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Fig 1.

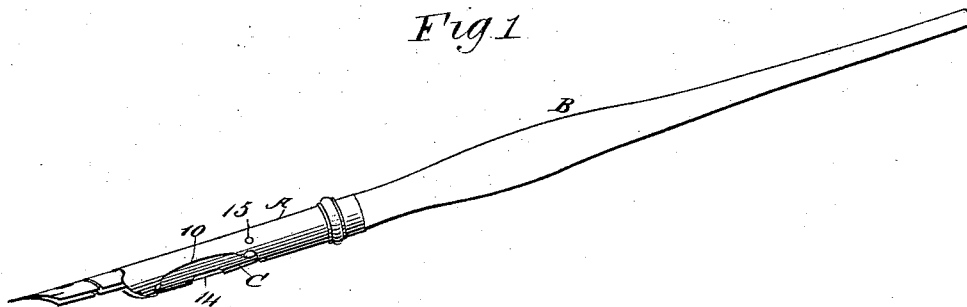


Fig 2.

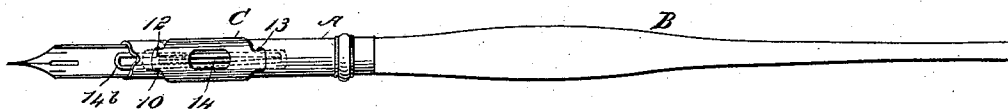


Fig 3.

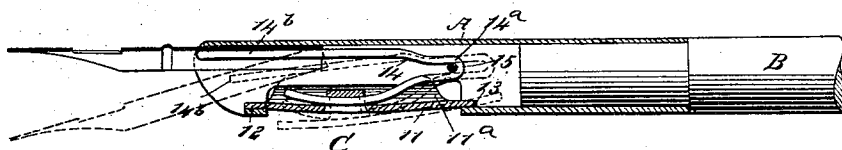
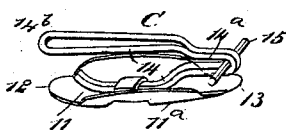


Fig 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS C. CAMPBELL, of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Penholders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to an improvement in penholders, and it has for its object to construct a penholder in such manner that, while the pen may be held therein as firmly as in the ordinary type of penholder, said pen may be expeditiously and conveniently released from the penholder by a slight manipulation of the latter, the releasing device not in the least interfering with the proper use of the holder.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures and letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the improved penholder. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view thereof. Fig. 3 is an enlarged view illustrating the barrel of the penholder in longitudinal section, and Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the device adapted for the dual purpose of holding the pen in the barrel and for releasing the pen.

In carrying out the invention the penholder consists of a barrel A or its equivalent and a handle B. The barrel is provided upon its under face near its outer end with a recess 10, made longitudinally therein, and the said recess extends, preferably, some distance up the side portions of the barrel. This recess is normally closed by a slide C, and this slide may be made of any desired material, metal being preferably employed. The slide is of sufficient size and of suitable shape to cover the opening or recess 10 in the bottom and sides of the barrel, and therefore the body-plate 11 of the slide is provided with upwardly-inclined side pieces 11^a, as shown in Fig. 4, and the body-plate of the slide is further provided with a lip at each end, one of the lips being designated as 12 and the other as 13. The rear lip is made to enter the recess or open-

ing 10 in the barrel at the rear, while the forward lip enters the said recess or opening at its front end, and a spring-tongue 14 is secured upon the inner face of the body-plate 11 of the slide, being carried rearwardly and then bent upon itself to form a loop 14^a, terminating at its opposite end in a beak 14^b. The slide having been placed in the barrel, the beak or outer free portion of the spring-tongue 14 will engage with the upper inner surface of the barrel and form a support or binding member for the pen, while a pin 15 is passed through the barrel, being fixed therein, and through the loop section 14^a of the said spring-tongue. Therefore it is evident, as shown in Fig. 3, that the slide may be operated forward or rearward without any obstruction on the part of the pen.

Supposing the pen to have been placed in the barrel, the penholder is used in the ordinary manner. When the pen is to be replaced by another for any cause, the slide is pushed rearward or backward until its forward lip 12 shall have been freed from the barrel, whereupon the slide will drop at said end, carrying the beak member of the tongue 14 from engagement with the pen, permitting the latter to be readily shaken from the barrel. The old pen having been removed, it is simply necessary to push the slide forward to its normal position, engaging it at both ends with the barrel, and the beak of the tongue will then be so placed that it will support the pen.

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

1. A pen holder having a hollow barrel provided at one side with an opening, a spring tongue arranged within the barrel and capable of holding a pen in engagement with the interior side thereof, and a slide connected to the tongue and capable of having one end dropped through the opening in the side of the barrel so as to disengage the tongue and pen, substantially as described.

2. In a pen holder, a barrel having a slide therein one end being adapted to drop downward, a spring tongue attached to the side and having a loop formed therein a pivot fixed to the barrel and receiving the loop the tongue being also provided with a beak sec-

tion for engagement with a pen to hold the same in the barrel, the beak section of the tongue being over the end of the slide which is adapted to drop, as and for the purpose set
5 forth.

3. A pen holder, the barrel of which is provided with a slide, capable of locking engagement with the barrel at both ends of the slide and of being released therefrom at one end,
10 and a spring tongue adapted to hold a pen in

engagement with the barrel, the said tongue being carried by the said slide and pivotally connected to the barrel and, releasing itself from the pen simultaneously with the release of one end of the slide from the said barrel, 15 as and for the purpose set forth.

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