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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

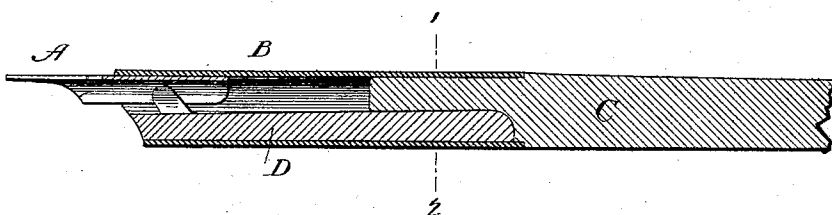
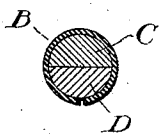


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAAC THOMPSON, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Penholders, of which the following is a specification.

Pen-holders, circular in cross-section, the general type of those in use, have the tendency, when placed on a table or desk, to roll over and find their equilibrium when the pen or nib is at the bottom, or at the point nearest the surface on which they are placed, as shown in Figure 1 of the drawings, causing, when in use, a smear or blot on the place where they are laid.

The object of my invention is to counteract this tendency and cause the pen-holder to lie, with the pen or nib on the upper side, as shown in Fig. 2 of drawings, and so avoid the blotting and smearing which is liable to ensue. This object, I attain, by applying a weight in the construction of the pen-holder.

In an ordinary metal holder, directly opposite the place for the pen or nib, I secure a weight, of any heavy substance, preferably of metal, semicircular or segmental in cross-section and of sufficient length to obtain the de-

sired effect. If the shank of the pen-holder is solid the part entering the holder may be shaped to fit the upper space and form a wedge for securing the weight in the holder as shown on an enlarged scale in Fig. 2, in which A is the pen or nib, B the metal holder or barrel, in which the pen is held, C, the shank D, the weight in position opposite the pen or nib. Fig. 3. is a cross section at the point, in Fig. 2, indicated by dotted lines, 1—2 and shows the weight D and the shaped part of the shank C together filling the space in the metal holder or barrel B at the point indicated.

A pen-holder made in this way has also the advantage that it will not readily roll off a surface that is slightly inclined.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent--

1. A pen-holder having a weight located on one side.

2. A pen-holder having a weight located on one side and diametrically opposite to the place for securing the pen.

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