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Fig. 1.

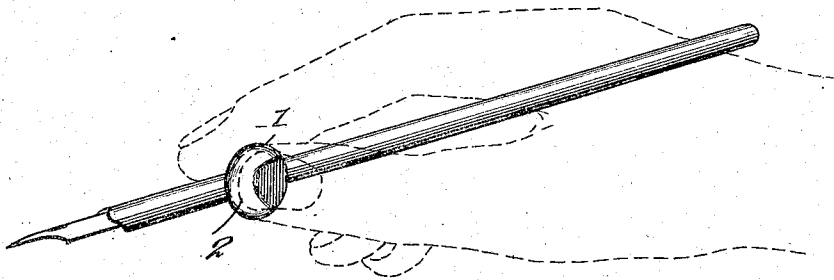


Fig. 2.

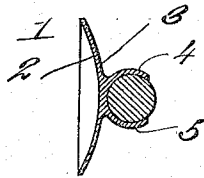


Fig. 3.

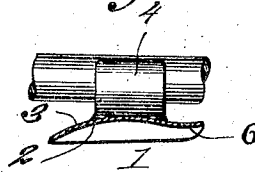
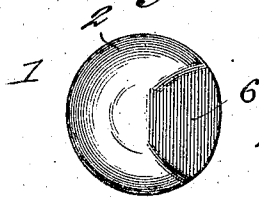


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN O. DONOVAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mountain Home, in the county of Elmore and State of Idaho, have invented new and useful Improvements in Thumb-Rests for Pencils and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in attachments for pens and pencils, and has relation more particularly to a thumb rest adapted to be used more especially on pens and pencils, but can also be used on surgical instruments, artists' brushes, nut picks, hand corn-husker, and the like, whereby a person is enabled to firmly grip the same without the assistance of the index finger.

It is an object of the invention to provide a device of this character comprising a circular concave face portion having integrally formed with the back portion a clasp which permits the thumb rest to be readily and quickly applied or removed from the pencil and also allow the attachment to be regulated for different sized hands.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which is simple in construction, efficient in practice and one which can be manufactured and sold at a comparatively low cost.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the details of construction and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

These and other objects may be attained by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pen, with my improved attachment applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view. Fig. 3 is a view partly in section, and Fig. 4 is an elevation of my improvement.

In the practice of my invention, I provide a thumb rest designed to keep the hand and fingers in proper position while writing or learning to write, and is preferably composed of thin metal or aluminum, but which may be composed of hard rubber or any other desired substance.

Referring to the drawing for a more particular description, numeral 1 denotes the

thumb rest having a circular concave or depressed face member 2, so formed as to receive the thumb and make it possible to rest the index finger. Projecting laterally and formed integrally with the convex back 3 of the rest are relatively spaced curved spring jaws 4 and 5, so constructed as to resiliently engage a pen or pencil, as more plainly shown in Fig. 2, whereby the rest can be readily and quickly applied or removed from the same and also permit free regulation of the rest on the pen or pencil.

As indicated in the drawings the body portion of the attachment is substantially circular in elevation. The lower portion of the concave face 2 is spherical to fit the tip of the thumb, and said spherical concavity merges into an upper or rear portion, 6, which is substantially cylindrical to better accommodate the ball of the thumb. A device thus formed may be quite small and unobtrusive and yet be well adapted for its intended function.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the advantages and operations thereof will be readily understood to those skilled in the art to which the invention appertains and while I have described the principal operation of the invention together with the device I now desire to have it understood that the device shown is merely illustrative and that such changes may be made as are within the scope of the invention.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new, is:—

The hereindescribed thumb rest for pens or pencils comprising a circular rigid body portion having a concave face to receive the ball of the thumb and a convex back, the lower portion of said concavity being spherical and the upper portion thereof being substantially cylindrical, and attaching means secured directly to said convex back, for the purposes set forth.

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

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