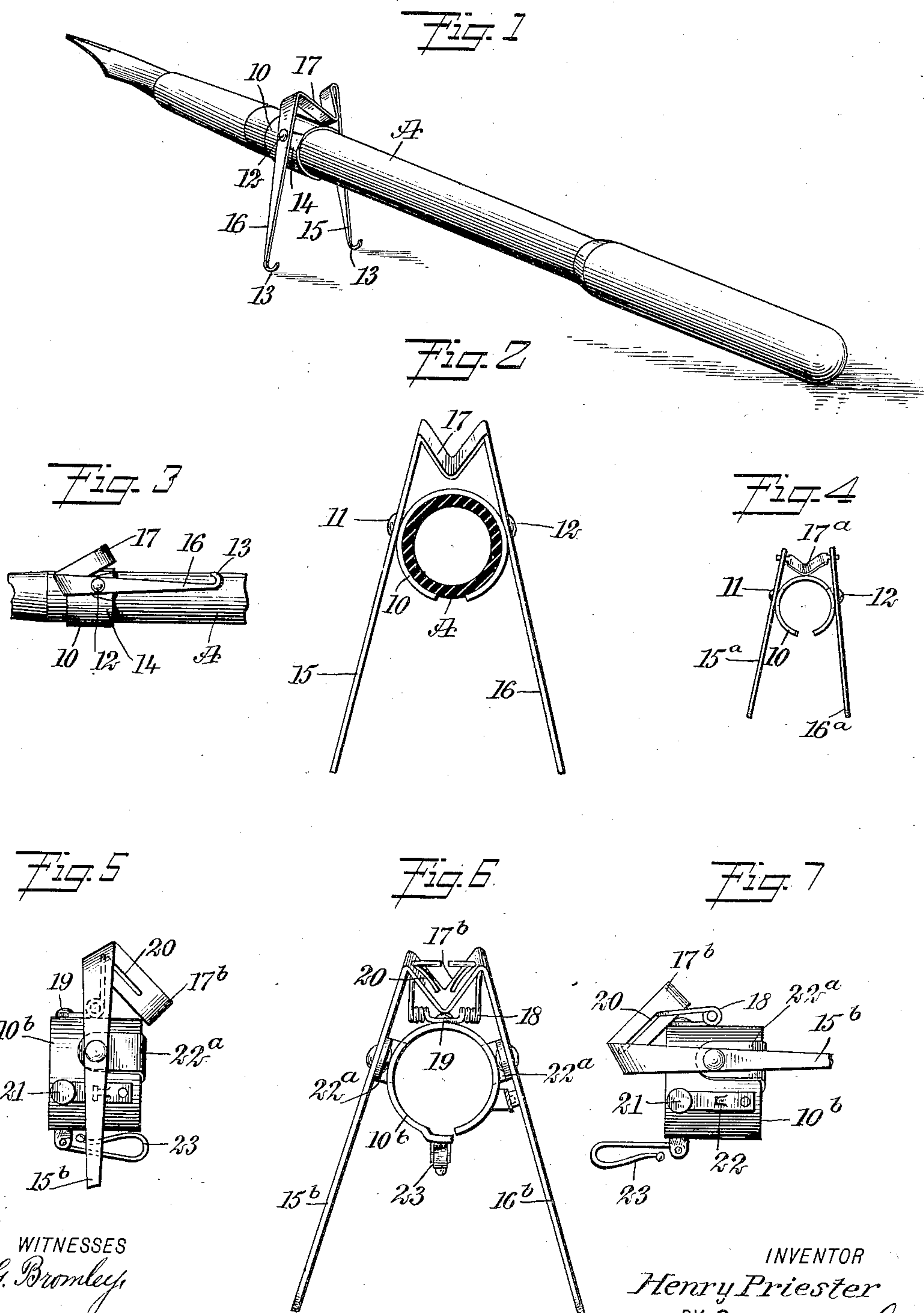


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY PRIESTER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of the Bronx, county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Pen-Support, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to certain improvements in attachments adapted to be secured to fountain pens or the like, and comprises supporting means so designed as to be readily folded to a position adjacent the pen body while the latter is carried in a pocket or is being used, or to be moved to a position at an angle to the general direction of the pen body to support the body with the pen point above and out of engagement with the table, book, or other surface.

An essential feature of my support is the pivoting of the supporting legs at opposite sides of the pen body but at non-diametrically opposite points, and with the pivots radially disposed in regard to the pen body. Thus, when the legs are in folded position, they fit closely against the body, while when in the operative position, they are non-parallel or divergent, so that the distance between the ends thereof is considerably greater than the diameter of the pen and a comparatively broad base is formed. A spring is preferably used for holding the free ends of the legs closely against the body when in folded position, and, if desired, a second spring may be employed for holding the legs in folded position. The collar to which the legs are pivoted may also, if desired, carry a clip or guard for securing the pen to the edge of a pocket.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures, and in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fountain pen provided with one form of my improved attachment; Fig. 2 is a transverse section through the pen; Fig. 3 is a side elevation showing the attachment in folded position; Fig. 4 is a view of an attachment in which

the leg-spreading spring is formed of a separate piece of metal; Fig. 5 is a side elevation showing the device provided with an additional spring for facilitating the folding action, and with a pocket guard; Fig. 6 is an end elevation of the parts shown in Fig. 5; and Fig. 7 is a view similar to Fig. 5, but showing the parts in folded position.

For securing my improved supporting means to a pen body or holder, I provide in the form shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, a collar 10, formed of spring metal and adapted to encircle the body A of the pen and tightly engage therewith. At opposite sides of the pen body there are mounted two pivots 11 and 12, each radially disposed in regard to the pen body but not in alinement, and both on the same side of a longitudinal central plane. The two pivots are non-diametrically disposed in regard to each other, their axes intersecting in an obtuse angle to the center of the pen. The pivots may be supported in any suitable manner, but, as shown, the collar is flattened or beveled at two substantially oppositely-disposed points, the bevels extending lengthwise of the collar and the pivots extending outwardly from said beveled portions 14. Two supporting legs 15 and 16 are secured to the collar by means of the two pivots, and the two legs preferably extend up beyond the pivots and are connected together by a spring 17. As the axes of the pivots intersect at the center of the pen in an obtuse angle, the two legs are in operative position and lie at divergent angles, and their lower ends are at a distance apart considerably greater than the diameter of the pen. The upper ends of the legs, above the pivots, converge against the action of the spring 17, which tends to spread them apart. When in operative position, the spring 17 serves to make the legs bind at the pivots and prevent their accidental turning. When in the inoperative or folded position, the legs lie substantially parallel and adjacent the body of the pen, and at this time the spring 17 and the inclination of the bevel surface spread apart the upper ends of the legs and force together the opposite ends and hold them in close engagement with the body of



the pen, and prevent said ends from engaging with the clothing of the pocket or accidentally swinging to the operative position.

The spring may be of any form desired, but as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, this spring is integral with the legs; that is, the two legs and the spring are formed of the same piece of metal and the spring is substantially U-shaped or V-shaped, so as to fit around the body of the pen when folded, as shown in Fig. 3. If desired, the spring may be formed of a separate piece of metal, as shown at 17<sup>a</sup> in Fig. 4, the spring in this case being bent intermediate its ends and pressing outward against the upper ends of the legs 15<sup>a</sup> and 16<sup>a</sup>. The opposite ends of the legs may, if desired, be provided with terminal hooks 13, which as shown in Fig. 1, are turned away from the pointed end of the pen, so that while the legs are extended at an angle to the pen and while all the parts are in the position indicated in Fig. 1, the ends of the legs may be supported on the edge of the pocket with the pen in an upright position with the point uppermost. The ends of the legs will be prevented from slipping off the pocket by reason of the hooks. This is especially useful to a person who may be working at a distance from any table or other suitable place upon which he may rest the pen, and who does not care to put on the cap and place the pen in the pocket. He may temporarily hang it on the outside of the pocket without placing the cap in position.

In the form shown in Figs. 5, 6 and 7, I employ in addition to the spring 17<sup>b</sup>, connecting the upper ends of the legs 15<sup>b</sup> and 16<sup>b</sup>, a second spring 18 in the form of a wire coil having the central portion thereof secured to a pin 19 carried by the collar 10<sup>b</sup> and the opposite ends extending through slots 20 in the spring 17<sup>b</sup>. The coil spring normally tends to move the parts to the position shown in Fig. 7, with the legs against and substantially parallel to the pen body, and in order to hold the legs in operative position I employ a catch 21 in the form of a strip of metal secured to the collar 10<sup>b</sup> at one end and having a small lug or projection 22 adapted to engage with the leg 15<sup>b</sup> to hold the latter in the position shown in Fig. 5. By depressing the end of the catch 21, the lug is brought out of engagement with the leg and the spring 18 immediately moves the parts to the position shown in Fig. 7. In this modification, I have also illustrated the collar as having a guard or clip 23 pivoted thereto and adapted to engage with the edge of a pocket. With the pen support in operative position, the guard or clip 23 would preferably be folded back between the legs 15<sup>b</sup> and 16<sup>b</sup>, while when the support is in its

folded position, the guard or clip 23 would normally extend in the position indicated in Fig. 7, so that it may readily engage with the pocket edge. In this form, I have also shown the legs pivoted to lugs 22<sup>a</sup> integral with the collar and bent back.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A support for pens and the like, comprising two legs pivotally supported upon opposite sides of the pen but on the same side of a diameter thereof.

2. A support for pens and the like, comprising two legs mounted upon pivots radially disposed in respect to the pen and having their axes intersecting at an angle.

3. A support for pens, comprising a collar encircling the pen, and two legs pivoted to the collar by radially-disposed pivots out of alinement with each other but upon opposite sides of the pen.

4. A support for pens and the like, comprising two legs pivotally mounted upon opposite sides of the pen, and a spring connecting the upper ends of the said legs above the pivot and normally tending to spread said upper ends apart.

5. A support for pens and the like, comprising two legs mounted upon pivots radially disposed but having their axes out of alinement with each other, said legs extending above said pivots, and a spring connecting the upper ends of said legs.

6. A support for pens and the like, comprising two legs pivotally mounted intermediate their ends upon opposite sides of the pen but on the same side of a diameter thereof, and a spring connecting the ends of the legs at the same side of the diameter of the pen upon which said pivots are located, whereby said legs may be moved to positions parallel to each other and parallel to the pen, or may lie divergent to each other and at an angle to said pen.

7. A support for pens and the like, comprising two legs pivotally mounted upon opposite sides of a pen but on the same side of a diameter thereof, and a spring for normally moving said legs to a position substantially parallel to said pen.

8. A support for pens and the like, comprising two legs pivotally mounted upon opposite sides of a pen but on the same side of a diameter thereof, a spring for normally moving said legs to a position substantially parallel to said pens, and means for holding said legs at an angle to said pen.

9. A support for pens, comprising a collar encircling the pen, two legs pivoted to the collar upon opposite sides thereof but on the same side of a diameter thereof, and a clip



carried by said collar for securing the pen to the edge of a pocket.

10. A support for pens and the like, comprising a collar encircling the pen, two legs  
5 pivoted to the collar intermediate their ends and upon opposite sides of the pen but on the same side of the diameter thereof, a spring connecting said legs, a spring for normally moving said legs to positions substantially  
10 parallel to said pen, means for locking said

legs against the action of said spring, and a pocket clip carried by said collar.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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