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Fig. 1

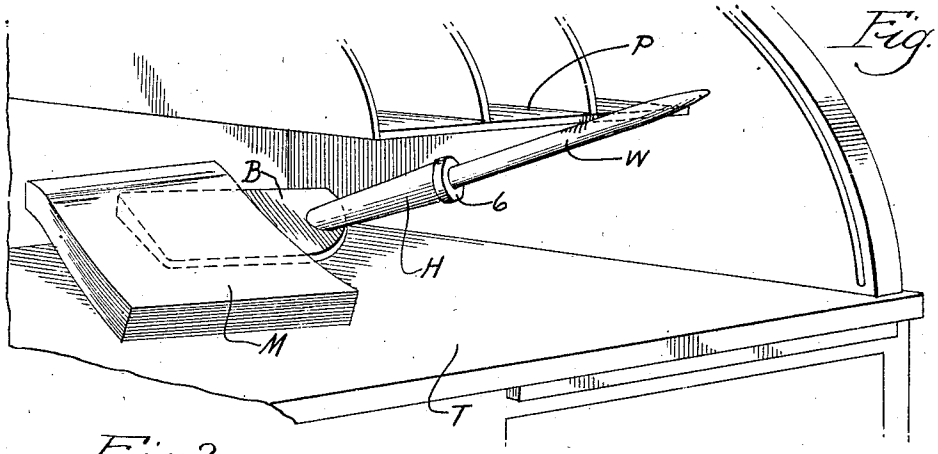


Fig. 2

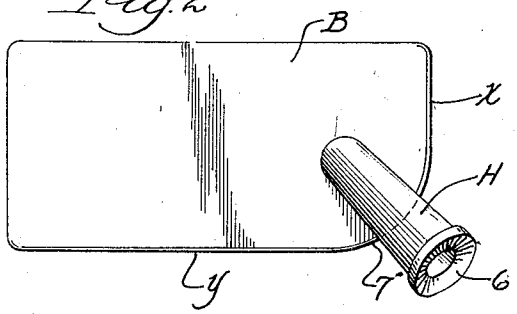
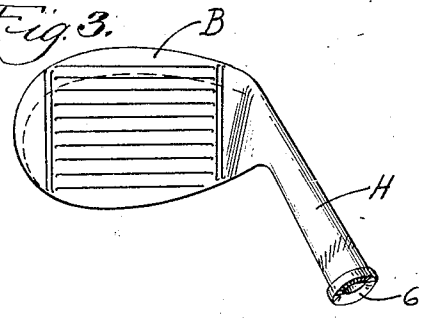


Fig. 3.



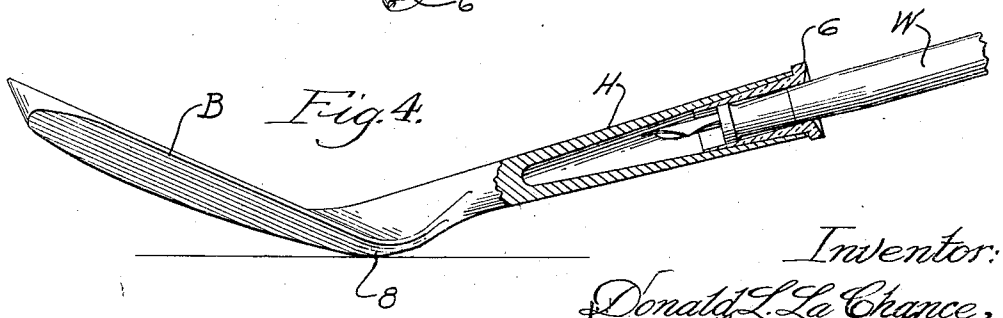


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to a holder for fountain pens. It utilizes a base which fixedly supports an oblique socket into which the writing end of a fountain pen may be fitted. Such an implement is particularly adapted for convenient use on a writing desk or table.

With such a pen holder the improvements of this invention have to do with features which conduce to greater simplicity in construction, reduce the cost in the making, enhance sturdiness and dependability in service, and increase adaptability to meet varying conditions of use.

These objects are all realized by a one-piece structure of which certain embodiments are suggested in the accompanying drawings in the manner following:

Figure 1 shows in perspective one form of the present pen holder implement as it appears when in use upon a desk;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same implement;

Fig. 3 is a similar view of an implement having a base of still different configuration; and

Fig. 4 is an enlarged view in elevation showing the implement of Fig. 3 adjusted to a position possibly encountered in use.

As illustrative of service condition for the present pen holder, I have shown in Fig. 1 a fragmentary perspective view of a roll-top desk having a table surface T over which is the usual pocket structure P. The vertical space between the table top and pocket structure is ordinarily insufficient for the accommodation of tall articles, such, for example, as a pen or pencil which is stood upright. In case a pen holder with pen fitted in place be moved on the table top to a position below such an overhanging structure, as shown, it is necessary that the accommodated pen or pencil be slanted to an oblique position approximating the horizontal.

The pen holder of my invention is adapted to meet conditions of the kind noted. As shown, it comprises a relatively flat base B having any desired edge configuration. Supported by the base and extending obliquely therefrom in a manner to overhang one or more of its edges is a holder H here shown in the form of a hollow stem that may be joined integrally with the base. The free end of the holder which is socketed may be equipped with a bushing 6 having a flaring mouth by which to enhance the appearance of the holder.

The form of implement shown in Fig. 2 is configured in the general form of a rectangle. The holder is extended obliquely from a point adjacent one corner of the base which desirably is rounded off as at 7 to join with the proximate base edges x and y. The area and weight of the base, also the disposition of the overhanging holder, should be so determined that the former will always overbalance the latter in any of the tilted positions the implement may assume when the writing pen W is supported thereby. Whenever the implement can stand in the clear, the supported pen will be obliquely extended at an angle convenient to be taken hold of. If, however, the implement be used in a place where there is insufficient clearance for the pen, as suggested in Fig. 1, the latter upon being engaged will cause the entire implement to be tilted. Should this tilting movement be continued until the upper pen end is touching the surface upon which the implement rests, the latter by reason of the special balancing relationship will tend to resume its flatwise position upon the desk whenever interference is removed from the supported pen. Such a condition requiring the base to be tilted may exist if the implement be used in an environment, as suggested in Fig. 1, or if the supported pen be struck accidentally when extending in the clear over a desk.

The form of implement shown in Figs. 1 and 2 is such that the tilting movements may take place in directions along the lines of the two edges x and y which are 90 degrees apart, or at any point in between. In order to facilitate a ready tilting in any intermediate position, the corner 7 is rounded or curved, as shown. By such a construction the tilting may take place in the direction required by the applied force within the range of the two edges x and y.

Another form of holder having all the advantages of the construction first mentioned

is suggested in Figs. 3 and 4. This implement has the novel feature of taking the form of a conventional golf club head (niblick). It comprises the usual sole B having a hosel H extended obliquely therefrom at the heel end. The disposition of the hosel is oblique also with respect to the longitudinal and transverse dimensions of the sole. The hosel which is socketed in the usual manner is desirably equipped with a ferrule 6 to furnish a proper mounting into which the writing end of the pen may be fitted. In an implement of this character the hosel overhangs the sole at one end and side, but underbalances the base which tends always to remain flat on a desk or table, thereby supporting a pen fitted into the socket in an oblique manner, convenient for removal or replacement. The tilting movements of such an implement may take place through a wide range of degrees, depending upon the direction of the applied force, the heel 8 of the sole furnishing a pivotal point for such movements.

It is manifest that the pen holder of this invention is simple in the extreme. The rigidity of its construction, however, does not militate against the adjustability of the support when the supported pen is subjected to an applied force requiring that it be moved to a different position. Furthermore, the several constructions suggested are advantageous in that the base in each case is relatively thin so as not to interfere with an object, such as a book M, being rested thereupon (see Fig. 1). This is desirable, particularly with a crowded desk where articles are frequently moved around, one over or upon another, to economize in the occupied space.

I claim:

As a new article of manufacture, a pen holder in the general form of a golf club head having the sole for its base and the hosel for its holder, the base being of greater mass along one longitudinal edge than the other and upwardly curved at one end, and the holder extending obliquely from the upwardly curved end of the base, whereby the base may be tilted upon its upwardly curved end by force upon the holder but normally remaining horizontal upon a plane surface.

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