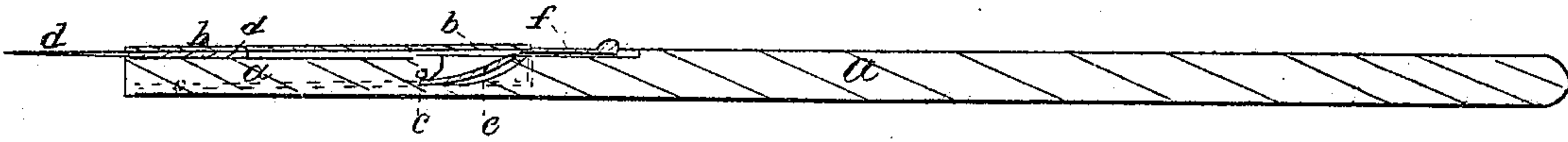


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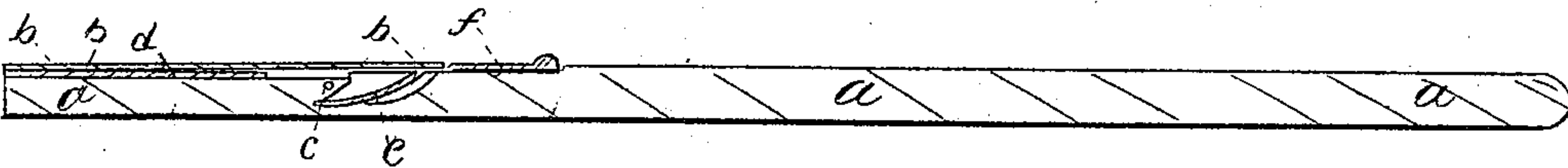
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## PENHOLDER.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 23,800, dated April 26, 1859.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALFRED R. TURNER, of Malden, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pen-Holders, and that the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings hereinafter referred to, forms a full and exact specification of the same, wherein I have set forth the nature and principles of my improvements by which my invention may be distinguished from all others of a similar class, together with such parts as I claim and desire to have secured to me by Letters Patent.

The figures of the accompanying plate of drawings represent my improvement. Figure 1 is a central, longitudinal section of my improved penholder showing the pen in the proper position for writing. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the pen incased.

The object of my improvements is to so construct a pen-holder as to allow the pen to be removed from the same without touching the fingers thereto, and at the same time insure the protection of the pen from injury when not in use and its being firmly grasped and held in the pen-holder when employed in writing.

*a a* in the drawings represent the stock of the pen-holder. *b b* is a metallic plate or cover fastened to the stock *a a* by a pivot *c* on which it turns as a fulcrum.

The pen *d* is grasped and held between the plate *b b* and the stock *a a* as shown in Fig. 1, by means of a bent spring *e e* which presses the end of the plate *b* upon the pen and holds it upon the stock *a a*. On pressing upon the end of the plate *b b* most remote from the pen, the pressure upon the

pen will be relieved and by holding the pen-holder in a nearly vertical position the pen will drop by its own weight until it is wholly covered and protected by the cover *b b* as shown in Fig. 2. It will be seen that the pen can be removed from the pen-holder without touching it with the fingers or soiling them with the ink, by holding the pen-holder downward and pressing upon the plate *b b* over the spring *e* when the pressure upon the pen will be relieved and it will drop out.

*f* is a sliding piece inserted in a proper way or groove in the stock *a a* having its end slightly beveled, so as to fit under the end of the plate *b* as shown. On sliding the piece *f* forward, as the plate *b* turns on a fulcrum at *c*, a very strong binding force will be brought to bear upon the pen and thereby rigidly hold it in its place. This binding force can be removed by sliding the piece *f* back again as in Fig. 2. It will be evident that in case a very stiff spring *e* is used, the sliding piece *f* may be dispensed with.

Having thus described my improvements, I shall state my claim as follows;

What I claim as my invention and desire to have secured to me by Letters Patent, is—

1. A pen-holder constructed with the cover *b*, turning on a pivot or fulcrum and acted upon by the bent-spring *e* substantially as described.

2. And I also claim in combination with the above the sliding piece *f* as set forth.

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