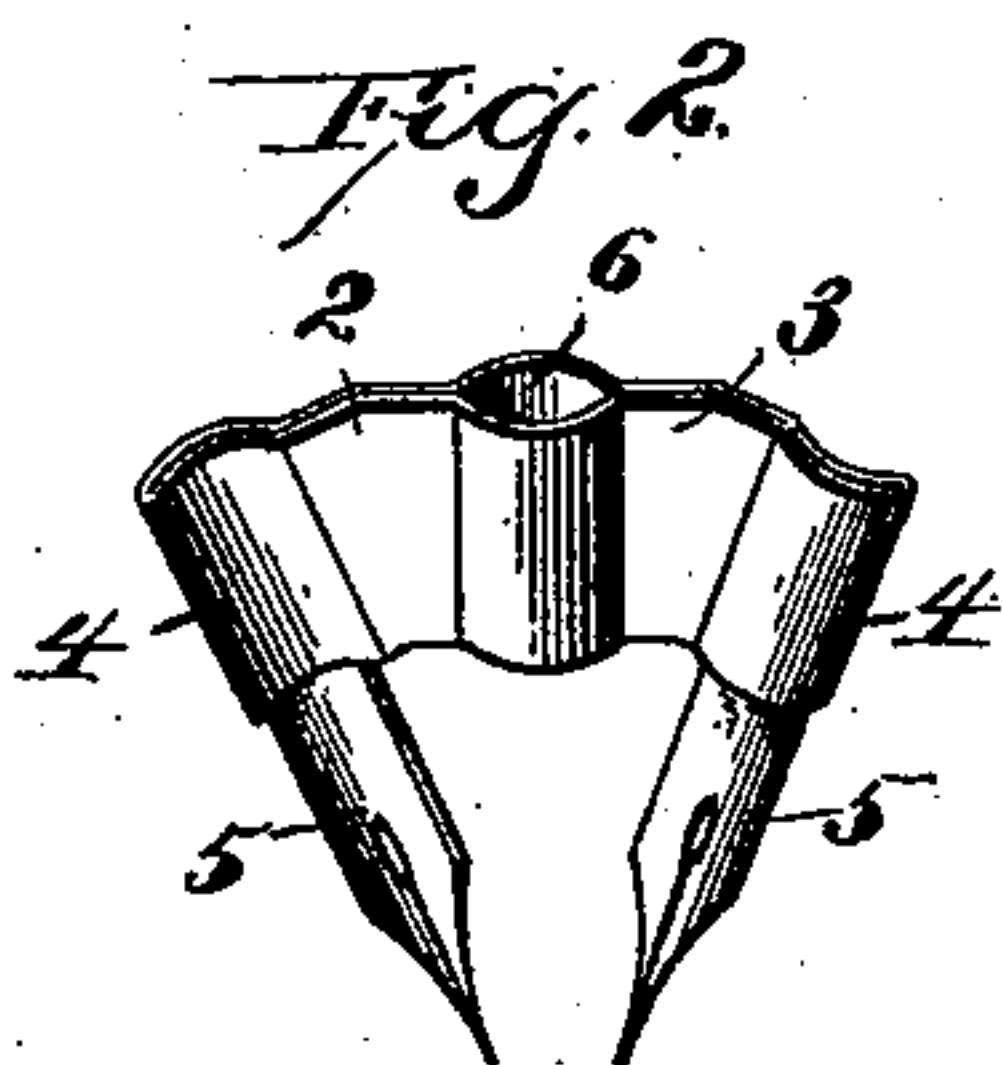
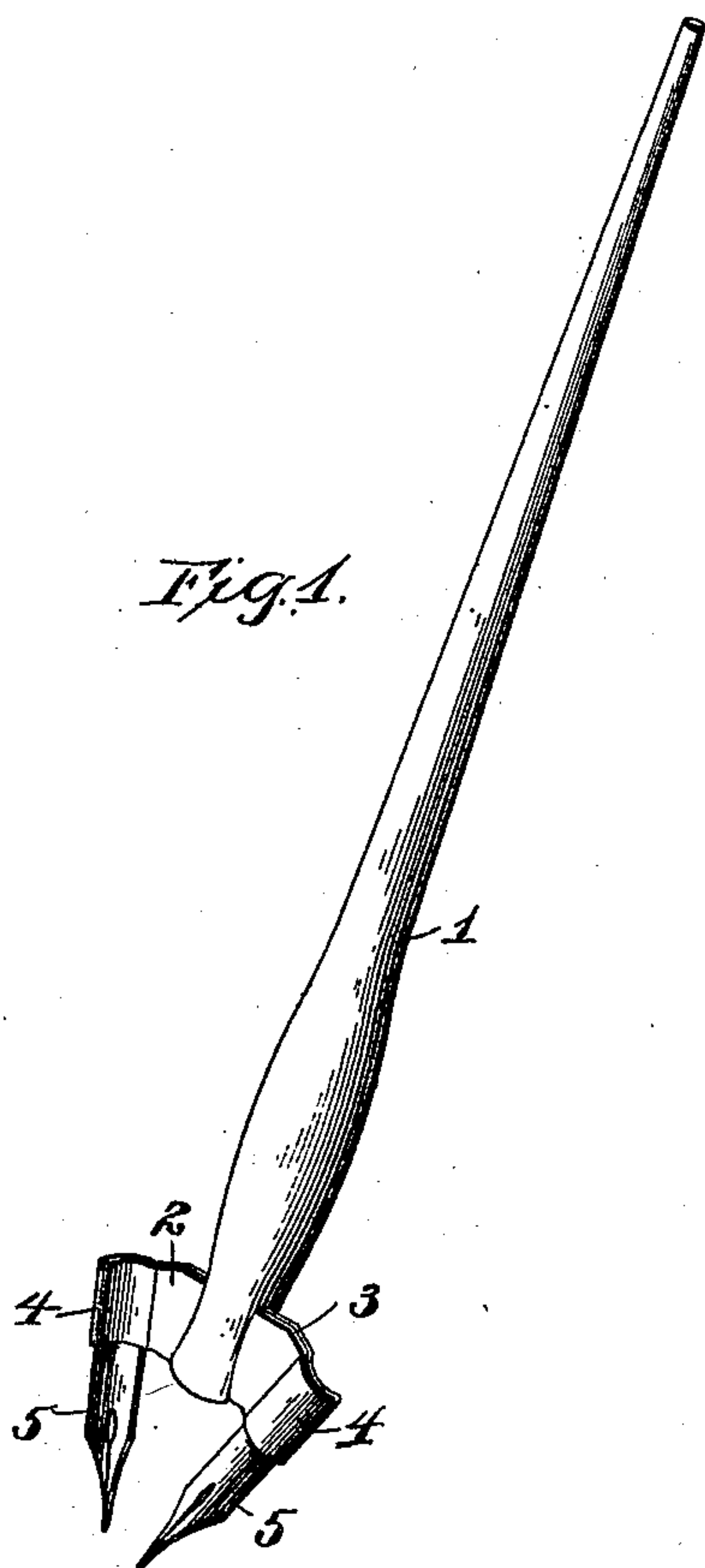


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARLOW CHAUNCEY CLARK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Penholders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in penholders, and has for its object to provide such a device that will be capable of holding two pens at one and the same time and in such a position as to enable the writer to bring either into proper operative position by simply turning the holder upon its axis.

With these ends in view the invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth, and then specifically designated by the claim.

In order that those skilled in the art to which my invention appertains may understand how to make and use the same, I will describe its construction and operation in detail, referring by numbers to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective of a holder having my improvement applied thereto, and Fig. 2 is a slight modification thereof.

Similar numbers denote like parts in the views of the drawings.

1 represents the handle, which may be of wood, rubber, or other material and of any convenient shape, and 2 is a holder, which I prefer to secure to the handle by slotting the latter at its lower end and forcing the center section 3 of the former within said slot, where it may be held by glue or riveting. This holder is preferably formed of a thin strip of metal, bent upon itself and curved at either end to form the pen-sockets 4, into which the pens 5 are adapted to fit. As will be seen by the drawings, the sockets are curved reversely to each other, so that one pen is turned upward and one inward, the latter being in position for writing and the former in such position as not to interfere with the process of

writing; but when it is desired to bring the other pen into writing position it is only necessary to revolve the handle upon its axis a half-turn, when the positions of the pens will be reversed.

In order that each pen when in use may have its point in alignment with the center of the handle, the sockets 4 are set at an angle to said handle sufficiently to carry the point of each pen near the axial line of the handle, but in different planes.

In practice my improvement is of great advantage, in that two colors of ink may be used at one and the same time without changing the pen or the use of two handles. In book-keeping this is especially advantageous when black and red ink are alternately used, necessitating a great many changes of the penholder or pen, occasioning loss of time and annoyance to the writer.

If desired, the holder 2 may have a ferrule 6, formed at its center, of sufficient size to be passed over the end of the handle, which would obviate the necessity of having to split said handle and at the same time render it less liable to breakage.

I am aware that holders have been made for carrying two or more pens at one and the same time, but their object has been to enable the user to transcribe as many lines as there are pens in parallel work, and this I do not lay claim to.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I do claim as new and useful is—

In a device of the character described, a holder having two sockets set at angles to each other and adapted to receive two pens in reverse positions, whereby first one may be brought to writing position and then the other, as shown and specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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