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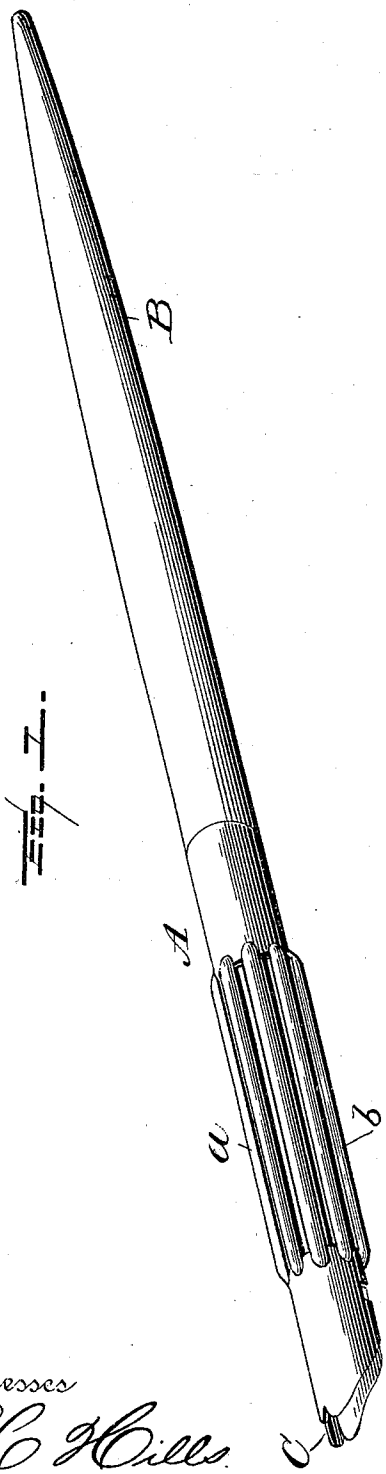
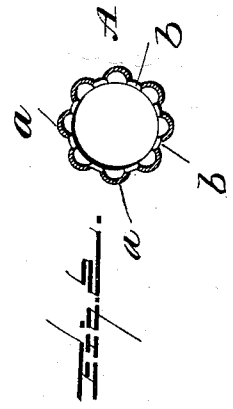



Fig. 1.

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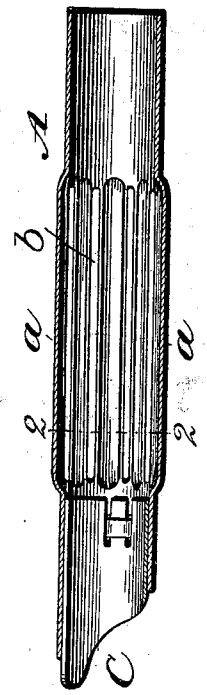


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## PENHOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE OBERBECK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Penholders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to that class of penholders in which the tubular grip portion is longitudinally slitted in order to impart a certain elasticity to the same.

The invention will first be described with reference to the accompanying drawings and will then be more particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a penholder embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a cross-section on line 2 2, Fig. 3. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal axial section of the holder proper detached from the handle.

The holder proper consists of a barrel A, of suitable material, preferably of sheet metal, adapted at its rear end to fit upon the tenoned end of a suitable pen-handle B and containing at its front end a suitable tip C, in which the pen can be inserted and held. Thus far there is nothing in the device.

The grip portion of the barrel A is longitudinally slitted or slotted, as seen at *b*, leaving a series of longitudinal ribs *a*, which are struck up or otherwise formed, as shown, so as to have a concavo-convex form in cross-section, with the concave faces outermost, as indicated in Fig. 2. These ribs possess a certain elasticity, which is desirable for the grip portion of a penholder. Their form also is such as to impart to them sufficient strength to prevent them from being deflected or bent, thus assuring the proper retention of the general contour of the grip portion under all conditions of ordinary usage. The ribs are slightly raised above the level of the plain cylindrical unslitted part of the barrel, but expose no sharp edges to the fingers, and the holder is one in which there is a certain provision for ventilation, allowing the passage of air around and between the ribs.

The device is simple, efficient, desirable, and can be made cheaply and expeditiously.

The invention is of course equally applicable to penholders in which the holder proper and the handle are made in one. The degree of concavo-convexity imparted to the ribs can be varied without departure from the invention.

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

As a new manufacture, a penholder the tubular grip portion of which consists of a series of longitudinal ribs concavo-convex in cross-section formed in one with the body of the holder and separated lengthwise from each other by intervening slots, substantially as hereinbefore set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of February, 1899.

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