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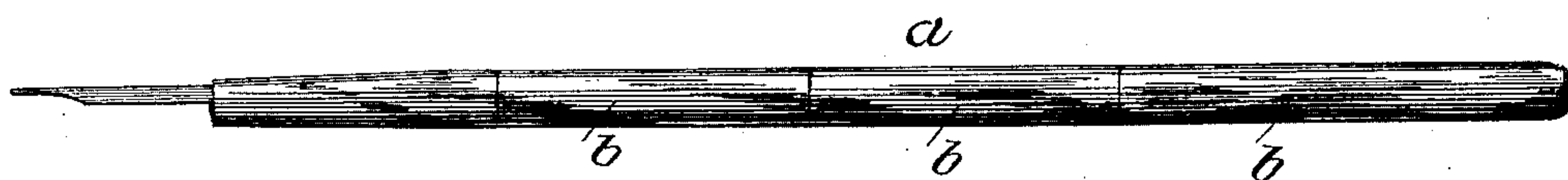
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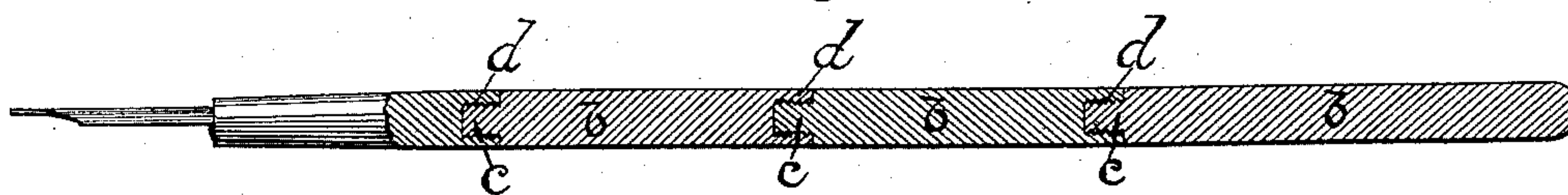
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## PEN-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EUGENE C. BURROWS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pen-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to holders for containing or holding writing pens; and the object of my improvement is to construct a holder of this class having great strength and durability out of a cheap common material, which shall possess a high degree of ornamentation when finished, combined with other advantages over those at present in use.

In the accompanying drawings, which serve to illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a pen-holder made according to my improvement; and Fig. 2 is a view of the same, partly in longitudinal section and partly in elevation.

Heretofore holders of this class have been made of different varieties of material—such as ivory, pearl, rubber, and some of the plastic compositions. The former are more or less expensive for such use, and all of the materials mentioned, with such others as are known to be in general use, have, when made up in pen-holders, more or less brittleness by reason of their being made of slender form, and unless used with care are apt to be broken. Again, pearl, ivory, and like material used for the finer class of holders absorb very readily any ink that may happen to fall on the holder during its use, and the stain so produced is always very difficult to efface, so that unless used with great care the holder soon becomes unsightly. To overcome these objections, and at the same time to produce a highly ornamental holder out of cheap material, is the purpose of my invention, and this I accomplish by making the holder out of certain portions of the horn of animals, as steer's horn and buffalo horn.

Let *a* represent the pen-holder, which is composed of several pieces or sections, *b b b*, connected together.

In constructing the holder the tip of the

horn—that is, its solid part—is cut or sawed transversely into blanks of the proper thickness, which blanks are then turned into the required shape and finished by buffing and polishing.

In cutting the tip transversely I procure blanks which may be worked down to the desired shape without danger of splitting the material, which would not be the case if the horn were cut or split lengthwise into sections suitable for the formation of the holder. Again, the natural tendency of the material to warp and crack on exposure to the atmosphere, conditions that would render a pen-holder utterly useless, are overcome by my construction. The sections *b* are provided with an externally-screw-threaded reduced end, *c*, which engages with a corresponding threaded socket, *d*, of the adjacent section. To insure a perfectly tight joint, the sections may also be further secured by cementing them together.

In the manufacture of pen-holders out of short pieces of horn I have been able to produce a very beautiful effect by combining in one holder several pieces in which the natural veining of the material is in marked and strong contrast one with the other. An infinite variety and novelty of ornamentation can thus be produced.

Holders made of horn are stronger and have a harder and closer surface, and are susceptible of a greater degree of ornamentation than those made of any one of the materials heretofore employed in the manufacture.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a pen-holder formed of a thickness of horn cut transversely into short sections from the tip of the horn of animals, said sections being secured together as shown, and for the purpose set forth.

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