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Fig. 1.

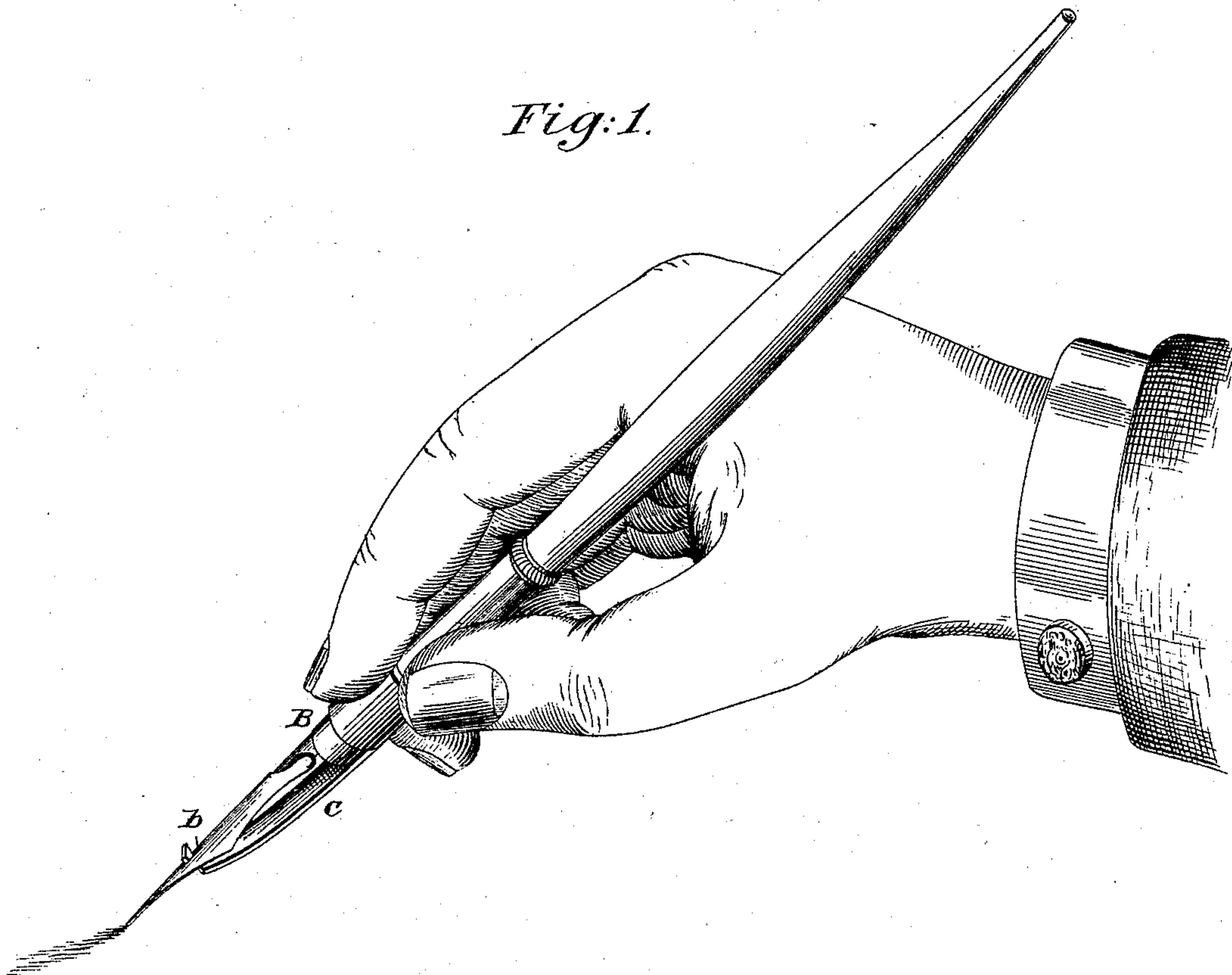


Fig. 2.

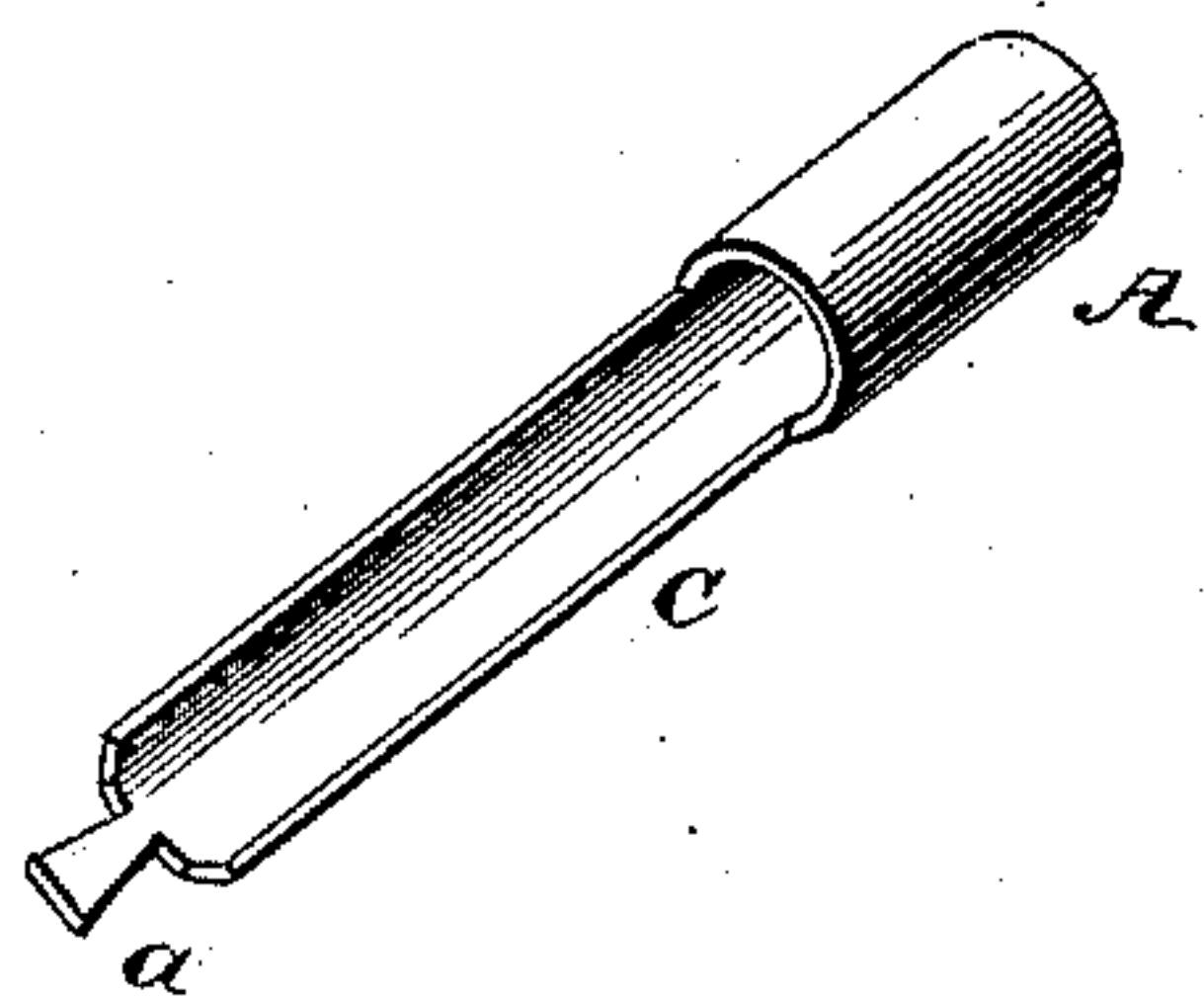
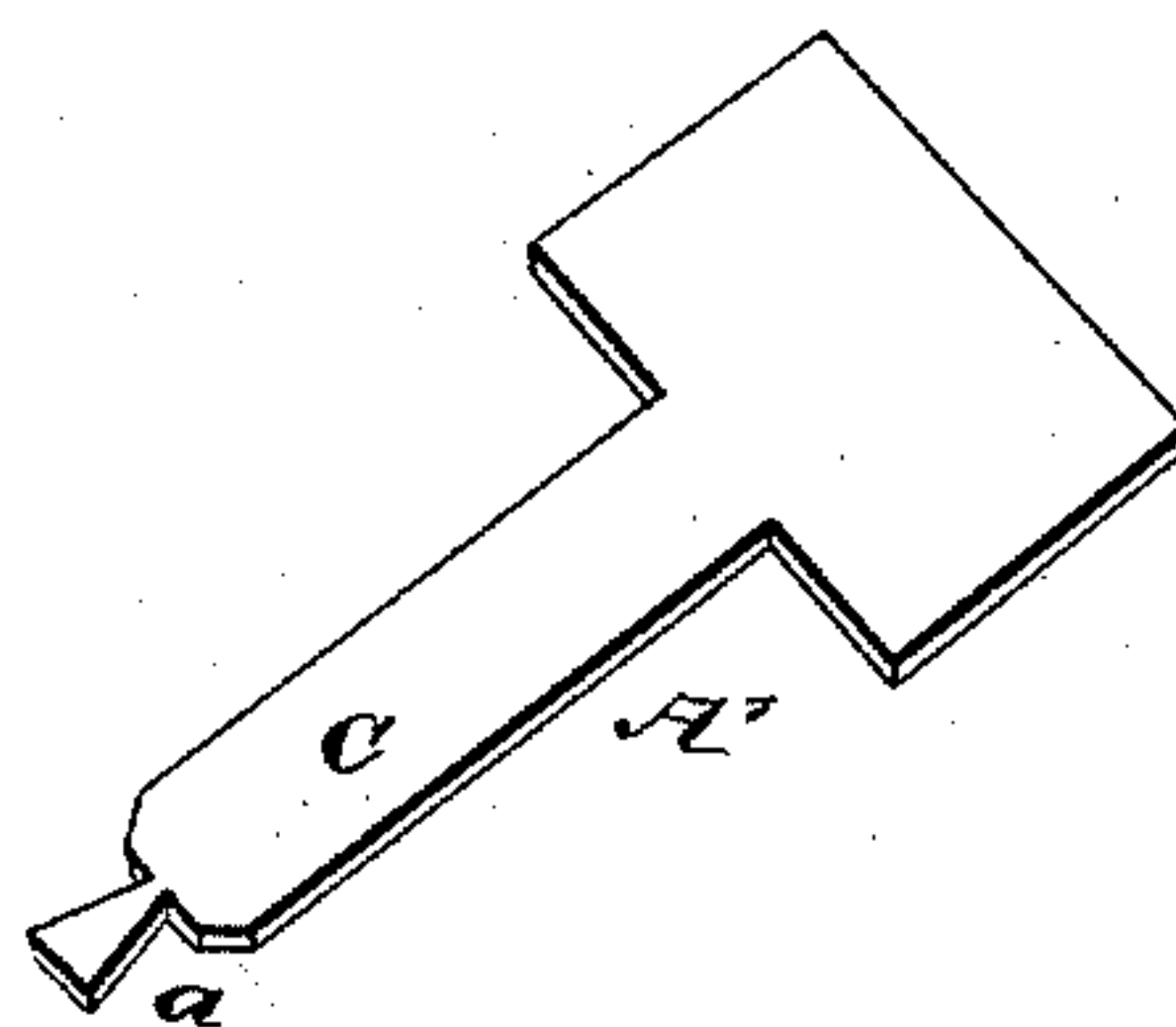


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARCELLUS M. HITT, of Luray, in the county of Page and State of Virginia, have invented a new and Improved Fountain Attachment for Pens, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the annexed drawings, forming a part thereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pen provided with my improved fountain attachment. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the fountain attachment detached from the pen; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the blank from which the attachment is formed.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and efficient attachment for ordinary pens, for containing a quantity of ink for supplying the pen.

My invention consists in the combination with a pen and penholder, of an elastic sleeve provided with a flexible tongue having on the end thereof a dovetail tip for insertion in the aperture of the pen, the tongue and the pen together forming a reservoir for ink, all as will be hereinafter more fully described.

The sleeve A, of my improved attachment, which receives the penholder B, or in the case of a barrel pen, the barrel of the pen, is formed of elastic material such as soft rubber, and the tongue C projects from the sleeve A, parallel with its axis and is provided at its extremity with the dovetail projection *a*. The entire attachment is preferably formed of a single piece of soft rubber. It may be cut from a piece of tubing, or it may be formed from a blank A', like that shown in Fig. 3, the wider portion of which when curved, forms the sleeve A.

The attachment is applied to the pen by slipping the sleeve A over the barrel of the pen, or over the lower end of the penholder, and arranging the said sleeve so that the tongue C will extend downwardly opposite the under surface of the pen, and the dovetail projection *a* is inserted in the aperture *b* of the pen, and turned transversely in relation to the aperture so as to securely fasten the lower end of the tongue in the position of use.

To allow the tongue to adapt itself to the curvature of the under side of the pen, the corners of the tongue at its extremity are cut away, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

When a pen provided with my improved attachment is dipped into ink, a quantity of ink is taken up between the tongue C and the pen and is retained by capillary action. The ink thus held is fed to the pen automatically as the writing proceeds. In addition to the advantage of holding a large supply of ink, the sleeve A affords a rest for the thumb and fingers, and also prevents the ink from creeping upwardly on the penholder.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A fountain attachment for pens, consisting of the sleeve A, and the tongue C provided with a projection for insertion in the aperture of the pen, substantially as specified.

2. The combination with the pen, of a fountain attachment formed of the sleeve A, and the tongue C, provided with the dovetail projection *a*, the whole being formed of elastic material, substantially as specified.

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