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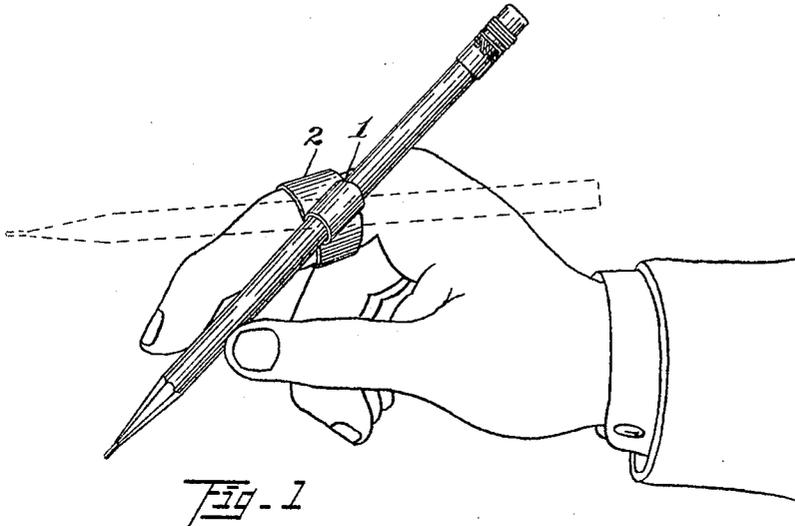


Fig. 1

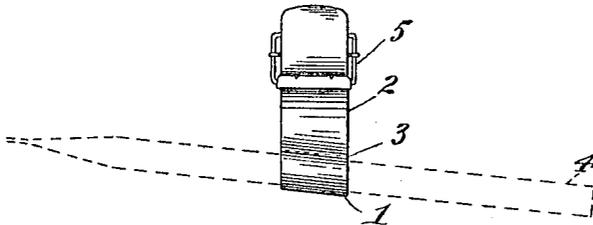


Fig. 2

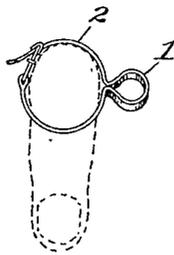


Fig. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. BARTH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Finger-Supports for Writing Instruments, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a device adapted to be slipped on the index finger of the hand for the purpose of retaining and supporting a pencil or similar marking instrument in such position that it may be readily grasped by the index finger and thumb of the hand when desired, and when released will assume a position to be out of the way such that the hand of the user will be free to be used as desired.

Generally speaking, the invention comprises the elements and combinations thereof set forth in the accompanying claims.

Reference should be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation showing the device positioned upon the hand of the user; Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the device, and Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the device.

People who find frequent use for a lead pencil or other writing instrument are annoyed by having to reach and pick up a pencil every time they wish to use it, unless they retain the pencil in their hand continuously, which is frequently impossible where the hand must be employed in other connections than holding the pencil. This is exemplified by people working on books, where they continuously require the use of a pencil in checking up matters, but between the times of the use of the pencil the hand must be free to handle the books and turn the pages, etc. Again, a musician in music composition usually desires to try the composition upon the piano, and from time to time make corrections in the score of the music. This necessitates reaching for a pencil each time a correction is desired. The device of this invention makes it possible for the user to have the pencil held upon the hand in a position so that it may readily be grasped to be used when desired, and also to have the pencil assume a position with respect to the hand such that it is out of the way when the pencil is not in use.

The device comprises a strip of pliable resilient material which is provided with a

loop 1 adapted to hold the pencil or other writing implement, and a loop 2 which is adapted to engage the index finger of the hand of the user. The loop 1 is preferably made by folding a strip of material before mentioned and sewing the same as indicated at 3, so that the material forms a loop adapted to receive the writing instrument 4. The loop is slightly less in diameter than the writing instrument 4, and is stitched as the instrument 4 is pushed into the loop, so that the writing instrument will be held firmly in the loop 1. The free ends of the strap are secured together to form the loop 2 by means of a buckle 5, which is sewed or otherwise fastened to one end of the strip of material, while the other end engages with suitable teeth or other fastening means upon the buckle in a manner which will be well understood. It will be clear that the buckle 5 makes the loop 2 adjustable so that it may be adjusted to fit the index finger of the wearer, and sufficient tension produced in the material forming the loop 2, so that it will stay on the finger of the user without slipping.

The stitching 3 which forms the loop 1 is on the bias, this being done so that the loop 1 normally is slightly inclined with respect to the loop 2. This will be clear from an inspection of Fig. 3. This results in that the writing instrument 4 will normally point above the hand or assume a position substantially as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, in which position it is out of the way of the fingers, so that the hand may be used without the writing instrument being in the way.

The material of which the loops 1 and 2 are made is preferably of elastic material, that is to say, it is pliable and yet resilient, so that the writing instrument may be readily moved into writing position and held in writing position, stretching and distorting the material but without any undue strain upon the fingers which are holding the pencil. However, when the pencil is released the inherent resiliency of the material will cause the writing instrument to move back to the desired position, that is to say, that illustrated in dotted lines in Fig. 1. Due to the pliability of the material, the writing instrument 4 may be completely turned around so as to bring the eraser portion of the writing instrument to be grasped by the index finger and thumb of the hand

of the user, and when the writing instrument is released it will assume its original position.

Having described my invention, I claim:

5 1. A finger support for a writing instrument comprising two looped portions, one looped portion being adapted to receive a writing instrument, the other looped portion being adapted to encircle a finger of the
10 user, said looped portions being flexibly connected with each other for purposes described.

2. A finger support for a writing instrument comprising two looped portions, one
15 looped portion being adapted to receive a writing instrument, the other looped portion being adapted to encircle a finger of the user, the looped portion which receives the writing instrument being inclined with respect to the loop adapted to encircle the
20 finger, said looped portions being flexibly connected together.

3. A finger support for a writing instrument comprising a strip of flexible material,

the said strip being folded upon itself and adjacent portions of the strip secured to each other to form two loops, one of said loops being adapted to receive a writing instrument, the other loop being adapted to encircle a finger of the user. 30

4. A finger support for a writing instrument comprising a strip of flexible material, said strip being folded upon itself and adjacent portions of the strip secured to each other on a bias, the free ends of the strips being provided with means whereby they may be secured together, thereby forming two looped portions, one of which is adapted to receive a writing instrument, the other of which is adapted to encircle a finger of the user. 35 40

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

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