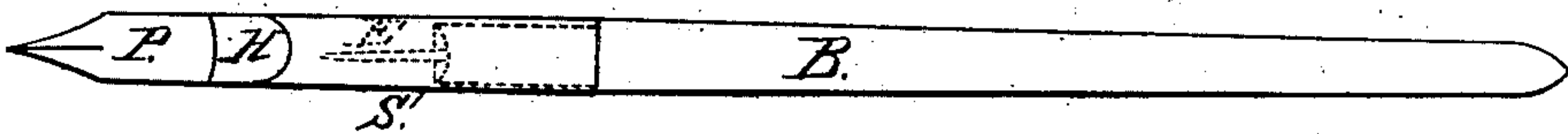


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*Fig. 1. A.*



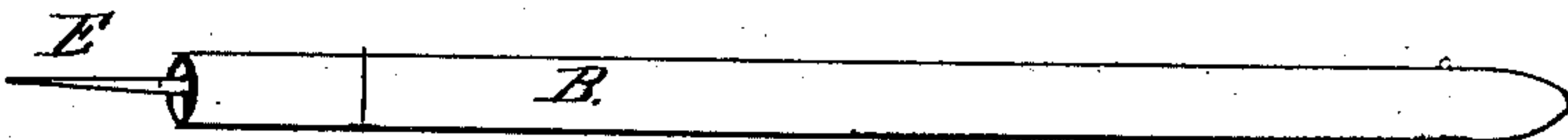
*Fig. 2.*



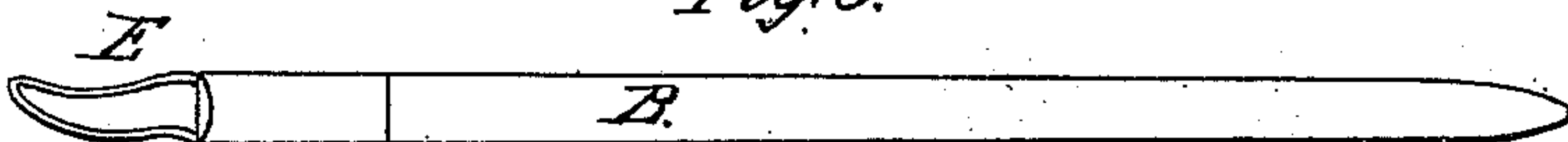
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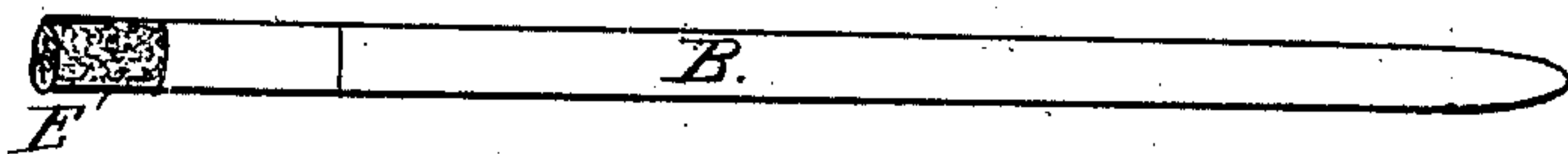
*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 5.*



*Fig. 6.*



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## PENHOLDER.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 31,225, dated January 29, 1861.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOEL BRYANT, of the city of Brooklyn, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Ink-Eraser and Penholder Combined, as hereinafter described; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and correct description of my said invention, reference being made to the accompanying drawings and to the letters marked thereon and forming a part of this specification.

Figure 1, letter A, is a perspective view of my eraser, and penholder. The letter E, refers to the eraser (E,) which is made of a piece of steel, or other suitable metal, or material, for erasing ink, from paper. The said eraser E, in this figure (Fig. 1) is indicated by the dotted lines referred to by the letter E, in said figure. The letter H, refers to that part of the socket S, which serves as a holder (H,) for holding a pen (P)—while the other end of the said socket S, receives and holds the handle B, the said handle B, serving as the handle of the said eraser E, and for the socket S, of the penholder H, as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3.

Fig. 2 shows the penholder H, with its socket S, and with a pen P, inserted in the said holder H, the handle B, with the eraser E, being withdrawn from the socket S, (as for use as an eraser,) and, is shown in Fig. 3 in a face view. Fig. 4 shows the same (the eraser E, and handle B) in a side or edge view. I construct and make my said penholder (H,) substantially like other and ordinary penholders, except that I make the socket S, (which holds the pen P, in one end, and admits the handle B, into the other end,) sufficiently deep, to not only receive the said handle B, but also, to admit and hold a short knife like blade, or eraser E, which is set, and secured, in that end of the handle B, which fits into the said socket S, the said blade being made of a thin piece of steel, or other material, suitable for erasing ink marks from paper, the whole being constructed and made to act, and operate, in connection with each other, substantially as herein described, and as shown and indicated in Figs. 1, 2, 3.

When the said penholder and eraser is required for use as a penholder, then, of course, the parts (E, B, S,) are joined together and, the pen being inserted in the extreme end of the socket S, (prepared for receiving the pen,) like as in other and ordinary penholders, while the handle B, with the blade or eraser E, is inserted in the other end of the socket S, which is made deep enough to receive the handle B, and blade E, as inserted in the end of the handle B, as aforesaid; and, then—the parts being thus joined together,—the same is ready for use as a penholder.

Fig. 5 shows a modification in the shape of the blade of the eraser E, which may, as a matter of course, be made of any desirable shape or form, or of any desirable and suitable material for erasing ink marks from paper, whether the said eraser E, be made of metal in the shape of blade, as shown in Figs. 3, 4, and 5, or of any other material, as of sharp grained stone—natural or artificial—or of compounds of rubber and ground glass, wrought or manufactured into suitable form and consistence to be used as an eraser E, for erasing ink; and Fig. 6 represents an eraser E, made of such material, and of round form, secured in the handle B, and designed to fit into and be held in the socket S, of the penholder H, in like manner and for the same purpose as the erasers E, shown in Figs. 3, 4, and 5,—the form or material being optional.

The advantages of this invention are obvious from the fact that it affords the writer with an efficient eraser (E) always at hand, so that on discovering a mistake or causing a blot on his paper he can immediately withdraw the eraser E, from the socket S, and erase the mistake, or blot, before the ink shall have time to dry into the paper; and when the ink is thus erased the said eraser E, can be immediately returned to the socket S, and writing resumed without delay. In short, this simple yet eminently useful invention supplies a want long felt by all persons using "the pen," and its great convenience cannot fail of admission, and application, by all literary and business men.

Having now set forth the nature and object of my invention, I desire to secure the same by Letters Patent of the United States, and hereby disclaiming the use of all other  
5 erasers and penholders hitherto known and used I claim—

The construction and use of ink erasers,

and penholders, when the same are made, and used in combination with each other, substantially as herein described.

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