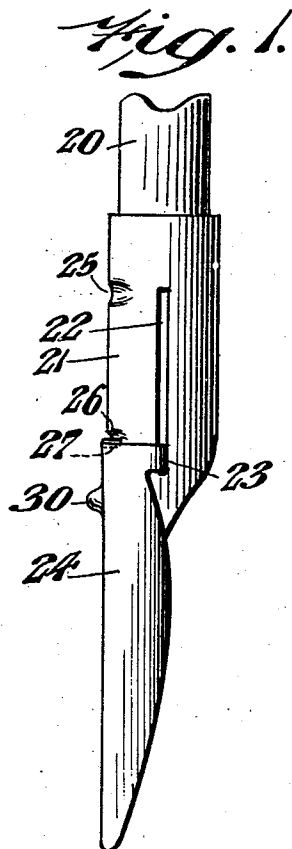
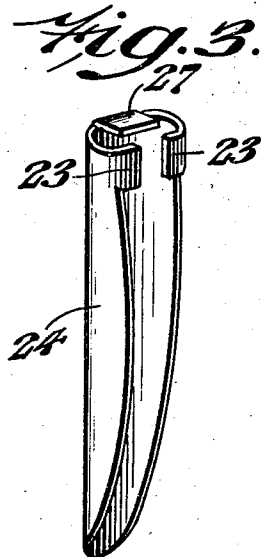
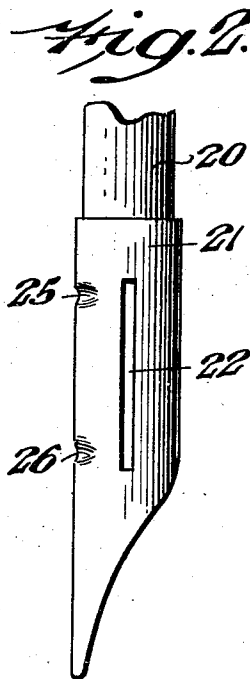


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PEN-POINT PROTECTOR

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My invention relates to a new and useful pen point protector for use in connection with ordinary desk ink pens, to protect the nib or writing point when the latter is not in actual use.

It is well known that when a pen is dropped it usually falls on the writing point or nib, which is thus damaged or broken. Similarly, if it is desired to carry the pen in the pocket, as often becomes necessary, it is necessary to protect the writing point to prevent soiling or tearing of the pocket. This is also true when the pen is carried in a brief case with or without other papers, where it is necessary to protect the pen point from contact with walls of the brief case or other receptacle or contiguous objects.

To the above ends, I have devised a novel shield or protector for the writing point or nib a pen, whereby the latter is constantly protected against contact or impact, said shield or protector being easily and quickly slid away from the pen when it is desired to use the latter.

My invention further consists of a shield or pen point protector of this character is carried by and which forms a unitary structure with the pen holder thus guarding against the possibility of loss or misplacement.

My invention still further relates to a novel pen point protector of this general character which is adapted to be positively retained in its operative or inoperative positions, to prevent accidental displacement, and one which is easy to handle, durable, and inexpensive to produce.

For the purpose of illustrating my invention I have shown in the accompanying drawings several forms thereof which are at present preferred by me, since the same have been found in practice to give satisfactory and reliable results, although it is to be understood that the various instrumentalities of which my invention consists can be variously arranged and organized and that my invention is not limited to the precise arrangement and organization of the instrumentalities as herein shown and described.

In the accompanying drawings:—

Figure 1, represents a side elevation of one modification of my invention with the pen point protector shown in its lower operative position.

Figure 2, represents a similar view with the pen point protector removed.

Figure 3, represents a perspective view of the pen point protector embodying my invention shown detached.

In the construction shown in Figures 1 to 3 I employ a pen holder 20 provided with the nib receiving and extension 21 which is provided with the opposed longitudinal guide slots 22 which engage the intumed edges or lugs 23 of the sliding protector 24 which is provided with the external shoulder 30. In this construction I provide the end extension 21 with the upper peripheral seat 25 and the lower peripheral seat 26 which are adapted to engage the intumed lip 27 of the pen point protector 24 to maintain the latter in either of its upper and lower positions. In this modification, when the pen is not in use, the sliding protector 24 is moved down to its lowermost position, where the lip 27 thereof engages the lower seat 26 thus preventing the accidental displacement of said protector. When the pen is in use, the sliding protector 24 is moved into its uppermost position where the lip 27 thereof engages the upper seat 25 thus preventing the accidental slipping of the protector while the pen is in use. The shoulder 30 affords gripping means for the protector 24.

In the constructions seen in Figures 1, 2 and 3, if the pen holder is dropped the lower end of the sliding member 24 hits the floor and protects the pen point, said sliding member 24 being locked in its lower, operative protecting position by the interlocking of the lip 27 with the lower seat 26 as in Figs. 1, 2, and 3.

It will thus be seen that I have devised a novel pen point protector which is effective in operation, simple in construction and inexpensive to produce. It will further be seen that my novel protector forms an integral part of the pen holder without materially adding to the weight or bulk thereof.

I am aware that the invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or essential attributes thereof, and I therefore desire the present
5 embodiment to be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive, reference being had to the appended claim rather than to the foregoing description to indicate the scope of the invention.

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

In a device of the character stated, a pen holder having an extension adapted to hold
15 a writing point, there being opposed, longitudinal slots in said extension, and a sliding member having lateral inturned lips engaging said slots and adapted to protect said writing point when the latter is not in use,
20 and a central inturned lip on the upper edge of said sliding member, there being seats in the upper and lower ends of said extension for engaging the central inturned lip of said sliding member to retain the latter in either
25 of its extreme positions.

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