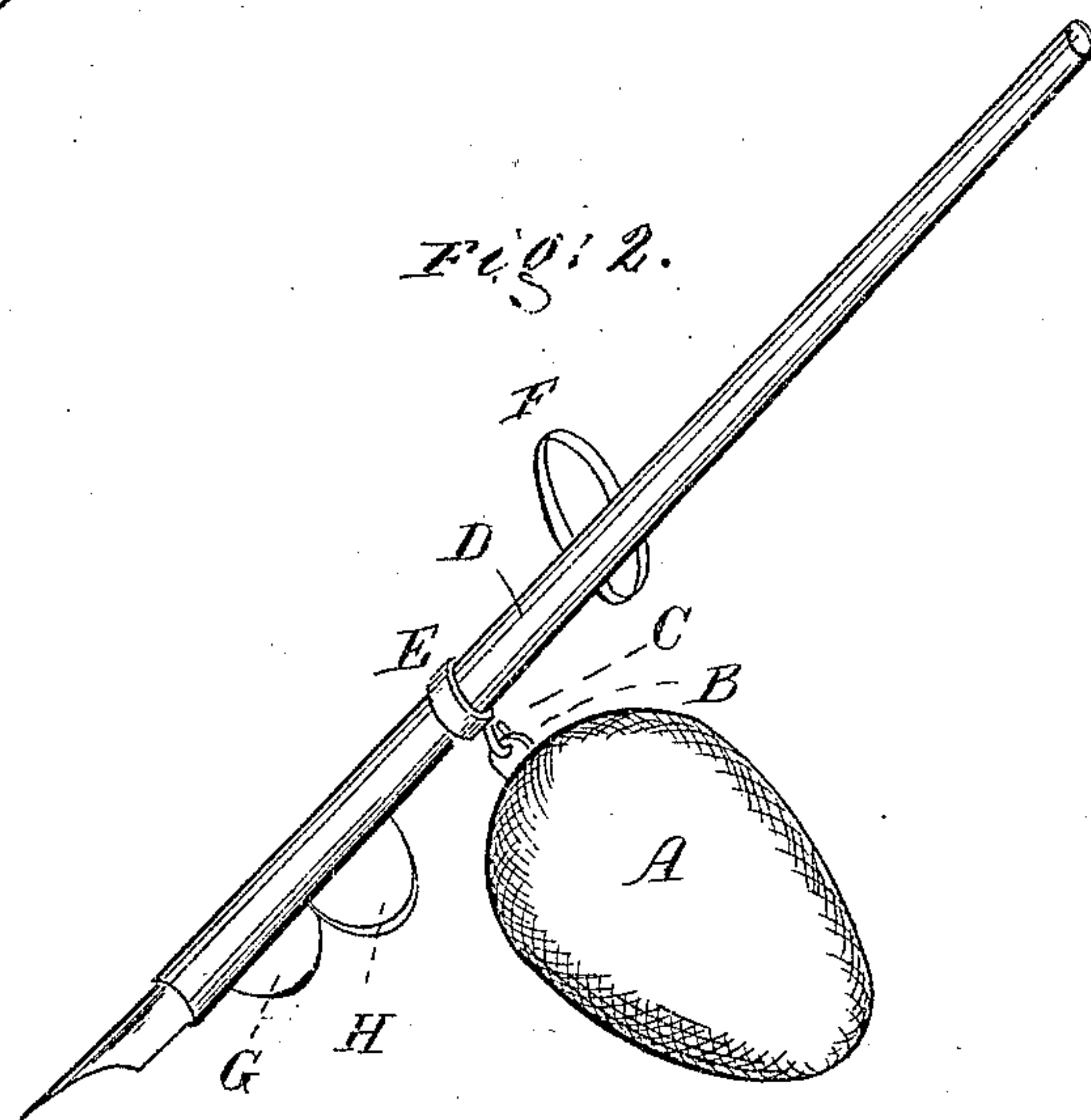
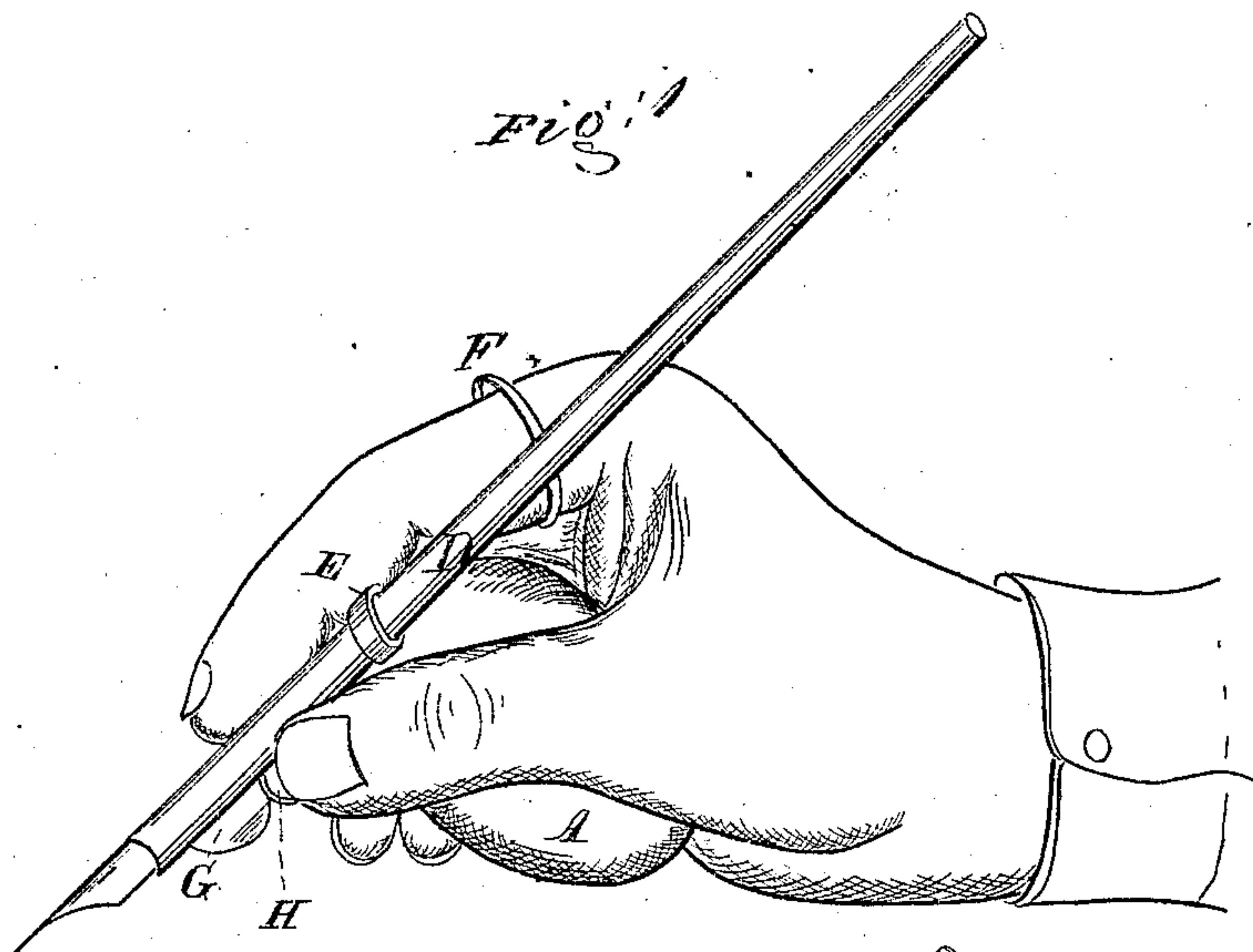


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## IMPROVEMENT IN PEN-HOLDERS.

*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, H. G. EASTMAN, of the city of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Penmen's Assistants; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full description of the same.

In my patents of the 5th November, 1861, and 9th February, 1864, for improvements in penmen's assistants, I have therein described a ball, with finger-supports attached thereto, and a palm, with finger-supports and pen-holder attached thereto, as means for assisting the learner to acquire a correct system of penmanship. As following out the same theory or train of ideas, and as the natural sequence of my previous inventions, I have modified the application of the principle therein suggested, by giving an egg-shape to the ball previously used, and suspending it loosely by a swivel to a pen-holder on which the finger-supports are secured, instead of being attached to the ball, as in the former case.

But to describe my improvements more particularly, I will refer to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, the same letters of reference, wherever they occur, referring to like parts.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the penman's assistant, as held by the writer.

Figure 2 is a detached view of the penman's assistant.

Letter A represents an egg-shaped metal "form," which may be made of any suitable material and size to adapt it to the hand of either young or old persons using it, and solid, or of skeleton form, as may be desired. To the base or upper end of the "form" is secured an eye, B, into which a hook, C, engages to connect it with the pen-holder D, by means of a slide, E, secured thereon. The hook C and slide E, however, are not material, as they may be dispensed with, and a band of India rubber or other strapping, substituted therefor, to hold the form attached to the pen-holder. The object of this arrangement is to allow of the "form" to be loosely attached to the pen-holder, that the writer may have the free motion of his thumb and fore and middle fingers to move the pen, and yet preserve the proper conformation of the hand in holding it.

To keep the pen in its proper position in the hand, a ring, F, is secured to the side of the pen-holder, in such a position as to fit on the fore finger, near its junction with the hand. By this means, when the thumb and middle finger rest upon the supports G and H, on the lower end of the pen-holder, it will assume its natural or proper position for acquiring a correct style of writing, while the "form" will give support to the hand to steady it, and at the same time, by its conformation, prevent the writer from cramping the fingers or turning the hand up or on the back, so as to throw the upper end of the pen-holder outwards, instead of pointing it over the right shoulder, as is the proper way.

Having now described my invention, I will proceed to set forth what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States.

1. The combination of the egg-shaped hand-support or "form," A, with a pen-holder, by means of the swivel-joint, or equivalent therefor, substantially as hereinbefore described.

2. I also claim, in combination with a pen-holder, the ring F, as hereinbefore set forth.

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