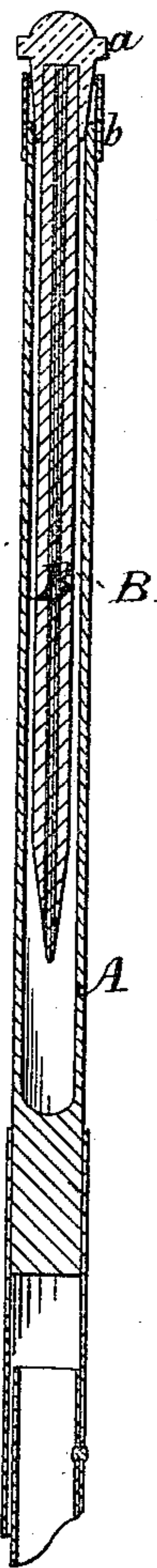


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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED PEN-HANDLES AND LEAD-PENCILS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY C. BENSON, of the city of Yonkers, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented a certain new and Improved Combined Pen Holder or Handle and Lead-Pencil, of which the following is a specification:

This invention consists of a pen-holder and pencil, eraser, or other article, in which the pen holder or handle is hollow, and receives within it a lead-pencil, metallic eraser, or other article, having a rubber eraser-head, that forms a plug to fit in the end of the pen-handle, and holds the pencil in place therein.

The accompanying drawing represents, in longitudinal central section, an article embodying my invention.

A is the pen holder or handle, which is hollow, and has an open upper end, as shown. It is otherwise of ordinary or suitable construction. B is a lead-pencil, which is inserted point first in the hollow handle, and carries on its upper end a rubber eraser-head, *a*, that forms a plug to fit tightly in and close the upper end of the pen-handle, and to hold in place the pencil to prevent it from dropping out of the handle.

The pencil, when required for use, is withdrawn from the pen-handle. The rubber head can be used for erasing without removing the pencil.

When the pen-handle is made of wood or other material liable to split or break its upper end should be surmounted by a surrounding metallic sleeve or ferrule, *b*, that forms a seat for the plug *a*.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The herein-described article, consisting of a hollow pen holder or handle, and a lead-pencil or other article received within said handle, and provided with a rubber head, that forms a plug to fit tightly in and close the upper open end of the handle, as shown and set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 18th day of January, A. D. 1875.

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