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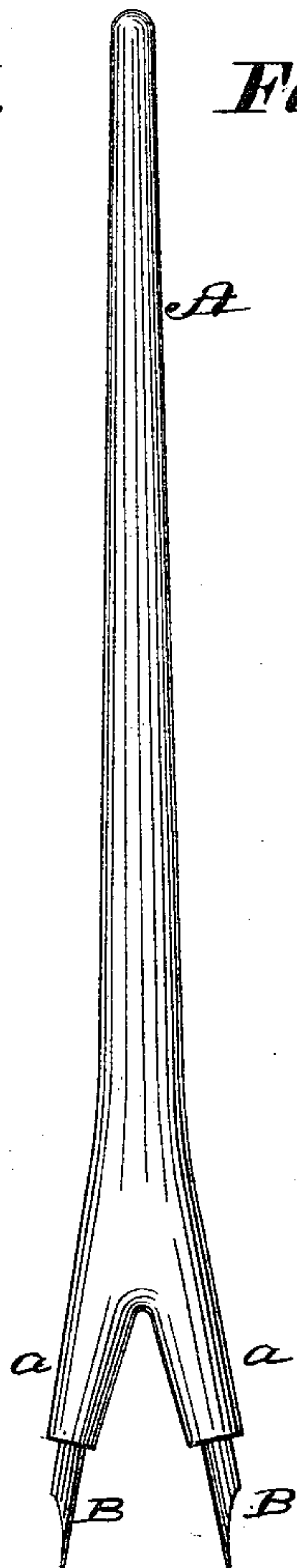
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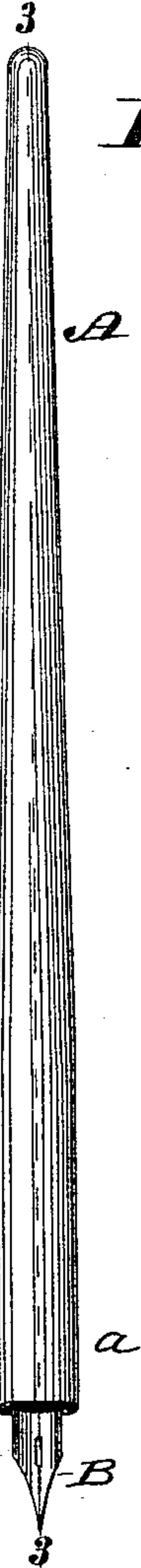
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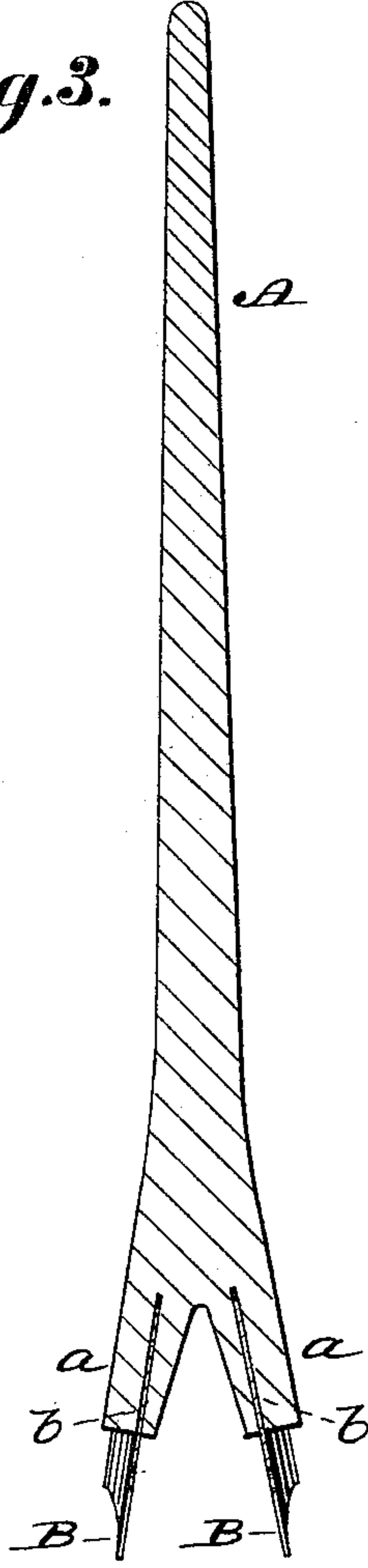
*Fig. 1.*



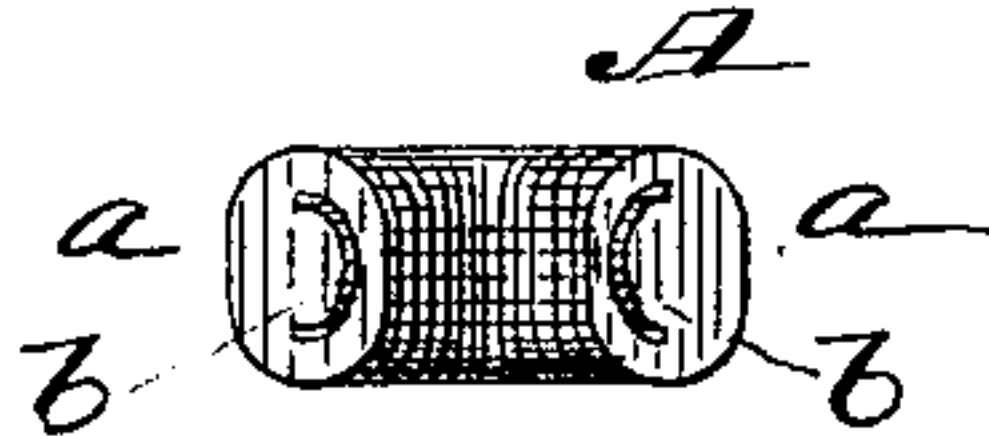
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## PEN-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANCIS H. LUDINGTON, of St. Louis, Missouri, have made a new and useful Improvement in Pen-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

It consists in constructing a pen-holder to receive at one of its ends two pens in the place of a single one, and to hold them in such a manner as to cause one of the pens to be upheld from the surface being written upon as the other of the pens is being used, and vice versa, by which means the writer is enabled to readily use either pen at will, for by merely twirling the holder in his fingers that one of the pens which it is desired to use can be brought into position for writing and the other moved out of position, and by a similar movement the position of the pens can be reversed again. Such a pen-holder is of especial value when differently-colored inks are being used and it is necessary to frequently change from one ink to the other, as one of the pens can be used for, say, black ink, and the other for, say, red ink.

The most desirable mode of carrying out the improvement is exhibited in the annexed drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the improved holder with the pens inserted. Fig. 2 is an edge elevation. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section, and Fig. 4 is an end elevation.

The same letters of reference denote the same parts.

A represents the holder. At the end to which the pens are attached it is enlarged

laterally, to provide bearings *b b* for the pens B B, respectively, sufficiently far enough apart to enable the pens to be used separately in the manner described. This enlargement may take the form of the branches *a a*, extending in opposite directions each to the other, as shown. The pens should be held back to back therein, oppositely disposed, so as to be so held that they shall point apart from each other, as shown.

Saving as modified by the improvement, the holder is of the usual description. The pens are also of a familiar type. The holder can, upon the same principle, be adapted to hold more than two pens, and in place of pens pencils may be inserted in the holder; and still another adaptation would be a crayon-holder; or, again, a holder may carry both a pen and a pencil.

I am aware that it has heretofore been proposed to make a pen-holder in which two pens might be so held as to be capable of alternate use by turning the holder, and I do not claim such a device, broadly.

I claim—

A pen-holder made of a single piece, having at its end the branches *a a*, extending in opposite directions each to the other, and each provided with bearings *b*, oppositely disposed, so that each pen shall point apart from the other and can be used separately, substantially as described.

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