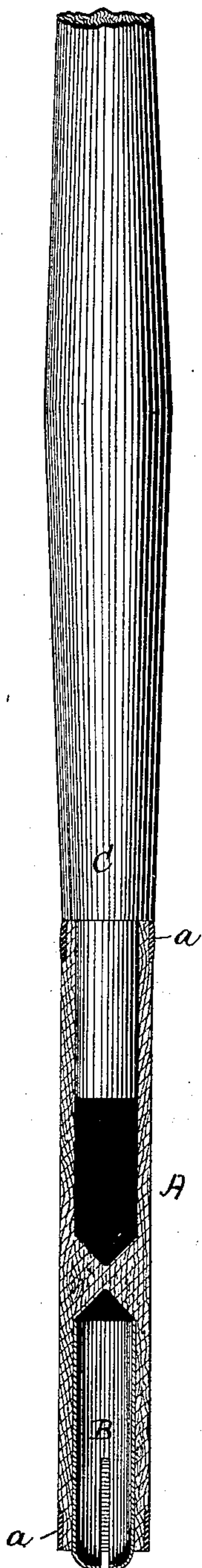


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL KRAUS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Pen-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention may be stated to consist of a pen-holder whose barrel is made of wood. A pen-holder having this characteristic is shown in the accompanying drawing in illustration of my invention.

The drawing represents the pen-holder in longitudinal central section, mounted on a handle of ordinary make.

A is the barrel of the pen-holder. It is made of wood, which, by machinery, is reduced to the proper external configuration, and is bored out, so as to receive at one end the usual tip, B, and so as to be capable of fitting at the other end upon an ordinary handle, C. It may be bored entirely through, so as to be tubular from end to end, or it may be bored part way from each end, but not entirely through. The latter construction is shown in the drawing. At each end it is re-enforced by a band or ferrule, *a*, of thin metal or other suitable material, with a view to remove all liability of its splitting.

The pen-holder can be finished externally in any desired way. The wood may be left in its natural state, or it can be polished, varnished, painted, or enameled, as desired.

A pen-holder of this kind possesses many and decided advantages over others heretofore in use.

The ordinary pen-holder in the market is made of metal. The advantages which my pen-holder possesses over the metal pen-holder are as follows: It is much cheaper and more easily made, the expense of manufacture being about one-third that of the metal pen-holder. The weight is much less; a pen-holder made on my

plan is perceptibly lighter than the metal one. It is well known that continued use of metal pen-holders injuriously affects in many cases the nerves of the fingers and hand, so much so that various attempts have from time to time been made to remove this objection by enameling the metal or by covering it with rubber or some composition. My pen-holder is entirely free from this objection. Furthermore, I can, without increase of cost, make my pen-holder of irregular shape externally, with, for instance, a swell in the center, or with enlargements at any desired point or points. This is not feasible with metal pen-holders, except with such an increase in cost of production as to virtually put the pen-holder out of the market.

I am aware that pen handles and holders have been made in one piece from wood, hard rubber, and the like; but my invention is distinct from these. What I have devised is a new pen-holder, which is adapted for use with any handle, and can be removed and replaced and used just as an ordinary pen-holder can be, and which can be substituted for the ordinary metal pen-holder upon any of the pen-handles now in the market.

What I claim as new and of my invention is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a pen-holder the barrel of which is made of wood, formed and adapted to receive a handle, substantially as hereinbefore set forth.

2. The wooden pen-holder barrel formed and adapted to receive a handle and re-enforced at the tip and handle ends by a band or ferrule, substantially as hereinbefore set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 31st day of May, 1882.

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