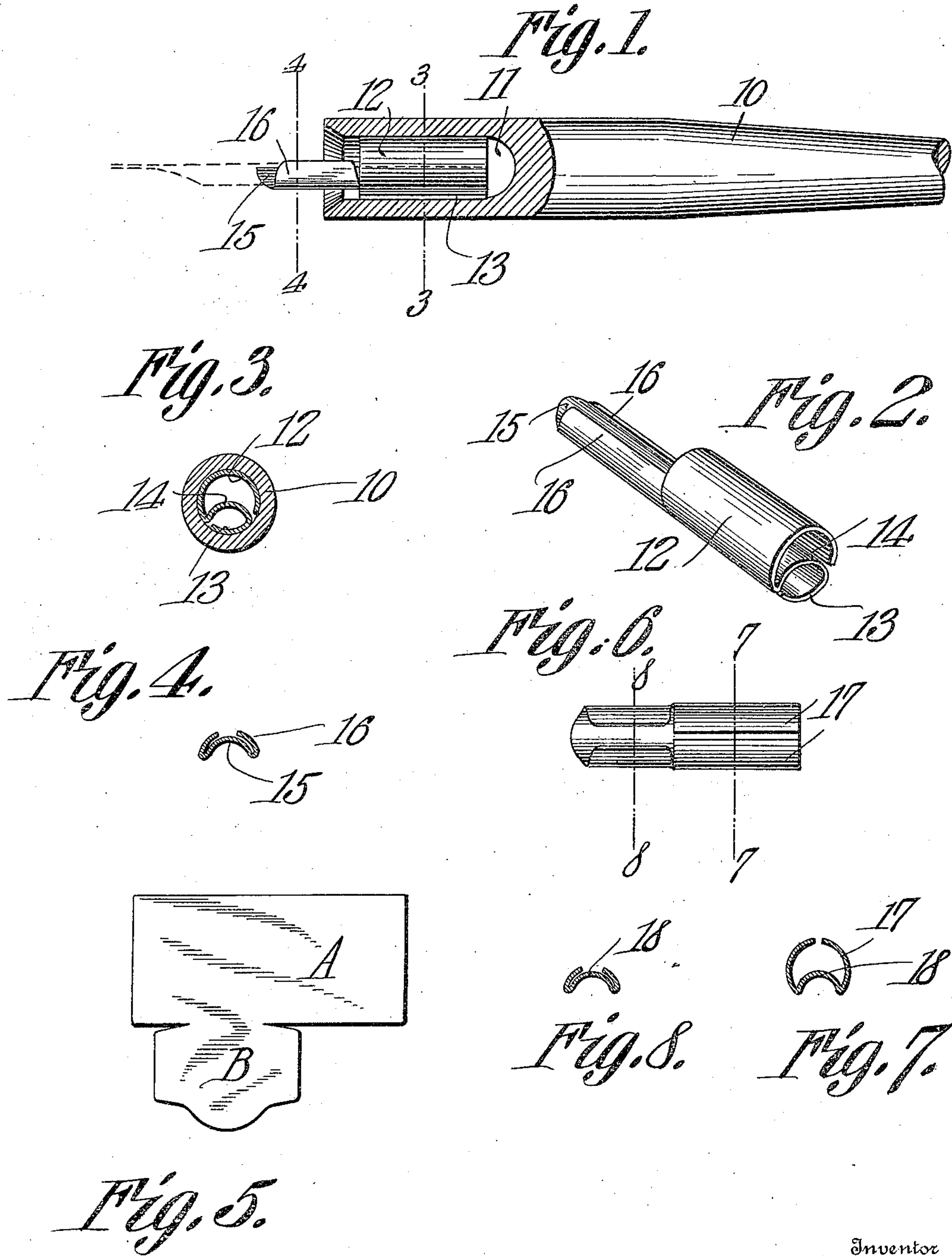


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARRY E. HOKE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hanover, in the county of York and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Penholder, of which the following is a specification.

It is the object of the present invention to provide an improved construction of penholder, and the invention relates more specifically to the penholding sleeve of such articles, the aim being to provide a sleeve of this character which may be inserted in the bore in the end of an ordinary pen-holder or staff, and which will hold the pen with its point in axial alinement with the penholder or staff, whereby the latter may be laid upon a desk or other surface without danger of blotting papers thereon.

Incidentally, the invention aims to provide an article of this character so constructed that it may be readily manufactured, by a stamping process, from a simple form of sheet metal blank, and will firmly grip the pen, although permitting of its ready removal when it becomes worn and a new one is to be substituted.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a view, partly in elevation and partly in section, of a pen-holder, showing the invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the form of the invention shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a similar view, on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the blank from which the form shown in the first four figures of the drawings is manufactured. Fig. 6 is a plan view of a slight modification of the invention. Fig. 7 is a sectional view through this latter form on line 7—7 of Fig. 6. Fig. 8 is a view similar to Fig. 7, but on the line 8—8 of the said Fig. 6.

In Fig. 1 of the drawings there is shown a pen-holder or staff, which is indicated by the numeral 10, and this staff is formed in its butt or major end with a bore or recess 11, in which the pen-holding sleeve embodied in the present invention is to be inserted. The said sleeve, as of the form illustrated in Figs. 1 to 5 inclusive, of the drawings, is formed from a blank, shown in plan in Fig. 5, and which comprises a body portion, indicated by the reference character A, and an

integral extension, indicated by the character B. In forming the sleeve from the blank, the body portion A is stamped or rolled or otherwise suitably bent into substantially S-form, as is illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings, so that there is produced an upper portion, which is indicated by the numeral 12, and which is substantially semi-cylindrical, a lower portion, which is indicated by the numeral 13, and is of substantially the same form as the portion 12, although inverted with respect thereto, and an intermediate or mid portion, which is indicated by the numeral 14, and lies between the upper and lower portions 12 and 13, with its convex side presented upwardly, or, in other words, toward the concave side of the portion 12, and with its concave side presented toward the corresponding side of the bottom or lower section 13. Considered as an entirety, the body of the sleeve, when so formed from the blank shown in Fig. 5 of the drawings, is substantially cylindrical as far as concerns its exterior contour, and it will therefore fit properly in the cylindrical bore or recess 11 formed in the butt end of the pen-holder or staff 10.

There is formed integral with one edge of the body A of the blank from which the form of pen-holding sleeve illustrated in Figs. 1 to 5 inclusive, is formed a pen-gripping portion which is stamped up from the extension B of the blank, shown in Fig. 5, this portion consisting of a transversely curved body or mid portion indicated by the numeral 15, and pen-gripping flanges, which are indicated by the numeral 16, and are formed by bending over upon the portion 15 the edge portion of the extension B of the blank.

It will be observed, from an inspection of the drawings, that the pen-gripping portion of the sleeve projects from one end edge of the intermediate portion 14 of the body of the sleeve, and is curved to a corresponding degree, and that, owing to this fact, a pen held or gripped by the said pen-gripping portion will have its point axially alined with the pen-holder or staff 10.

Instead of forming the sleeve as illustrated in the first five figures of the drawings, it may be formed, as far as concerns its body portion, as illustrated in Figs. 6, 7 and 8 of the drawings, in which figures the portion of the blank comprising the body of the



sleeve is bent to afford substantially semi-cylindrical side portions, which are indicated by the numeral 17, and an intermediate portion, which is indicated by the numeral 18, and lies between the lower edges of the said side portions 17, the said intermediate portion having its convex side presented upwardly toward the opposed longitudinal edges of the side portions 17, and its concave side presented downwardly. As a matter of fact, the intermediate portion 18 of the pen-gripping portion of this form of the invention lies wholly between the side portions of the body of the sleeve. In this form of the invention, the intermediate portion 18 of the pen-gripping sleeve is extended beyond one end edge of the body of the sleeve, and this extension has its side edges bent over as in the case of the edge portions 16 of the first described form of sleeve, whereby to afford means for gripping a pen. In this latter form of the invention, as well as in the first form, it will be seen that a pen gripped by the sleeve will be held with its point in axial alinement with the pen-holder or staff 10.

It will be further understood from the foregoing description of the invention that inasmuch as the pen holding sleeve of the invention is constricted to hold the pen axially with respect to the holder and to the sleeve, ink flowing back over the pen will not run onto the outer surface of the pen holder or staff, but will flow into the sleeve thereby obviating soiling of the hands while the pen holder is in use.

It will be readily understood that by transversely curving the mid-portion of the body of the blank to a degree corresponding to the degree of curvature of the pen-gripping portion thereof, the device may be more readily formed up from the blank and a pen may be inserted into the sleeve to any desired degree.

What is claimed is:—

1. A device of the class described comprising a sheet metal blank having its body por-

tion rolled into substantially S-form and having a pen-gripping portion integral with one end edge of its intermediate portion, the said pen-gripping portion and the said portion of the body of the blank being correspondingly transversely curved.

2. A device of the class described comprising a sheet metal body substantially of S-form in cross section and substantially of cylindrical contour exteriorly, and a pen-gripping portion integral with and projecting from one end edge of the body at the mid portion thereof, the mid portion of the body of the blank being transversely curved and lying substantially midway between the semi-cylindrical portions of the blank with its convex face presented toward one of said portions and its concave face toward the other.

3. A device of the class described comprising a body portion having substantially semi-cylindrical side portions, and an intermediate portion lying between the side portions, and a pen-gripping portion projecting from one end edge of the intermediate portion of the body, the said intermediate portion of the pen-gripping portion being correspondingly transversely curved.

4. A device of the class described comprising a body portion having substantially semi-cylindrical side portions, and an intermediate portion lying between the side portions, and a pen-gripping portion projecting from one end edge of the intermediate portion of the body, the said intermediate portion and the pen-gripping portion being correspondingly transversely curved, the edge portions of the pen gripping portion being bent over in spaced relation thereto.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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