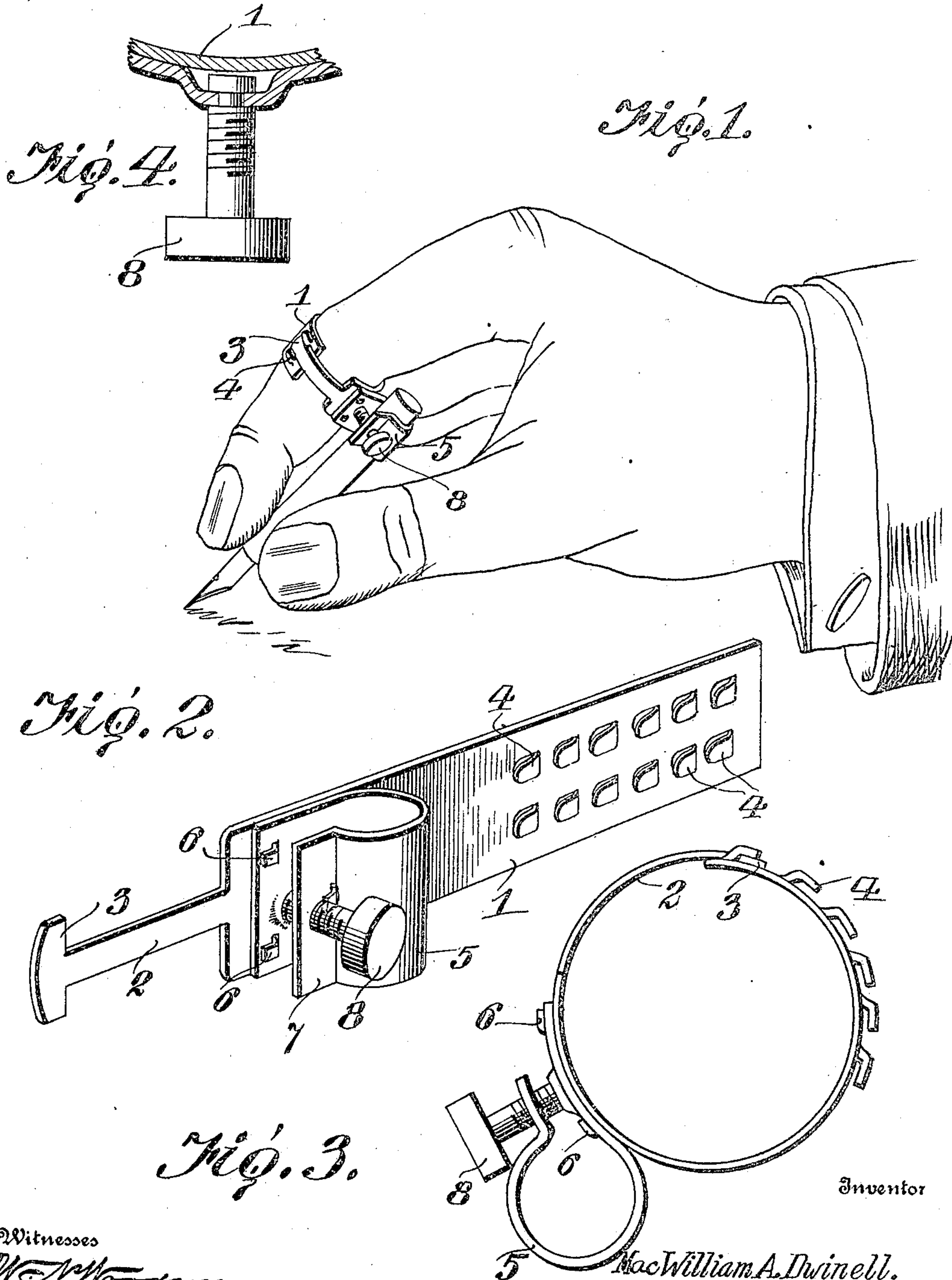


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MACWILLIAM A. DWINELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, in the city of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pen and Pencil Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention aims to do away with the necessity of the long stem pen-holder, and provides means whereby there may be used in its place, one that is less cumbersome and impossible to drop and cause unsightly ink erasures.

To this end, the invention consists essentially of an improved construction of device for securing a relatively short pen-holder, or a pencil as well, to any finger of a writer's hand, the device resulting in the saving of time in that the user is not required to lay it down and pick it up each time his or her attention is called to something else; while at the same time, as is evident the user may release his hand at every opportunity, being sure that the pen or pencil will not be thereby dropped, thus resulting in relieving the hand and avoiding the writer's cramp, as well as enabling a person with a crippled or deformed hand to write with comparative ease, under circumstances where writing with the ordinary pen would be impossible. And the invention also consists in certain constructions and arrangements of parts that I shall hereinafter fully describe and claim.

For a full understanding of the invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved pen or pencil holding device, illustrating its use as applied to a short pen staff; Fig. 2 is a perspective view on an enlarged scale with the band in straightened-out condition; Fig. 3 is a detail edge view of the device; and, Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view illustrating the bearing for the clamping screw.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the accompanying drawing by the same reference characters.

My improved pen or pencil holding device comprises a finger band 1 which may be constructed of any desired substance or material, preferably being composed of sheet

metal and formed out of a strip of requisite length and width, the said strip being formed with a reduced portion 2 which constitutes an attenuated tongue, the extremity of which is widened to form a head 3. The head 3 is designed for engagement by any number of prongs or projections 4 that are arranged in two longitudinally extending series as shown at the opposite end of the strip and that are preferably formed by punching out the metal or other material of which the strip is composed. By this means, the device may be easily secured to any finger of a writer's hand and adjusted to fit snugly. It is clear that the device may be easily attached and as easily removed.

Secured to the band 1 is a sleeve 5 which is also preferably formed of sheet metal and which is designed to hold the pen or pencil. The sleeve 5 is secured at one end to the band 1 near the tongue 2, as by spurs or attaching lugs 6 that are punched out of the band and that extend through slots formed in the sleeve. The main portion of the sleeve 5 is substantially cylindrical in shape, as clearly illustrated in the drawing and the relatively free edge 7 of the sleeve is angularly disposed to the semicylindrical portion thereof and extends substantially parallel with the opposite end which is fastened to the band. The angularly disposed portion 7 of the sleeve is formed with a screw-threaded opening in which a clamping screw 8 works, said screw being swiveled at its inner end to the attached portion of the sleeve as clearly illustrated in the drawing in Fig. 4.

From the foregoing description in connection with the accompanying drawing, it is clear that in the practical use of my improved pen and pencil clamping or retaining device, the band 1 may be easily secured to and adjusted on any finger of the writer's hand and that the sleeve 5 may be easily adjusted to receive and hold either a relatively short pen staff or a pencil, either long or short.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

As a new article of manufacture, the here-described pen or pencil holder consisting of a band formed near one end with two longitudinally extending sets of prongs and at its other end with an attenuated tongue, and a head at the extremity of the tongue

extending laterally therefrom in both directions and arranged to engage the prongs so as to produce an adjustable finger ring, a split sleeve secured at one edge of the band
5 near the tongue thereof and formed with an opposite edge which extends parallel to the attached edge, and a set screw swiveled in the attaching portion of the sleeve and work-

ing through the opposite parallel edge portion thereof, as and for the purpose set forth. 10

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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