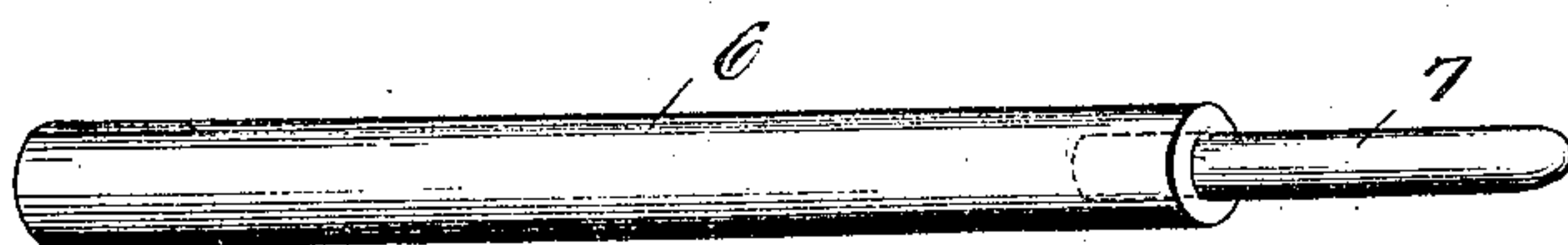


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN P. O'CONNOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Lunar-Caustic Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an article of manufacture embodying a new manner of holding a pencil of caustic or other material having a destructive or injurious action. It is particularly used in connection with lunar caustic sticks, the present method of handling or holding which is unsatisfactory and more or less dangerous, requiring in most instances a special form of holder into which the stick must be placed, with more or less difficulty.

By means of the present invention the stick can be easily secured to a handle and firmly held therein, the handle consisting of or including a stick of sealing wax to the end of which the caustic is attached by the simple expedient of melting the wax and applying the same to the caustic in that condition and then allowing the wax to harden, forming a complete and perfect holder for the caustic, which will be convenient for use; and when the caustic is entirely used the same stick of

sealing wax may be applied to new pieces of the caustic.

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The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which is a perspective of the article.

In the drawing, 6 indicates the piece or stick of sealing wax, and 7 the pencil of lunar caustic or other material which it may be necessary or desirable to hold out of contact with the hand. As before stated, the wax is applied to the caustic by melting the end of the former and allowing it to harden upon the end of the pencil. This unites the parts and produces the article described.

I claim:

1. A pencil of caustic or similar corrosive substance provided with a handle of plastic material proof against the action of said substance, applied thereto in soft condition and allowed to harden thereon.

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2. A caustic pencil provided with a handle of sealing wax stuck thereto.

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