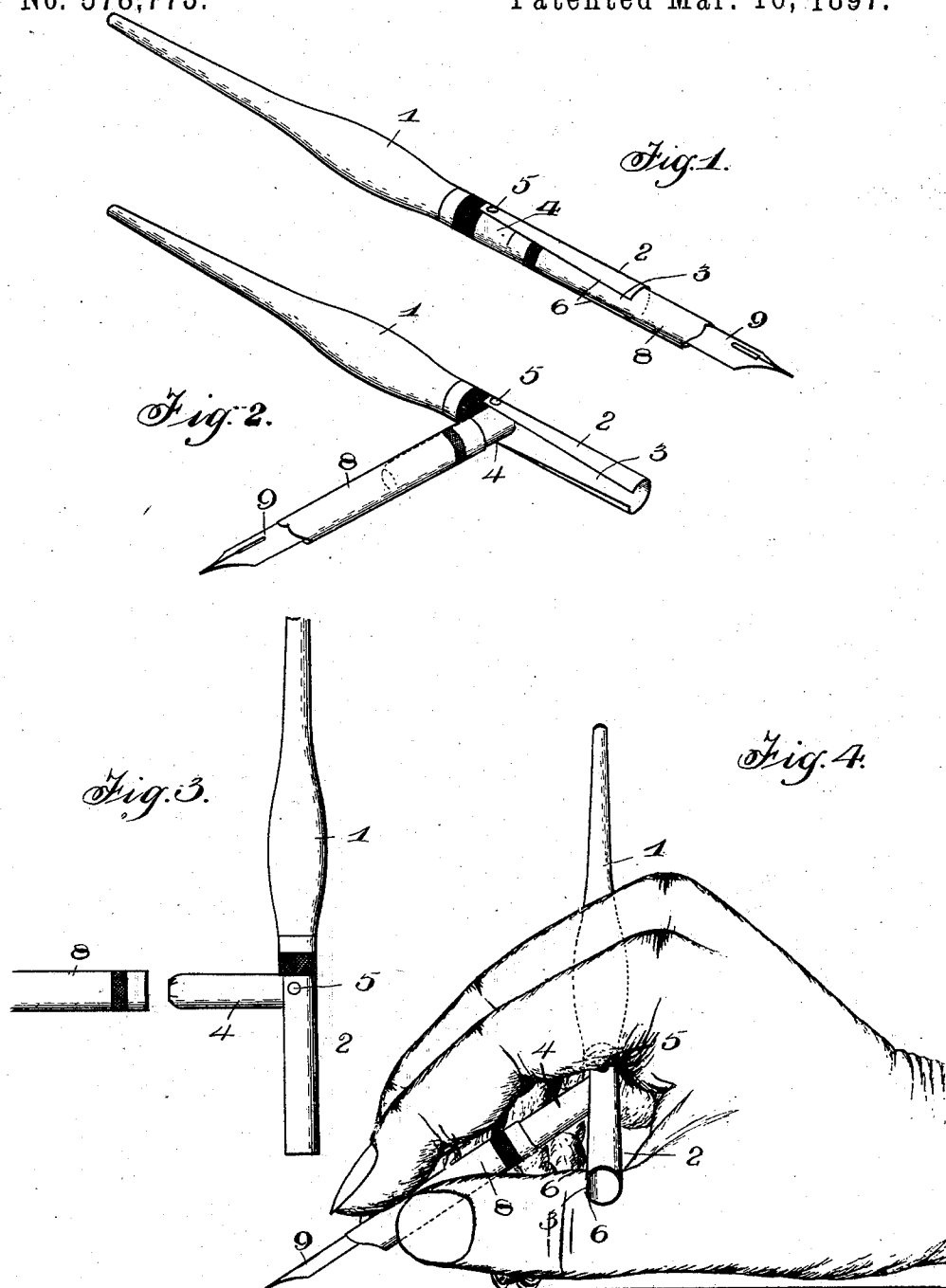


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL M. RHONE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Montgomery, in the county of Lycoming and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Penholders; and I do 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.

My invention has relation to improvements in penholders; and the object is to provide a penholder that can be changed to different positions to relieve the writer of cramp and rest the hand by changing the position of the holder in the hand.

To these ends the novelty consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of the same, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings the same figures of reference indicate the same parts of the invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved penholder. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing one of the angles to which the handle may be adjusted. Fig. 3 shows the holder removed from the hinged socket in the handle, and Fig. 4 shows one of the positions of the holder when in use.

1 represents the handle, which is of ordinary shape, size, and construction.

2 is a sleeve, one end of which is secured to the handle 1, and its projecting end is formed with a longitudinal slot 3 a little less in width than the diameter of the sleeve.

A cylindrical socket 4 is hinged on a rivet 5 in the lower end of the sleeve 2 at a right angle to the slot 3, so that said socket will fold into the sleeve through the slot, the spring sides 6 6 of the sleeve on each side of

the slot holding the socket therein against accidental displacement, and when released therefrom may be swung around in the sleeve on the rivet 5 at an angle to the sleeve and handle. When in this position, the socket 4 is free to swing radially from the sleeve and readily conform to the movement of the fingers in forming letters, irrespective of the position in which the handle proper may be held.

8 is the cylindrical holder, in which is removably secured the pen-point 9 in the usual manner, and this holder slips on the socket 4 with sufficient friction to hold it in place in whatever position it may be adjusted thereon, it being adjustable longitudinally, as well as radially, by rotating on its axis.

As shown in Fig. 1, the device may be used as an ordinary penholder, and when the hand becomes cramped from continuous use in that position the socket and the holder may be turned outwardly at any convenient angle to the sleeve and handle and used in the various positions to which it is adapted, one of which is shown in Fig. 4.

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

A penholder comprising the handle 1, the sleeve 2 secured to one end thereof, and provided with the spring sides 6 6, in combination with the cylindrical socket 4, mounted at one end in the sleeve 2 by a rivet 5, and the longitudinally and axially adjustable cylindrical holder 8 mounted on said socket, and provided with the removable pen-point 9, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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