

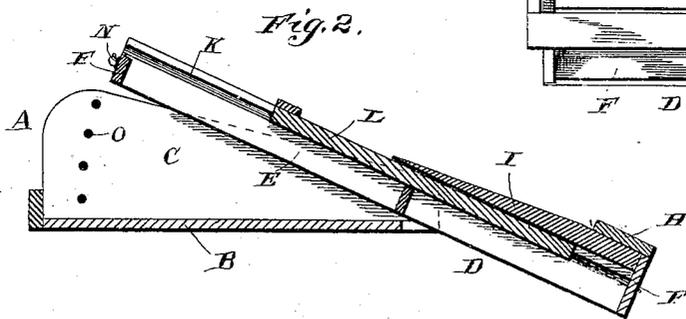
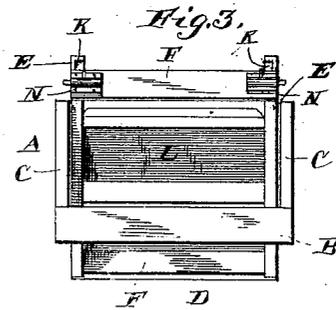
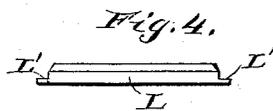
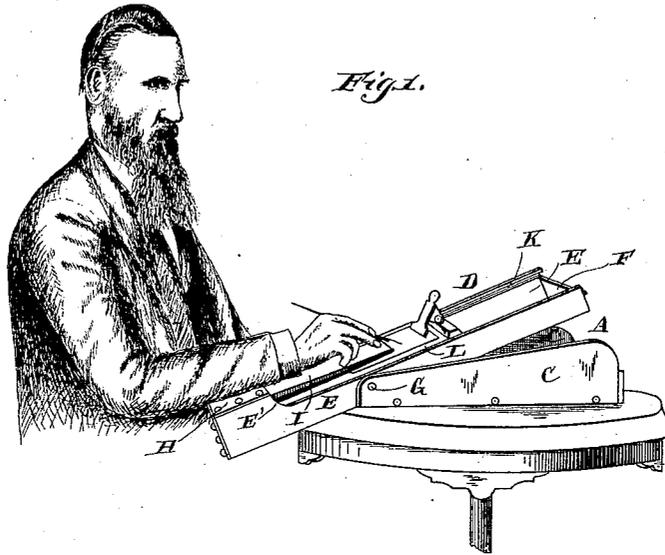
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## ARM-REST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, YANCY B. MEREDITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fort Wayne, in the county of Allen and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Arm-Rests, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in arm-rests for penmen; and it consists in the peculiar construction and combination of devices that will be more fully set forth hereinafter, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

The object of my invention is to provide an arm-rest for penmen, which may be placed upon a suitable support or table and inclined to any desired angle, and also to provide devices whereby the hand of the penman is supported out of contact with the paper on which he is writing, and whereby the paper may be moved from the penman as each line is written, and thus avoid the necessity of having to move the hand and arm at the end of each line. These objects I accomplish by the construction hereinafter described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an arm-rest embodying my improvements. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is an end view; and Fig. 4 is an end view of the slide.

A represents the case, which comprises the rectangular bottom board, B, and the vertical sides C, the upper edges of which are inclined toward one end of the case, as shown.

D represents a rectangular frame, comprising the side bars, E, and the end bars, F. The width of this frame is equal to the space between the sides of the case A, and the said frame is pivoted between the sides of the said case, as at G. The outer end of the frame G projects beyond one end of the case, and the outer ends of the side bars of the pivoted frame are provided on their upper edges with shoulders or offsets E'. The cross-board H is secured on the upper edges of the said offsets, and to the under side of the said cross-board is attached one end of a supporting-board, I, for the hand of the penman. The said supporting-board projects inwardly in the pivoted frame for a slight distance beyond the fulcrum

thereof, and is elevated slightly above the level of the longitudinal grooves K, which are made in the inner sides of the side bars, E.

L represents a slide, which is provided on its sides with tongues L', that enter the groove K, and thus the slide is adapted to be moved longitudinally in the pivoted frame and to pass under the hand-rest I, or to be moved outwardly therefrom. The inner end of the pivoted frame D is provided with spring-bolts N, which are adapted to engage a vertical series of openings, O, that are made on the inner sides of the case A, at one end thereof. By this construction it will be readily understood that the pivoted frame may be supported at any desired inclination to suit the convenience of the penman.

The operation of my invention is as follows: The case is placed upon a table or other suitable support, with the outer end of the case projecting beyond the table toward the penman, and the pivoted frame D is secured at the desired inclination in the case. The paper to be written upon is placed on the slide L and the latter is moved under the support I, with only a sufficient portion of the sheet of paper exposed above the inner end of the rest I to leave a space for one line. The penman places his hand upon the rest I and writes upon the exposed line of the sheet of paper, and when the said line is finished he then moves the slide farther from him by his left hand, so as to expose a second line, upon which he writes, and so on until the sheet is finished.

From the foregoing it will be readily understood that the penman does not have to move his hand at the end of each line, and, furthermore, that his hand is supported out of contact with the paper, thereby greatly facilitating the operation of writing.

I am aware that it has been heretofore proposed to construct a hand-rest adapted to be secured to a writing table or desk, and provided with an opening between two parts thereof, into which the paper may be inserted and from which it will slide as the writing progresses, while the writer's hand rests upon the top of the top part of the rest, and this I disclaim.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. In a penman's hand-rest, the combination of the pivoted frame, the rest I, secured thereon, and the slide L, adapted to move outwardly from the said rest and to receive the sheet of paper to be written upon, substantially as described.

2. The combination, in a penman's hand-rest, of the board or rest I and the slide L under the said board or rest and adapted to move outwardly from the same, for the purpose set forth, substantially as described.

3. In a penman's hand-rest, the combination of the case or support A, the frame D, adjustable to any desired inclination, the said frame D having the rest I secured thereon, and the slide L under the said rest, adapted to move outwardly from the same, for the purpose set forth, substantially as described.

4. In a penman's hand rest, the frame providing a rest for the hand, in combination with the movable slide L, adapted to move outwardly from the frame, said slide being partially concealed and having the paper on which the writing is being made secured thereto, as set forth.

5. In combination with the case A, the frame D, pivoted to and adapted to fit down within the case, and a hand-rest provided on the frame.

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

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