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Fig. 1.

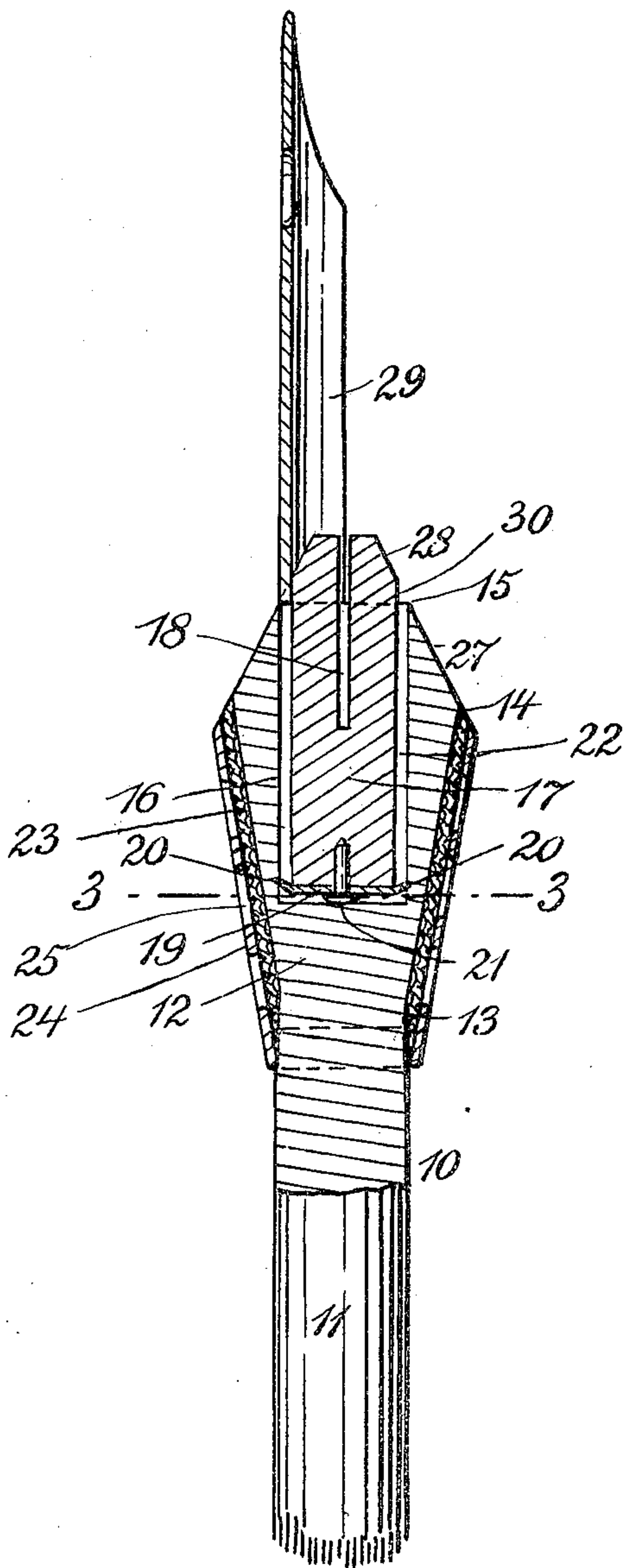


Fig. 3.

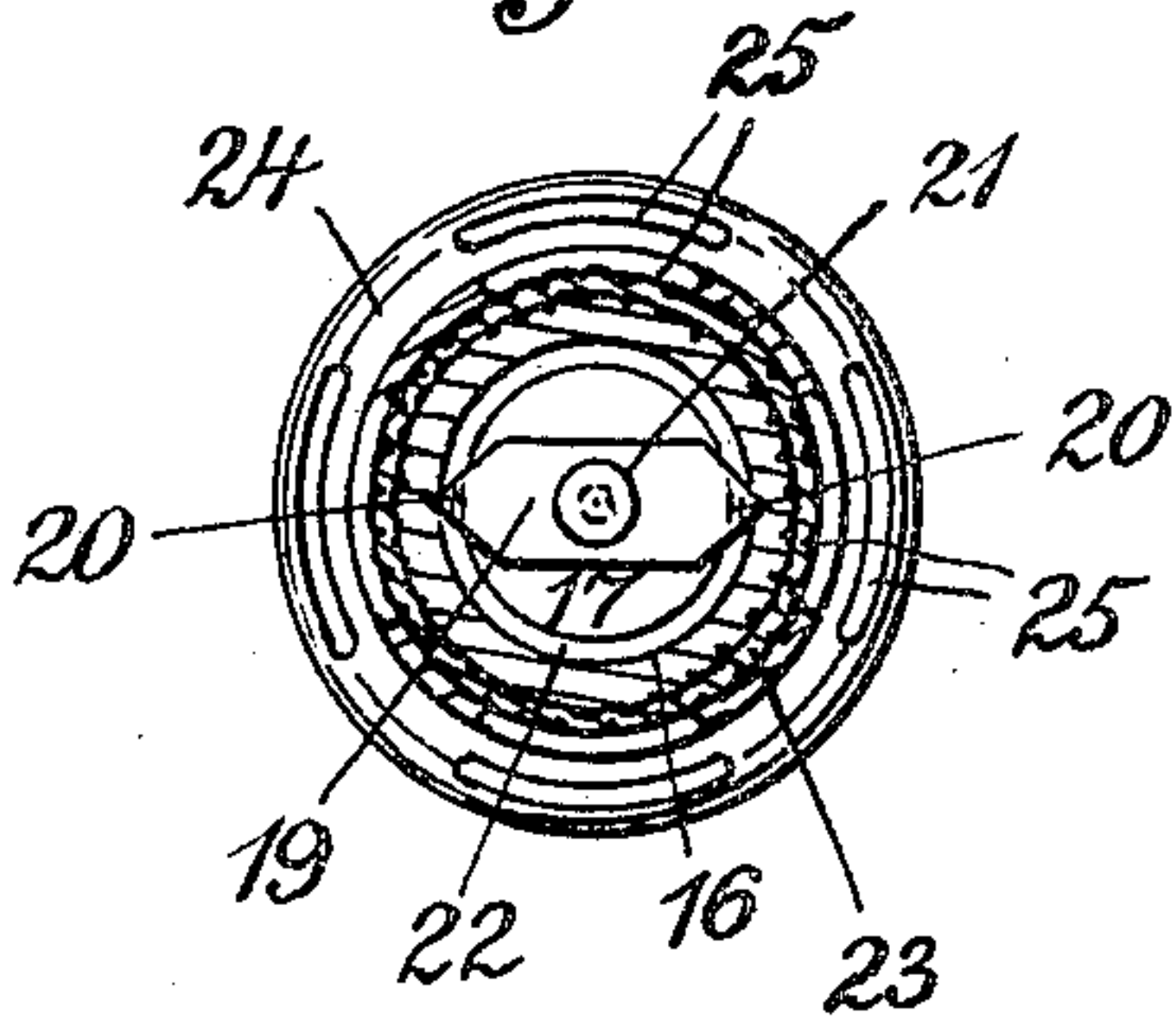
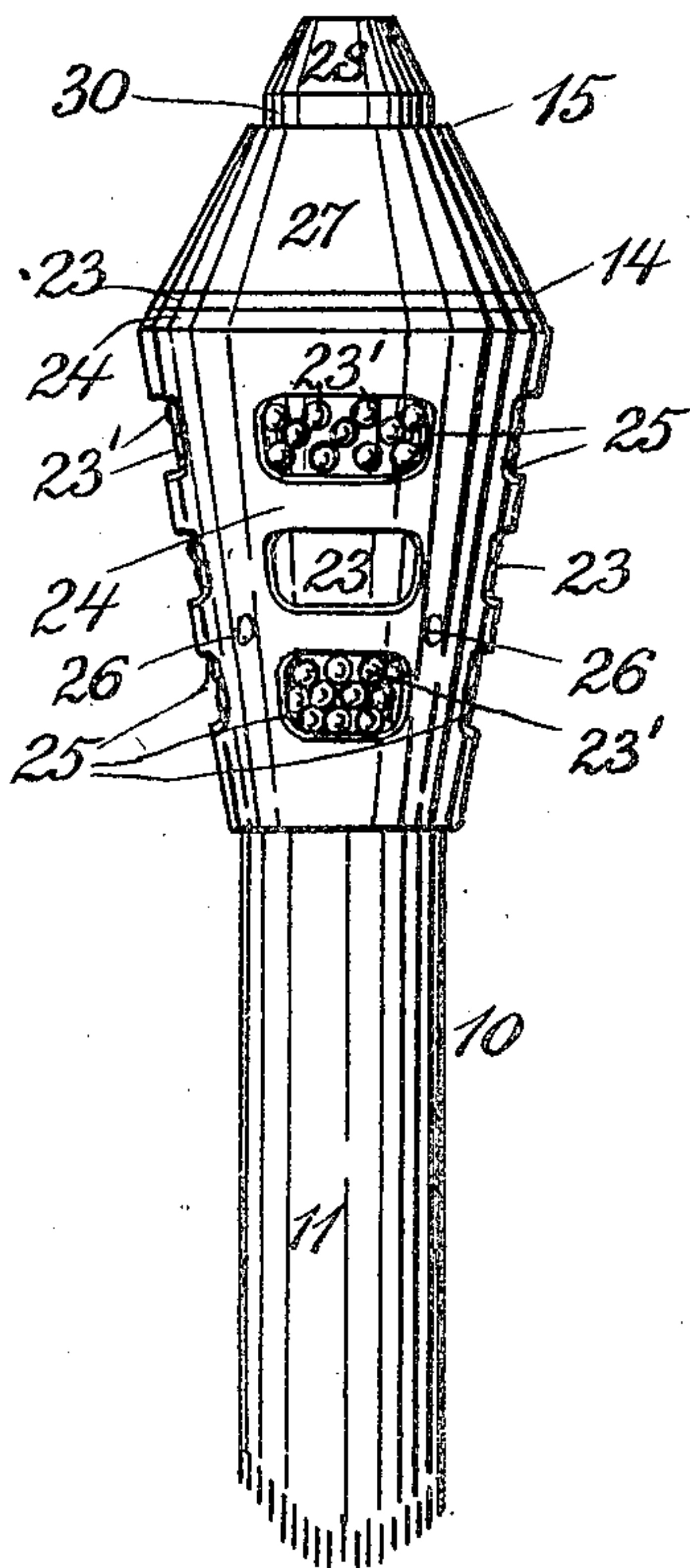


Fig. 2.



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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 in the borough of Brooklyn, city of New York, 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 readily and securely inserting a tenon for supporting the pen within the main body or handle of the holder and for firmly holding the pen in the holder irrespective of variations in the thicknesses of the shanks of different pens; also, to provide a suitable rest for the fingers of the writer, so as to prevent slipping of the same along the holder.

In the accompanying drawings, wherein like figures of reference refer to corresponding parts, Figure 1 illustrates a longitudinal section of the forward portion of a penholder constructed according to my invention, while Fig. 2 is a side view thereof, and Fig. 3 a section along line 3 3 in Fig. 1.

10 is the handle or main body of the penholder, consisting of the stem 11, which may either be cylindrical or tapering, and the head 12, which is made tapering forward and outward from shoulder 13 to shoulder 14 and is made tapering forward and inward from shoulder 14 to shoulder 15.

16 is a socket within the forward portion of head 12.

17 is a tenon which may be provided with a slot 18 in usual manner and is secured within said socket so as to furnish a support for the pen after the same has been inserted in the holder.

19 is a strip of thin spring-steel provided at its end with points 20 20, which strip is attached to the inner end of said tenon by means of a pin 21. The distance between points 20 20 slightly exceeds the diameter of socket 16. As the tenon is being inserted into the socket said points will temporarily become slightly deflected forward, so as to allow strip 19 to pass to the bottom of socket 16; but they will resist any effort to again withdraw the tenon from such position, as they will then have a tendency to straighten out and will firmly engage with the side walls of the socket. I thus not only provide very simple and cheap means for attaching a tenon to the penholder, but I also am enabled to use a very short and sim-

ple tenon inserted in a comparatively shallow socket, as I do not have to provide a shank on said tenon for gluing the same to the holder. Further, by so flexibly securing the tenon to the holder at only two points I allow to its forward portion a certain amount of lateral play, whereby I am enabled to insert pens with shanks of different thicknesses into and to firmly hold the same within the groove 22 between socket 16 and tenon 17.

The portion of head 12 between shoulders 13 and 14 where the fingers of the writer rest I cover with an inner shell 23, made of sheet metal, preferably roughened or provided with small projections 23' on its outer surface and with an outer shell 24, which should preferably also be made of sheet metal, but which may be provided with a smooth outer surface and which may be of different color and provided with a series of perforations, as 25, whereby I not only obtain an effect pleasing to the eye, but also and particularly secure for the fingers of the writer a firm and reliable support, particularly on the projections 23', which come opposite perforations 25 and on the edges of said perforations, thus preventing sliding of the fingers, the straight outward slope given to this part of the penholder permitting of the use of straight conical tubes 23 and 24, which can be readily attached and detached and which while furnishing particularly suitable finger-rests also guard against ink reaching the fingers. Shells 23 and 24 may be secured to head 12 by nicks 26.

The forward ends of head 12 and of tenon 17 are made to terminate in conical surfaces, as 27 and 28, which preferably should be continuous, except where interrupted by slot 22. The advantage of this arrangement is the great facility with which a pen, as 29, may be inserted in the holder without even looking at the holder, as in order to place it in a proper position at the forward end of slot 22 ready for insertion, as indicated in Fig. 1, it is only necessary to slide the rear end of the tang of said pen along one of said surfaces 27 and 28 toward slot 22 until it is arrested by said slot. The use of surface 27 is particularly advantageous in that respect, as the forward end of the straight portion of tenon 17 will readily arrest the end of said tang after the latter leaves surface 27.

I do not wish to confine myself to the details and detail combinations herein set forth and to the use of the materials mentioned as preferably entering into my improved con-

struction, as it will readily be seen that these features might be varied materially without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim—

- 5 1. In a penholder, the combination with its handle provided with a socket, of a tenon, an elastic strip for flexibly securing said tenon within said socket, and a pin for attaching said securing-strip to said tenon.
- 10 2. In a penholder, the combination with its handle provided with a socket, of a tenon, and a securing-strip provided with projections extending laterally from said tenon and placed across the end of said tenon and held
15 in engagement with the walls of said socket.
3. In a penholder, the combination with its handle provided with a socket, of a tenon, a strip of metal provided with pointed ends, and means for detachably securing said strip
20 to said tenon, said strip extending therefrom laterally and being held in engagement with the walls of said socket.
4. In a penholder, the combination with

its handle and an inner support for the pen, of a perforated metal tube tapering forward 25 and outward and placed around the forward portion of said handle, and means for securing said tube to said handle.

5. In a penholder, the combination with its handle and an inner support for the pen, 30 of a tube placed around the forward portion of said handle, and a second tube provided with suitable perforations placed around said tube, the surface of the inner tube opposite such perforations being provided with 35 projections, both said tubes being made tapering forward and outward.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 28th day of 40 March, 1905.

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