

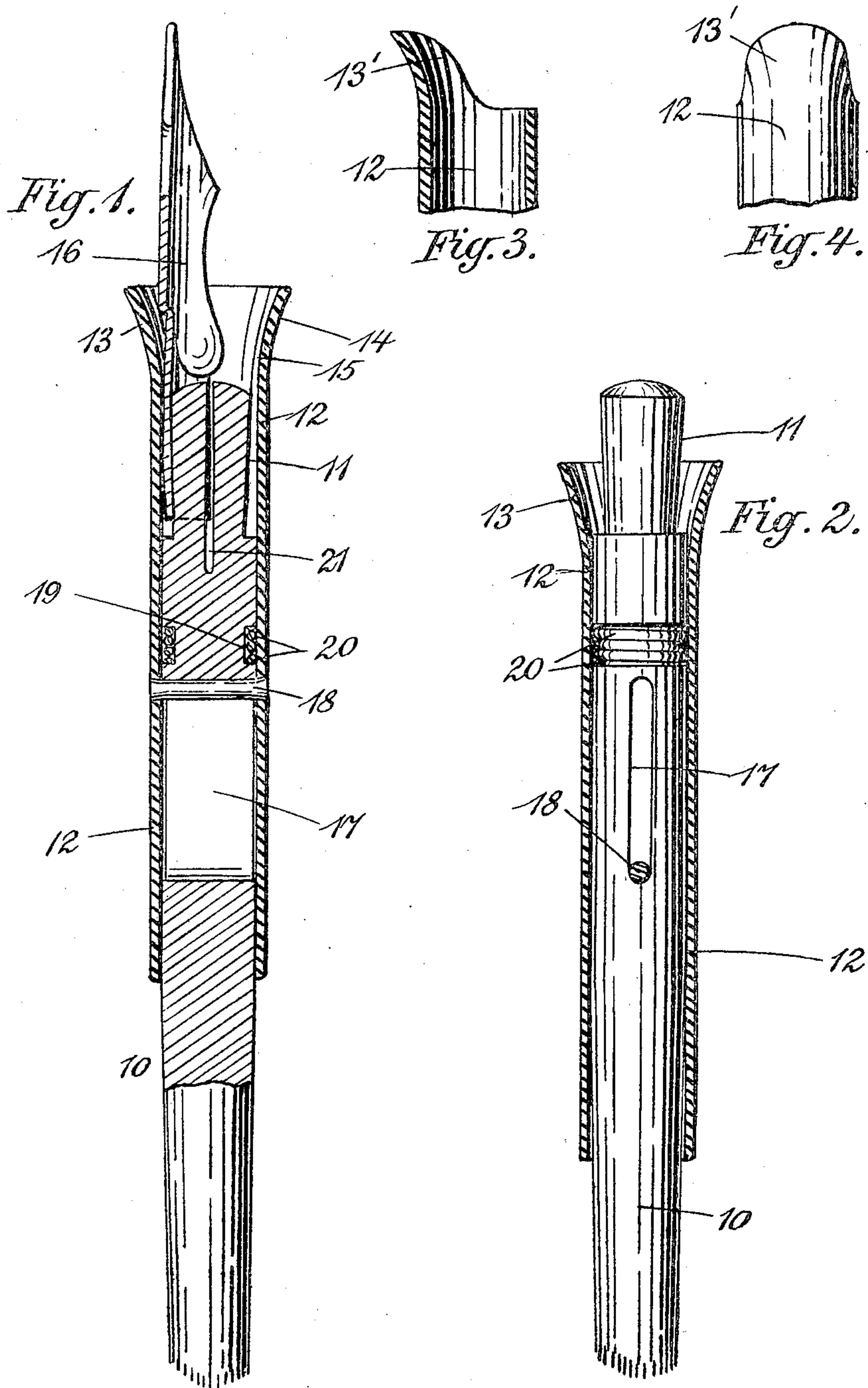
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD E. BLAKESLEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Penholders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention refers to a novel construction in penholders; and the objects of my invention are to provide means for firmly holding the pen in the holder and to prevent wobbling of the same therein while nevertheless permitting of readily and freely withdrawing or ejecting the pen from the holder when desired.

Further objects are to provide, in connection with the holder, a suitable shield to protect the finger of the writer against ink that might flow toward it from the pen and also to provide suitable means for preventing accidental longitudinal displacement of a sleeve for holding the pen placed around the handle of the penholder.

In the accompanying drawings, wherein like figures of reference refer to corresponding parts, Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of an improved penholder constructed according to my invention, while Fig. 2 is a side view thereof, partly in section. Fig. 3 shows a longitudinal section of a variation in one of the details, and Fig. 4 a side view thereof.

Referring first to Figs. 1 and 2, 10 is the handle of the penholder, and 11 a tenon extending forward therefrom and forming a support for the pen. 12 is a cylindrical sleeve, preferably made of hard rubber and closely fitting handle 10, but capable of sliding along the same. 13 is a shield integral with said sleeve and extending forward from the tenon when said sleeve is in its operative position. Said sleeve is made bell-shaped, so as to have its outer surface 14 and its inner surface 15 curved and flaring forward and outward, its outer surface furnishing a convenient rest for the fingers of the operator and the entire shield serving to prevent flow of ink from steel pen 16 toward such fingers. The outer surface of tenon 11, which faces said sleeve, is provided with a straight forward and outward taper, so as to permit of clamping between said surface and the inner surface of the sleeve the tang of any steel pen no matter what its length and whether straight or curved. 17 is a longitudinal slot in the handle, and 18 a pin extending through

and secured to the walls of sleeve 12 and adjusted to travel in said slot, so as to guide said sleeve rearward out of its operative position and along handle 10 for the purpose of ejecting the pen when desired. 19 is a groove extending around said handle, and 20 a spiral spring in said groove and normally bearing against sleeve 12, so as to prevent accidental displacement of the latter, said spring being closely coiled, maintaining the same outward thrust against said sleeve at all times. Slot 17 is so positioned that when said sleeve is moved backward as far as possible the flaring inner surface 15 of shield 13 will come opposite the rear portion of tenon 11, as shown in Fig. 2, and will thus recede from the tang of the pen, thus permitting ready and prompt removal of the same. 21 is the usual central slit in the tenon.

By making the shield bell-shaped and continuous, as described, I provide proper protection for the finger of the writer no matter how he may turn the holder in his hand. Besides, as sleeves, as 12, are very apt to break at their outer edges and nearest to the tenon my improved construction offers the advantage that at the point where the shield faces the outer end of the tenon there will be considerable material in the same extending forward from said tenon, so as to guard against such breakage. Besides, the outer surface of the bell-shaped shield 13 will form a suitable rest for the inner curving portion of the tip of the writer's finger.

In the construction shown in Figs. 3 and 4 the larger portion of shield 13 has been cut away, the remaining portion 13' serving as a finger-rest, as referred to above.

I do not wish to confine myself to the details and detail combinations herein set forth, as it will be seen that the same might be varied materially without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim—

1. In a penholder, the combination with its handle, of a support for the pen, a sleeve surrounding said support, and a shield integral with said sleeve, substantially the entire forward portion of the extreme outer surface of said sleeve being made curving forward and outward, for the purpose of conforming with the tip of the finger of the writer.

2. In a penholder, the combination with its handle, of a support for the pen, a sleeve surrounding said support, and a shield at-

5 tached to said sleeve, substantially the entire forward portions of the inner and outer surfaces of said sleeve being made to curve forward and outward, for the purpose of conforming with the tip of the finger of the writer.

10 3. In a penholder, the combination with the handle, of a support for the pen, a sleeve surrounding said support and movable along the same and adapted to confine the pen in contact with said support, a shield attached to said support and having the forward portions of its inner and its outer surface flaring forward and outward throughout and normally extending beyond said support and
15 adjusted to be brought opposite said support as the sleeve is being moved rearward.

4. In a penholder, the combination with the handle, of a support for the pen, a sleeve surrounding said support, and a continuous 20 bell-shaped shield with curving outer surface integral with said sleeve and extending forward from said support, for the purpose of conforming with the tip of the finger of the writer.

25 In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 20th day of December, 1904.

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