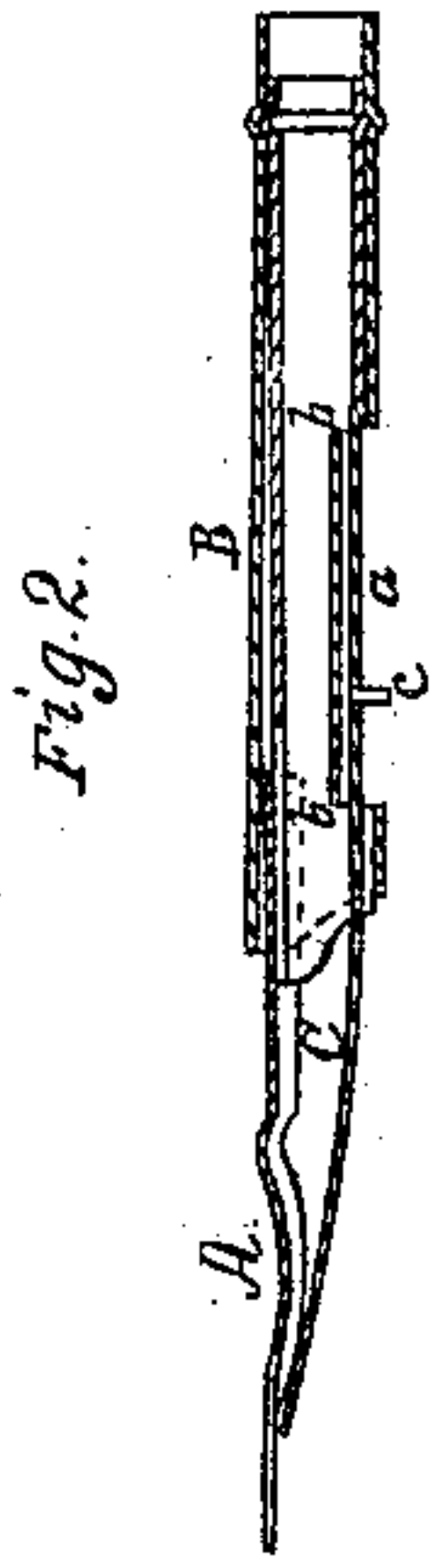


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TO ALL PERSONS TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Be it known that I, ORIN O. WITHERELL, of Plaistow, in the county of Rockingham, and State of New Hampshire, have invented a new and useful improvement in Pen-Holders, and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification, and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a rear elevation; and

Figure 2, a longitudinal section of a pen-holder and pen, as provided with my invention.

It is not new to combine with a pen and its holder an ink retainer or tongue, to extend down into the concavity of the pen, and nearly to its nib, the purpose of such being to retain ink in the pen. When such retainer is a fixture, or, in other words, is not capable of being adjusted or moved nearer to or further from the nib of the pen, it does not operate long to good advantage, for the ink, by drying on it and the pen and between the two, is apt to so cloy the pen as to either materially impede or arrest its action. With my improvement the retainer is movable away from the nib, so as to enable the pen to be easily cleaned without the necessity of removing it from its stock or holder; and besides, the ink retainer can be easily adjusted to such a distance from the nib of the pen as will insure the requisite flowage of the ink in accordance with the desire of the penman.

In the drawings, A denotes the pen, and B its handle or carrier, they being constructed and applied together in the usual manner, except that in making the carrier I form it with a depression or long notch, *a*, in one side of it, arranged between two terminal slots *b b*, which open out of the tubular carrier, such carrier being destined to receive a handle, to be inserted in it at its upper end. The ink retainer is shown at C as consisting of a long strip of watch-spring, or thin steel, or other proper material. It is inserted through the two terminal slots and in the notch *a*, so as to rest against the bottom of such notch and bear against the inner or concave face of the pen. A small stud, *c*, extends from that part of the retainer which is in the notch, and serves as a means of enabling a person, by the application of his thumb nail to it, to effect a movement of the retainer either toward or away from the nib of the pen. The stud *c* also answers as a stop to arrest the movement of the retainer, which it will when against either end of the notch.

I do not claim the application of a tongue or an ink retainer to a pen so as to be stationary relatively thereto; but what I do claim as my improvement, is—

The application of the tongue or ink retainer to the pen and its carrier in manner so that the said retainer may be movable and adjustable with respect to the nib of the pen, as set forth.

I also claim the construction of the pen carrier with the depression or notch *a*, and the two terminal slots *b b*, arranged together and in it, and for the reception and holding of an ink retainer, to operate with the pen, as specified.

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