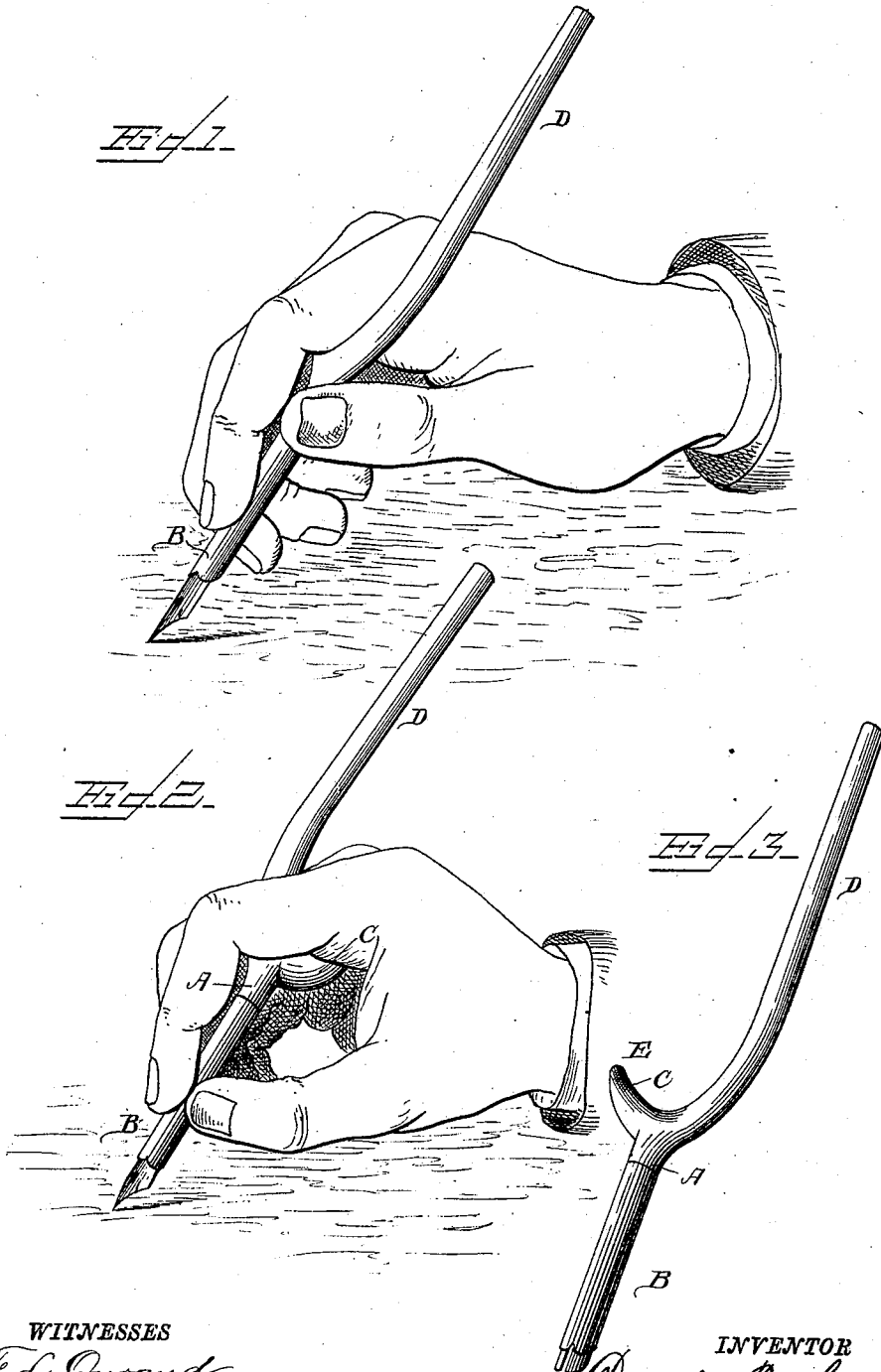


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DWIGHT B. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Vevay, in the county of Switzerland and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pen and Brush Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my improved pen holder held in one position. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing it held in another position. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the holder.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

My invention has relation to pen and brush holders; and it consists in the improved construction of a handle for a pen or brush holder, as hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A indicates the lower portion of the holder, to which the pen-holding portion B is attached; or, if the handle is used for a brush, the brush-holding portion is attached to that portion of the handle. At the upper end of the lower straight portion the handle is formed with a laterally-projecting and slightly upwardly-curved horn, C, and with an upper straight portion, D, which is slightly curved to one side at its lower end before it continues upward parallel with the lower portion.

The curved horn, the outer end of which is slightly curved out of the plane of the horn, as shown at E, and the lower portion of the upper straight part of the handle form a shoulder, against which either the base of the first finger may rest, as shown in Fig. 1, or which may rest in the crotch between the first and second fingers, if the pen-holder is held as

shown in Fig. 2, the lower part of the holder being held between the points of the first and second fingers, and the shoulder will afford a rest for the pen, allowing the pen to be held more naturally and easily than the usual straight pen-holder.

It will be seen that a more easy and free handwriting may be accomplished by having this rest for the holder than in a straight holder, where the fingers have to grasp the holder firmly to prevent its slipping through them, and the fingers will always hold the holder in its proper position, as they cannot be placed upon the holder in any other position but the proper one when the curved shoulder is rested against the base of the finger or between the two first fingers, likewise doing away with all finger movement. The handle may also be used for paint-brushes or similar purposes, affording an easy and firm hold for the fingers, preventing any cramp or similar troubles which a person is liable to have who handles a pen or brush for a considerable space of time without stopping.

I am aware that it is not new to construct a pen-holder with a support or rest for the fingers, and I do not claim such construction, broadly; but

I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A pen or brush holder consisting of a lower straight portion, a shoulder formed by a laterally-projecting slightly-curved horn, and an upper straight portion slightly bent to one side at its lower end, and thereupon passing upward parallel to the lower portion, as and for the purpose shown and set forth.

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

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