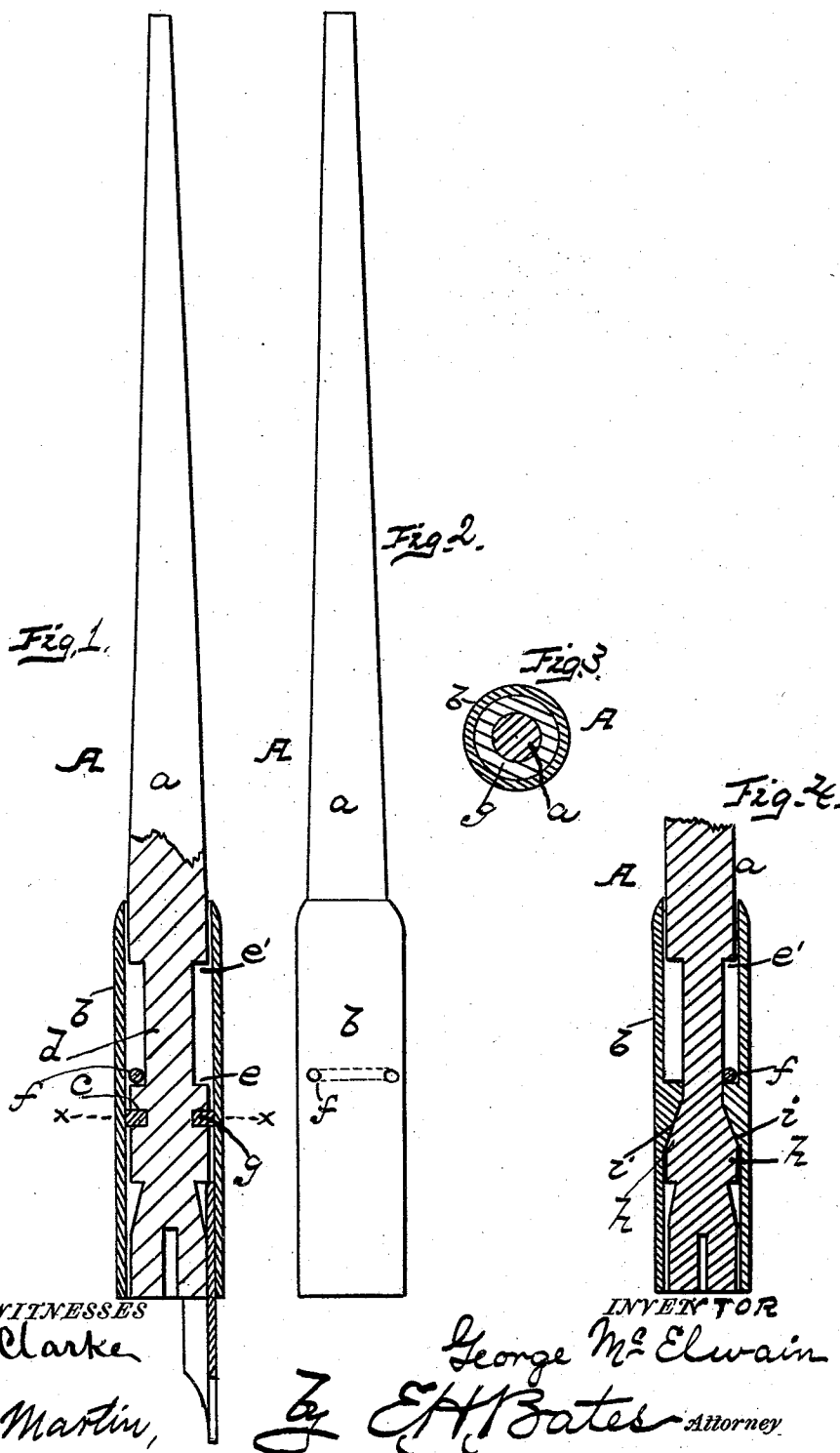


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE McELWAIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Englewood, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Penholders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in pen holders; and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of the same, whereby the holder is kept clean and the person's hand prevented from being soiled by ink from the pen all as will be hereinafter fully explained.

The annexed drawings, to which reference is made, fully illustrate my invention, in which—

Figure 1, represents an enlarged, vertical sectional view of my improved pen holder. Fig. 2, is a side view of the same and Fig. 3, is a cross sectional view of the same taken on line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view of my device in modified form.

Referring by letters to the accompanying drawings A designates the pen holder, consisting of two parts *a, b*, of which *a* is the stem and *b* a sleeve therefor. This stem *a* is provided with an annular groove *c* and a reduced portion *d*, at the upper and lower portions thereof are shoulders *e, e'*, which engage a stop or pin *f* inserted in the sleeve as shown in the annexed drawings. Within this annular groove is a packing *g* preferably of rubber and is designed to prevent ink from working its way between the stem and sleeve and out toward a person's hand.

It will be seen by reference to the annexed

drawings and above description that a pen can be readily inserted or removed from the holder, simply by the person forcing the sleeve back upon the stem; the pin *f* engaging the shoulders and limiting the movement of said sleeve at the same time when it is desired to clean the interior of the holder, the pin is withdrawn and the sleeve can be separated from the stem.

In Fig. 4, of the drawings I show my device in modified form, the same instead of having a rubber packing and groove, the stem *a* is provided with a shoulder *h* which is beveled rearwardly and when the stem is in its normal position, said shoulder engages, snugly a beveled shoulder *i* on the interior of the sleeve, thus forming a tight joint between stem and sleeve, thus preventing ink from passing rearwardly and between said sleeve and stem.

A pen holder as herein described is simple in operation, durable and at the same time cheap to manufacture.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a pen holder of the character described, the stem having the annular groove and a packing in said groove substantially as described.

2. In a pen holder of the character described, the stem having the groove, a packing in said groove and a pin inserted crosswise the sleeve, forming a stop and adapted to play between the shoulders of the stem substantially as described.

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

GEORGE McELWAIN.

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