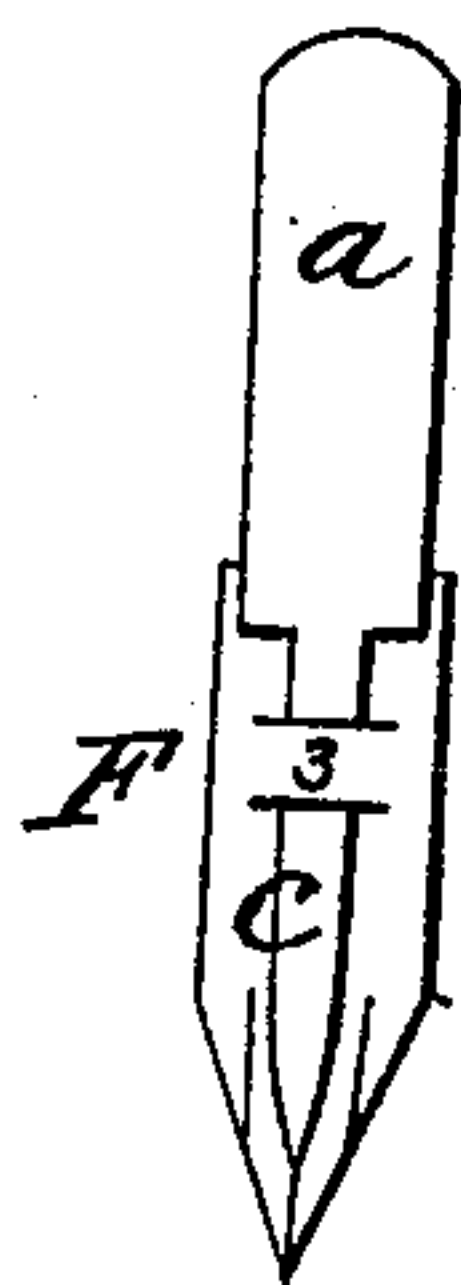


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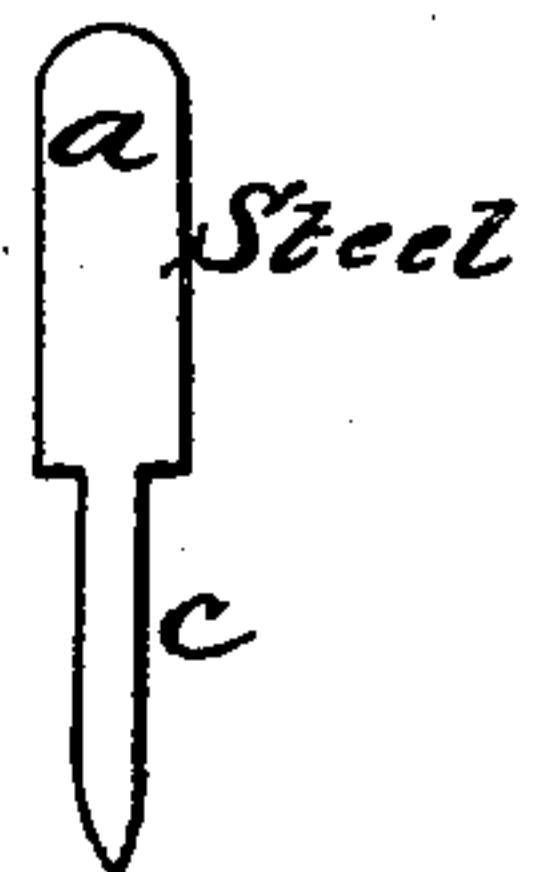
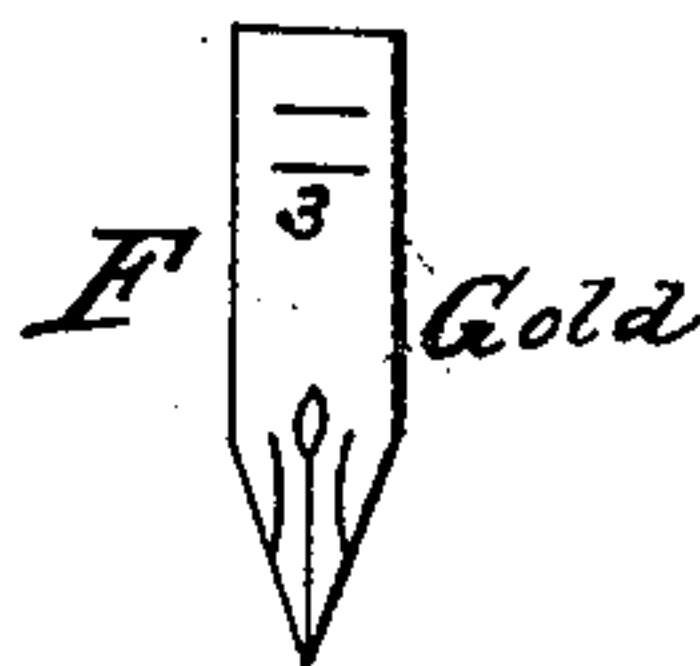
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*Fig. 3.*

*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN PENS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. MORSE, of the city and county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fountain-Pens; and I do declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in making a fountain-pen that will hold a much larger quantity of ink than pens now common in use, and is particularly adapted to lessen the expense of gold pens by making the shank or top part of steel or other cheap metal.

I construct my improved fountain-pen in two parts, *a c*, as shown in Figure 1, and *F*, as shown in Figure 2. The part *a c* may in all cases be made from steel or other cheap material, and consists of a shank, *a*, suitable to fit a pen-holder, and a projection, *c*, which serves to connect the shank with the part *F*, and also as an ink-retainer, the end of which is suitably curved for that purpose. The part *F* is made in the same manner that pens are usually made, and slots, *3*, are cut in the same, and bent, in the operation of forming the blank, so as to admit the fountain-spring *C* to pass through it closely, as shown in plan at Figure 3, and in section at Figure 4.

I do not confine my invention to this particular form of connecting the two parts, though I find it a very cheap and efficient one. My improved fountain-pen is used in the same manner that common pens are used.

Having thus fully described the construction and operation of my improved fountain-pen, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A fountain union pen, made of two parts, *a c* and *F*, the same being adjustable, and connected, substantially as described and shown, for the purpose specified.

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