pulp, similar to blotting paper in its absorptive qualities. However, rolled blotting paper may be advantageously employed. To assure a better operation of the device it has been found best to have the writing end of the holder rounded and to have the sleeve project over said rounded portion, forming a chamber or cup as is fully shown in Fig. 2.

What is claimed is:

In combination with a pen holder having its writing end portion tapered, a sleeve of absorbent material on the holder projecting over the tapered portion of the holder in spaced relation thereto and forming therewith a cup.

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

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