

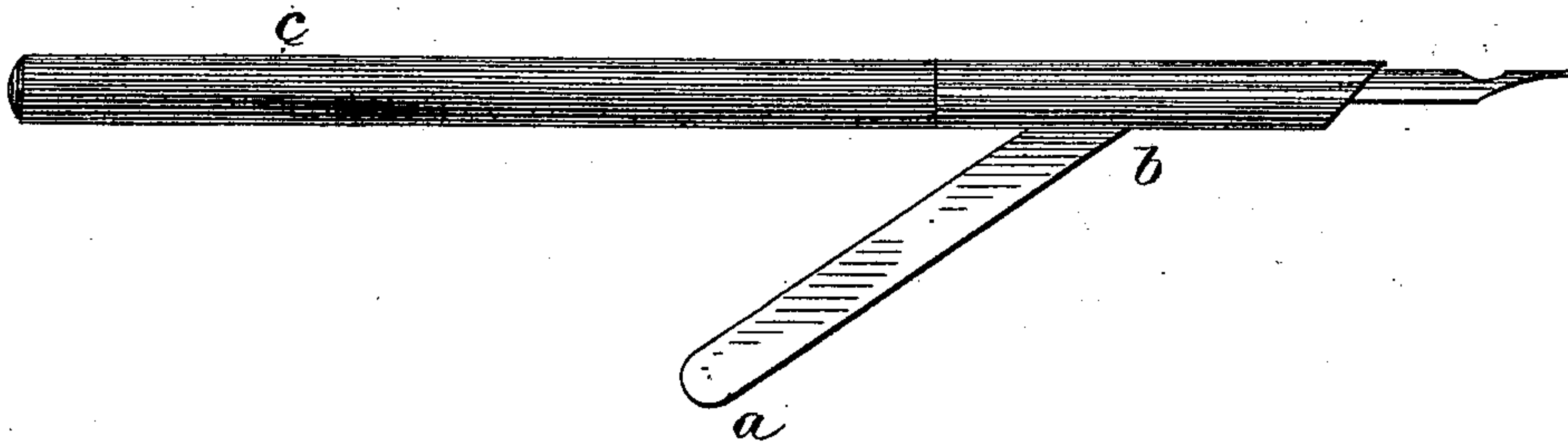
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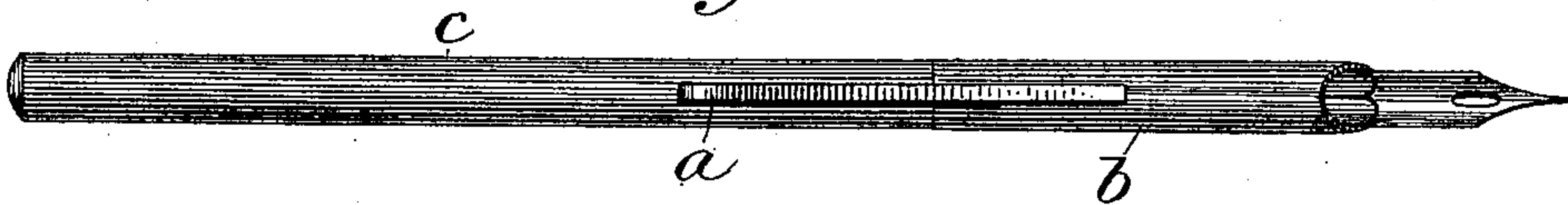
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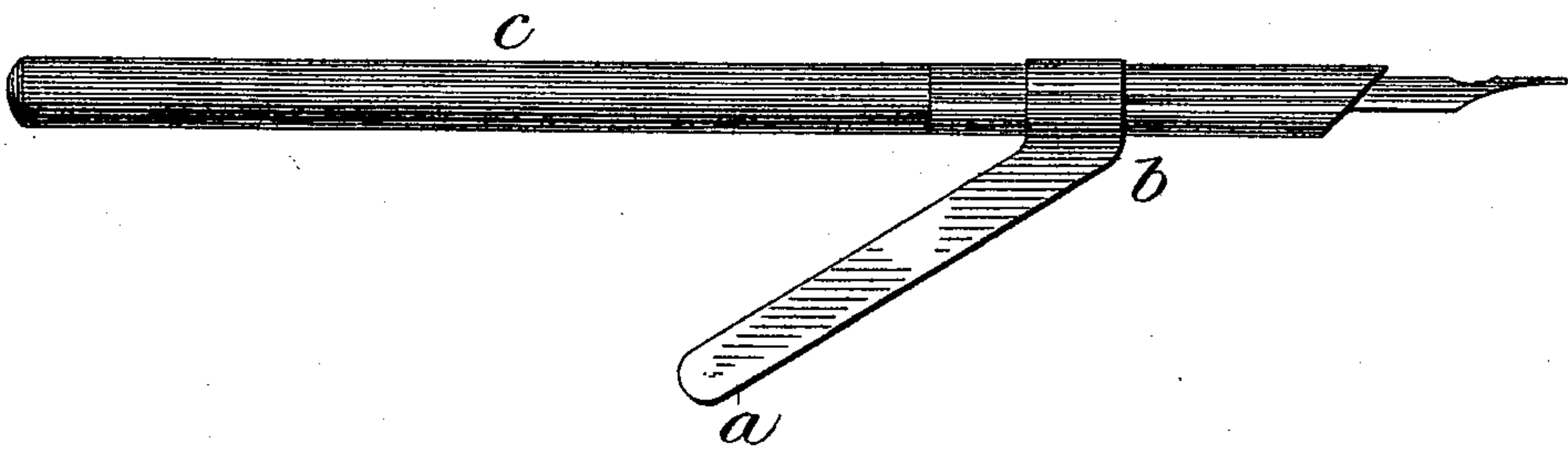
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RAY PHILLIPS SAFFOLD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Selma, in the county of Dallas and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Penholders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in pen holders, and it consists essentially in providing a pen holder of any ordinary or desired construction, with a short rigid arm, the said arm being inclined back at an angle and adapted to pass into the hollow of the hand, and having its end long enough to touch the muscle at the base of the thumb when the pen holder is held in the normal position; whereby writers are prevented from writing satisfactorily by the mere motion of the fingers instead of by the proper method of a motion from the wrist.

Reference is had to the accompanying drawings, wherein the same parts are indicated by the same letters.

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of a pen holder of ordinary construction having the arm tenoned therein. Fig. 2 represents an inverted plan view of the device shown in Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 represents a side elevation of a similar pen holder having the arm attached to a sleeve that fits closely on the pen holder.

*a* represents the arm which is preferably flat, rounded at the free end, and secured at the other end to the lower portion *b* of the pen holder, of which *c* represents the upper portion.

The pen holder is held in the usual way, but with the arm *a* projecting into the hollow

of the hand and touching the base of the thumb. It will be found experimentally that the said arm not only facilitates holding the pen in position for writing, but also the configuration of the hand when partly closed, as in the act of writing, renders it absolutely impossible for the writer to take long vertical strokes without moving his wrist, and hence renders it necessary for him to write from the wrist, if he write at all. This simple device prevents and corrects the objectionable habit of "writing with the fingers," and renders it less irksome to hold the pen in the proper position, thus greatly facilitating the learning and practice of writing and to a large degree preventing "writers' cramp."

I am aware that pen holders have been patented with an arm projecting downward to rest on the paper, and also with an arm to project backward over the hollow between the thumb and forefinger, but none of these devices prevent the writer from "writing with the fingers" as has already been described as one of the essential features of my improvement.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A pen holder provided with a short rigid arm projecting from the under side of the holder inclined backward at an acute angle and having its end adapted to enter into and touch the hollow of the hand of the writer when writing, substantially as and for the purposes described.

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