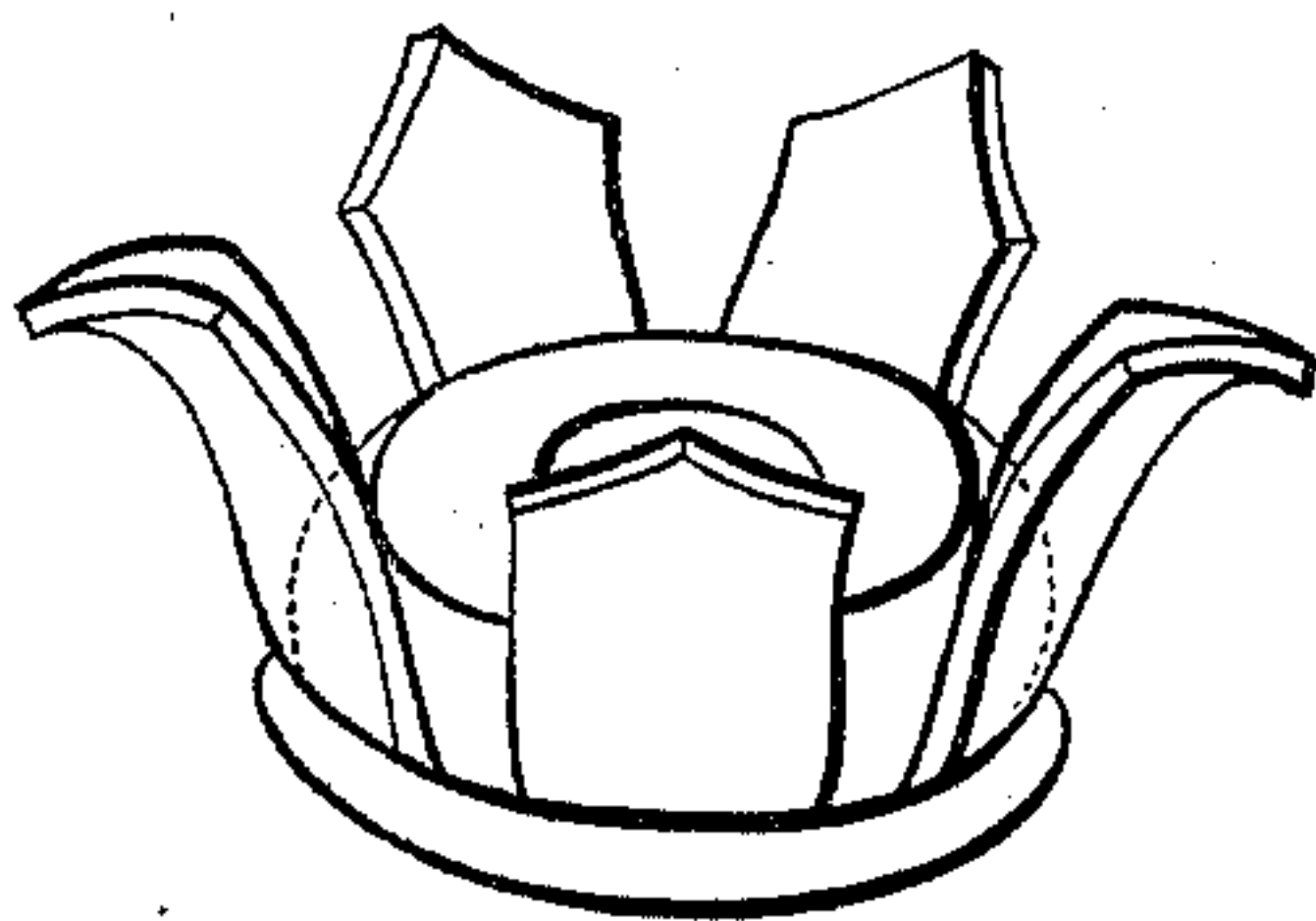


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE HENRY KENT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cambridge, in the county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pencil-Clasps, for holding pens, pencils, and other articles of similar shape in the pocket and preventing them from falling out while allowing them to be easily taken out, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which the figure is a perspective view.

My invention consists of a flexible ring, of a size to suit the article upon which it is to be placed. This ring is provided with flexible and reversible arms projecting outward and upward, and so made that when pressure is brought to bear upon them the arms will be reversed or turned back from the ring. When the pressure is removed, the arms will resume their former position and shape. The ring and arms may be molded or made in one piece from flexible india-rubber or other suitable material.

When my invention is applied to a pen or pencil, the flexible arms will be brought

against the sides of the pocket in which the pen or pencil is placed and prevent it from falling out. When a direct force is applied, by pulling on the pen or pencil the arms are turned back or reversed over the ring, and the pen or pencil may be easily taken out. The arms should be so flexible that they will not act as points and penetrate the pocket in which the pen or pencil is held, and they should be so placed as that they will have a bearing on the under side and above the ends of the arms, so that they may readily turn backward.

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

A pen and pencil holder consisting of a ring having thereon arms extending outward and upward, of flexible material, so that when pressure is brought to bear thereon they will turn backward, substantially as and for the purpose above described.

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