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Fig. 1.

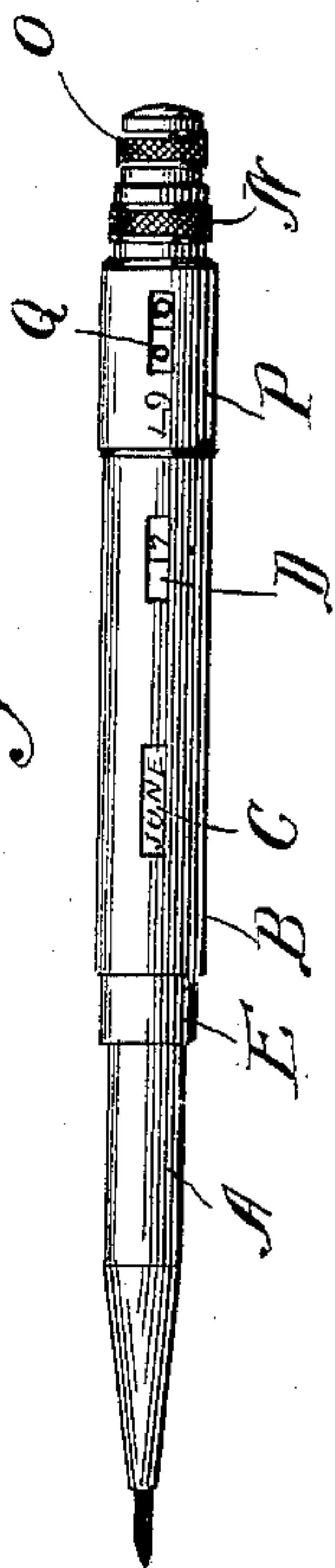


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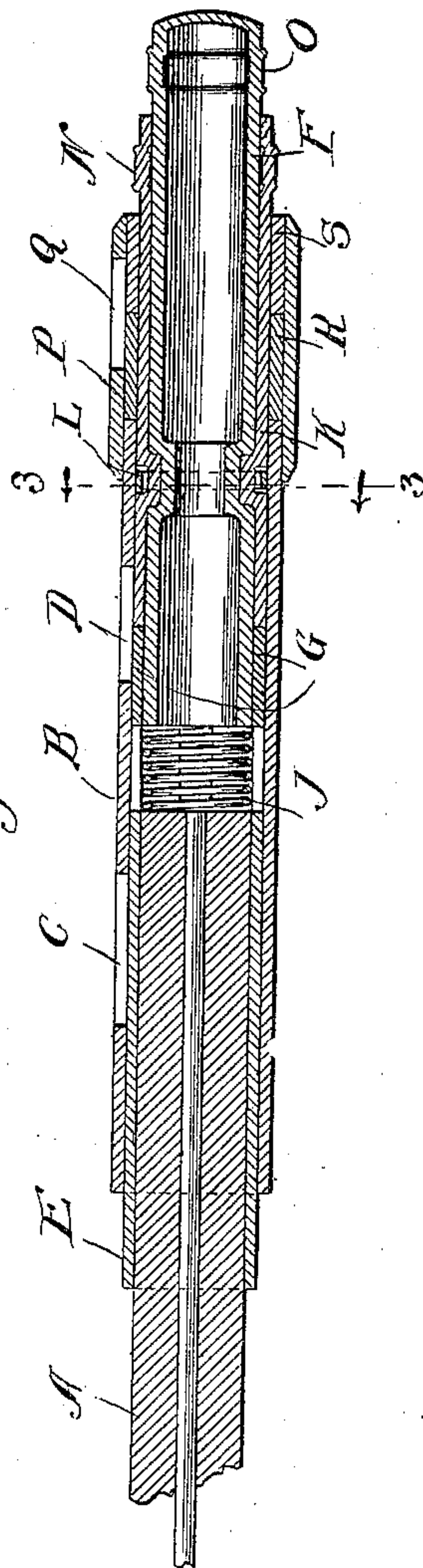


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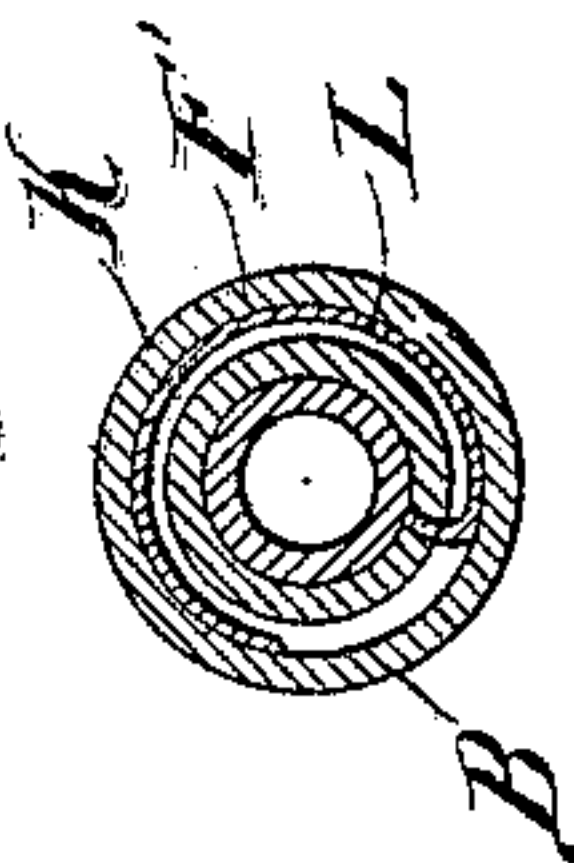


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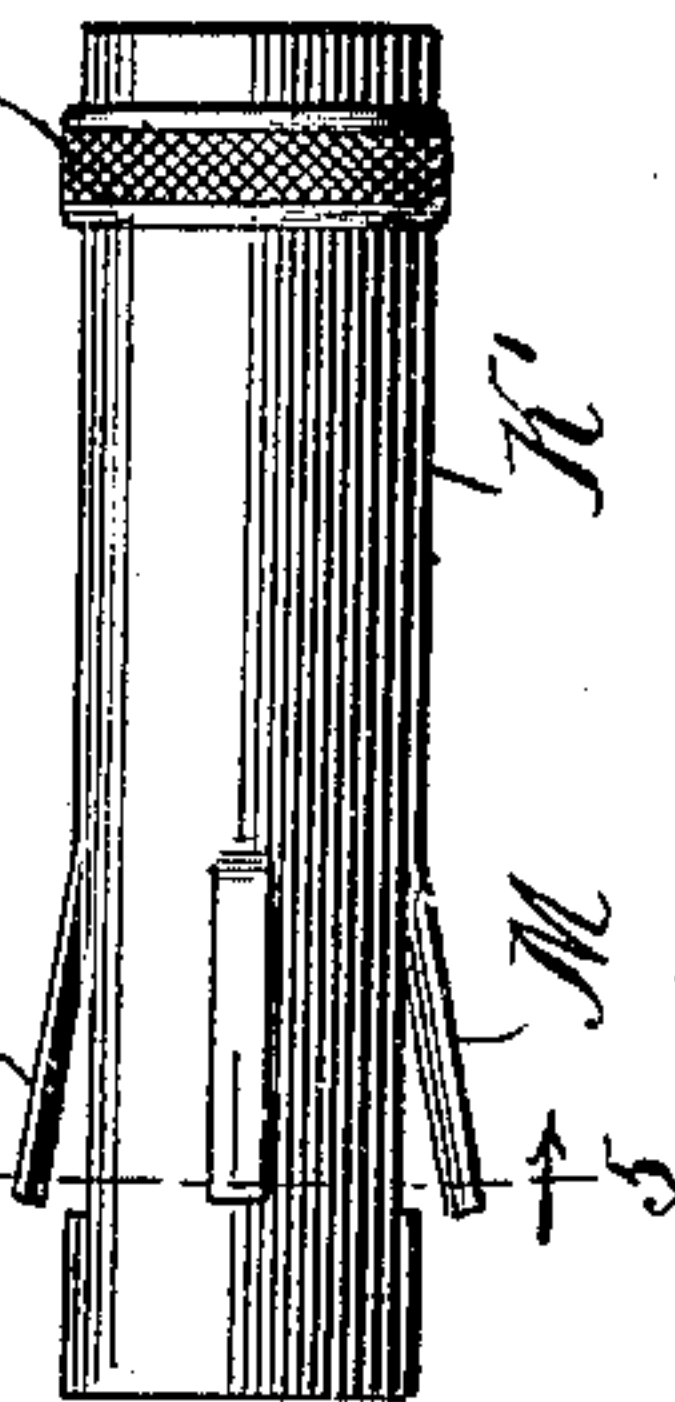


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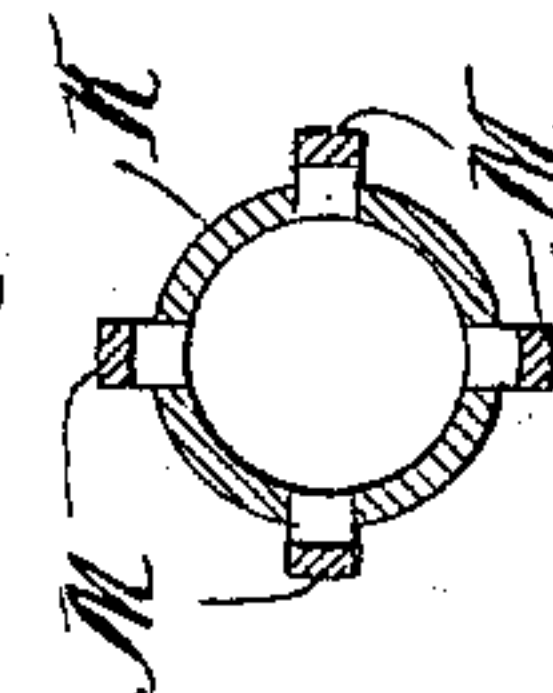


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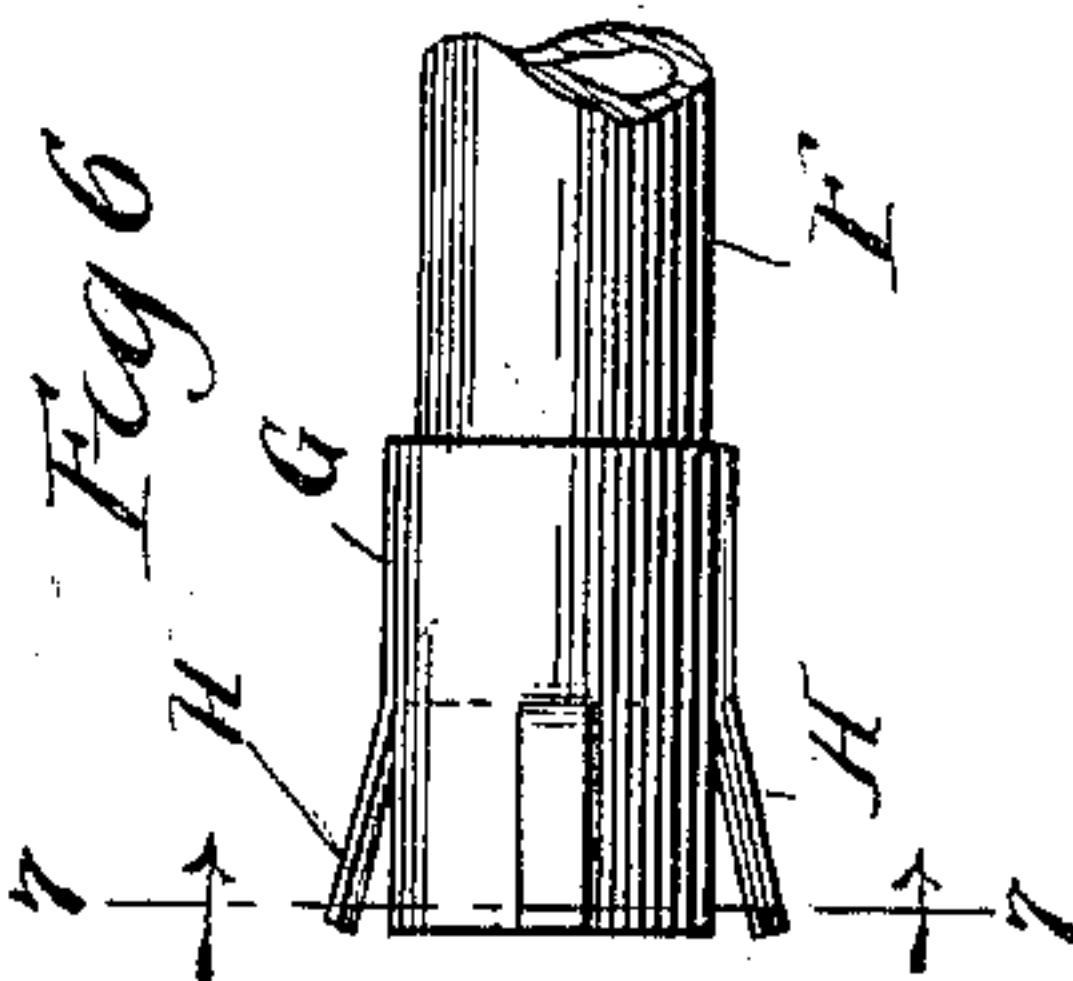
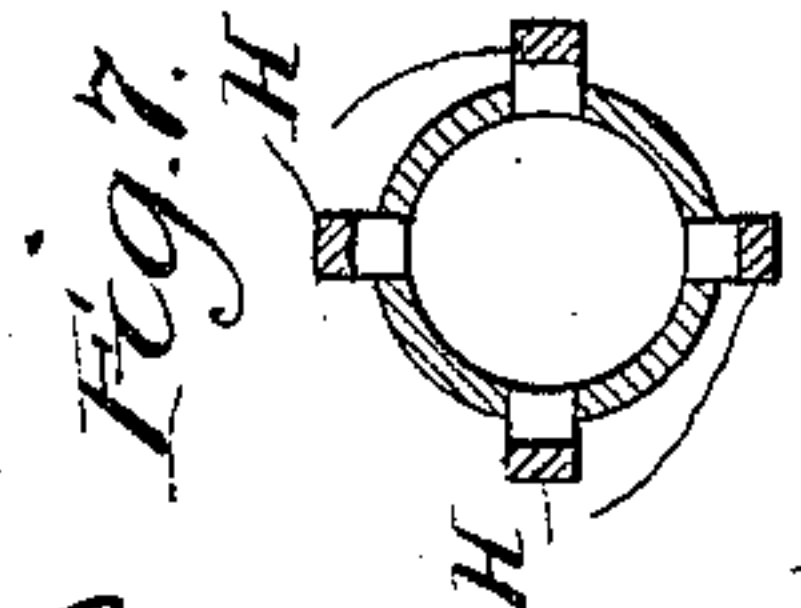


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## COMBINED PENCIL-HOLDER AND DATE-INDICATOR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. PHELPS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Combined Pencil-Holder and Date-Indicator, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a combined pencil-holder and date-indicator.

10 The object of the invention is to provide a pencil-holder of simple and inexpensive construction which combines therewith a calendar or date-indicator.

15 The invention consists, substantially, in the construction, combination, location, and arrangement of parts, all as will be more fully hereinafter set forth, shown in the accompanying drawings, and finally pointed out in the appended claims.

20 Referring to the accompanying drawings, and to the various views and reference-signs appearing thereon, Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of a combined pencil-holder and calendar constructed in accordance with the  
25 principles of my invention. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal sectional view of the same upon an enlarged scale. Fig. 3 is a transverse section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detached detail view, in side elevation,  
30 showing a construction of dating-sleeve which for some purposes I prefer to employ. Fig. 5 is a transverse section of the same on the line 5 5, Fig. 4, looking in the direction of the arrows. Fig. 6 is a view similar to  
35 Fig. 4, illustrating another sleeve employed in connection with my invention. Fig. 7 is a transverse section on the line 7 7, Fig. 6, looking in the direction of the arrows.

40 The same part is designated by the same reference-sign wherever it occurs throughout the several views.

Reference-sign A designates the pen or pencil, to which the combined holder and date-indicator is applied. The pencil-holder and  
45 calendar or date-indicator comprises a sleeve B, having one or more slots or openings there-through, as indicated at C D. Suitably mounted upon the end of the pen or pencil  
50 A is a sleeve E, upon which may be printed, engraved, or otherwise placed thereon at points around the peripheral surface thereof

the names of the months or of the days of the week. In the particular form shown, to which, however, the invention is not limited or restricted, the names of the months are  
55 placed upon the sleeve E. These names, whether of the month or of the days of the week, or other suitable designation are so relatively arranged around the exterior surface of sleeve E with reference to the slot or  
60 opening C in the outer casing B as to be disclosed through such slot or opening, as clearly indicated in Fig. 1. Thus by rotatively adjusting sleeve E the particular month or day or other designation desired may be brought  
65 into position to be disclosed through the opening C in the outer casing. The rotative adjustment of sleeve E may be effected by hand or otherwise in any convenient manner, a convenient arrangement being to place the sleeve  
70 E upon the end of the pen or pencil and, if desired or necessary, providing suitable means for holding the sleeve upon the pencil. Therefore by rotating the pencil the desired rotative adjustment of sleeve E may be effected, or,  
75 if desired, the end of sleeve E which projects beyond the end of the outer casing B may be conveniently grasped between the thumb and finger, and thus rotatively adjusted to the desired point. In the other end  
80 of outer casing B is received a sleeve F, and mounted on its inner end is a ferrule G, upon the peripheral surface of which may be suitably inscribed, printed, or otherwise placed the name of the month or the day of the  
85 week or other suitable designation, the arrangement of such designation with respect to the slot D being such that when the sleeve F is rotatively adjusted any particular designation desired may be brought into position  
90 to be disclosed through the slot or opening D in the outer casing. If desired and in order to secure a desirable frictional engagement between the ferrule G and the outer or  
95 inclosing casing B, the free end of such ferrule may have tongues or lips H formed therein, which when sprung outwardly will make an efficient frictional contact with the interior surface of the outer casing. (See Figs. 6 and 7.) The ferrule G may be of suitable  
100 spring metal, whereby sufficient springiness will be secured through the lips or tongues H



to effect the desired purposes. If desired, however, and in order to insure an efficient frictional engagement of said lips or tongues with the inner wall of sleeve B, a spring J may be arranged to press said lips outwardly, and hence effect the desired frictional engagement or contact of said lips or tongues with the interior surface of the outer casing.

In the particular form shown, to which, however, the invention is not limited or restricted, the designations which I place upon the ferrule G are the tens-columns of the days of the month—for instance, the designations “1,” “2,” and “3,” the balance of the peripheral surface of said ferrule being blank. These designations may be arranged at suitable intervals peripherally around the outer surface of the ferrule, and by rotatively adjusting sleeve F any one of said designations may be brought into position to be disclosed through slot or opening D, as may be required or desired. The units-column of the days of the month is similarly formed on the inner end of a sleeve K, suitably mounted upon the sleeve F and within the casing B in position for the inner end thereof, which carries or has printed or otherwise placed thereon in suitable peripheral arrangement the column of figures “0” to “9,” suitably spaced around the peripheral surface thereof and in position to be disclosed through the slot D when said sleeve K is suitably adjusted rotatively. The rotary adjustment of sleeves F and K may be effected by grasping the projecting ends of said sleeves, the outer end of sleeve F projecting beyond the outer end of sleeve K in order to facilitate the rotative adjustment thereof and to enable the same to be grasped between the fingers to effect such rotation. It is desirable to provide means for securing efficient frictional contact between the sleeve K and the inclosing casing B. Many specifically-different constructions and arrangements may be devised for securing this result and still fall within the spirit and scope of my invention. For instance, in Figs. 2 and 3 I have shown a flat or leaf spring L secured to sleeve K and extending therearound and bearing against the inner surface of outer casing B. In Figs. 4 and 5, however, I have shown a means which for simplicity and economy of construction I prefer to employ and wherein the desired frictional contact is secured by forming spring tongues or lips M in sleeve K, which when sprung outwardly bear against the inner surface of the outer casing B, thereby effecting the desired frictional contact.

If desired, the outer ends of sleeves F K may be suitably milled or roughened, as indicated at N O, to facilitate the rotative adjustment thereof. This, however, is a matter of detail and may be omitted, if desired.

I have above described a construction wherein a pen or pencil holder may be adapted for use as a calendar for indicating the month or the day of the week or the day of

the month, and in the particular embodiment thereof which I have described and shown I provide a construction wherein the month and also the day of the month may be indicated.

In order to complete the calendar and to provide means whereby the year also, if desired, may be indicated, I mount upon the outer end of the inclosing casing a tubular ferrule or sleeve P, having a slot or opening Q therethrough, and I mount upon the sleeve K suitable rings, as R S, the one (as S, for instance) having printed or otherwise placed thereon in regular order peripherally around the same the units-column of the year, (for instance, the designations “0” to “9,”) so relatively arranged with respect to the slot Q that when said ring S is rotarily adjusted any desired designation may be disclosed through said slot or opening. Similarly upon ring R may be printed or otherwise placed in regular order peripherally around the same the designations “0” to “9,” constituting the tens-column of the year, said designations being so relatively arranged with respect to slot or opening Q that when said ring is rotarily adjusted any desired designation on said ring R may be disclosed through said slot or opening. The hundreds and thousands columns of the year may be permanently printed or otherwise placed upon the outer peripheral surface of sleeve P, it being apparent in this particular instance that only one designation (as “19,” for instance) is sufficient, the tens and units of the year being disclosed by suitably adjusting the rings R and S. Since the necessity for changing the year arises but seldom, when the proper year is once indicated in the manner above described the parts are not thereafter adjusted for another twelve months. When a change is desired, all that is required is to slip or force by hand or otherwise the outer tubular ferrule P longitudinally upon casing B in order to free the ring S or the rings S and R, as the case may be, thus enabling said rings to be suitably adjusted. Thereupon the tubular ferrule P is again placed or returned in position to inclose the rings R and S and to disclose the designation thereon in proper alinement with the slot Q and the designations disclosed therethrough upon the rings R and S.

It is evident that any one or more of the calendar designations above described may be omitted, varied, or changed without departure from the spirit or scope of my invention. It will also be seen that in the case of one or more of the designations—such, for instance, as the days of the month or the figures designating the year—requires separately-adjustable sleeves disclosing their designations through the same slot or opening—as, for instance, the sleeve K and the ferrule G, these parts being independently adjusted rotarily.

Many changes and variations in the details of construction and arrangement of parts would readily occur to persons skilled in the



art and still fall within the spirit and scope of my invention. I do not desire, therefore, to be limited or restricted to the exact details of construction and arrangement shown and above set forth; but,

Having now set forth the object and nature of my invention and a construction embodying the principles thereof and having described such construction, its purpose, function, and mode of operation, what I claim as new and useful and of my own invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a combined pencil-holder and date-indicator, an outer casing having one or more slots or openings formed therethrough, one or more sleeves arranged to be received within said casing, and having printed or otherwise placed thereon the desired designations, whereby when said sleeves are rotarily adjusted the desired designation is disclosed through said openings or slots, a tubular ferrule provided with a slot, said ferrule mounted upon said casing, and loose rings mounted upon said sleeves and carrying designations, arranged when said rings are suitably adjusted to disclose the designations carried there-

by through the slot or opening in said ferrule, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a combined pen or pencil holder and date-indicator, an outer casing having one or more slots or openings formed therethrough, a sleeve adapted to receive the end of the pencil and arranged within one end of said casing, said sleeve provided with suitable designations adapted to be disclosed through one of the slots or openings in said casing when said sleeve is suitably adjusted, independently-adjustable sleeves suitably mounted, the one within the other, and arranged to be received in the other end of said casing, said sleeves carrying suitable designations adapted when said sleeves are rotarily adjusted to be disclosed through another of the slot or slots in the outer casing, as and for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, this 7th day of June, 1899, in the presence of the subscribing witnesses.

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