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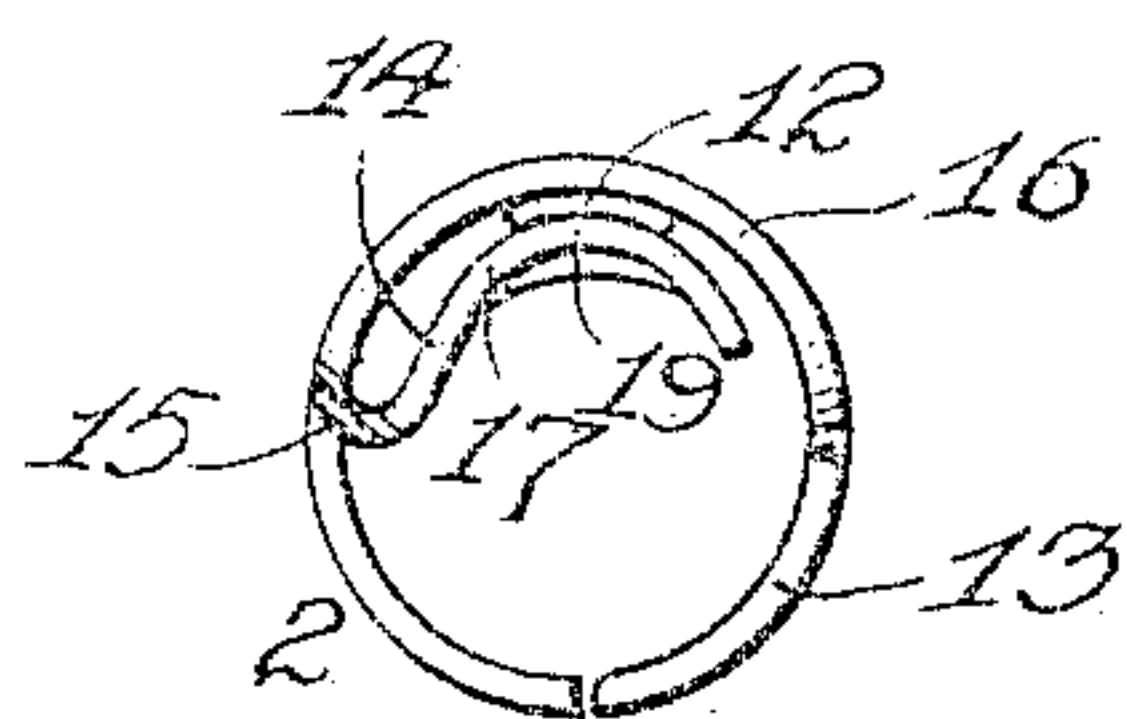
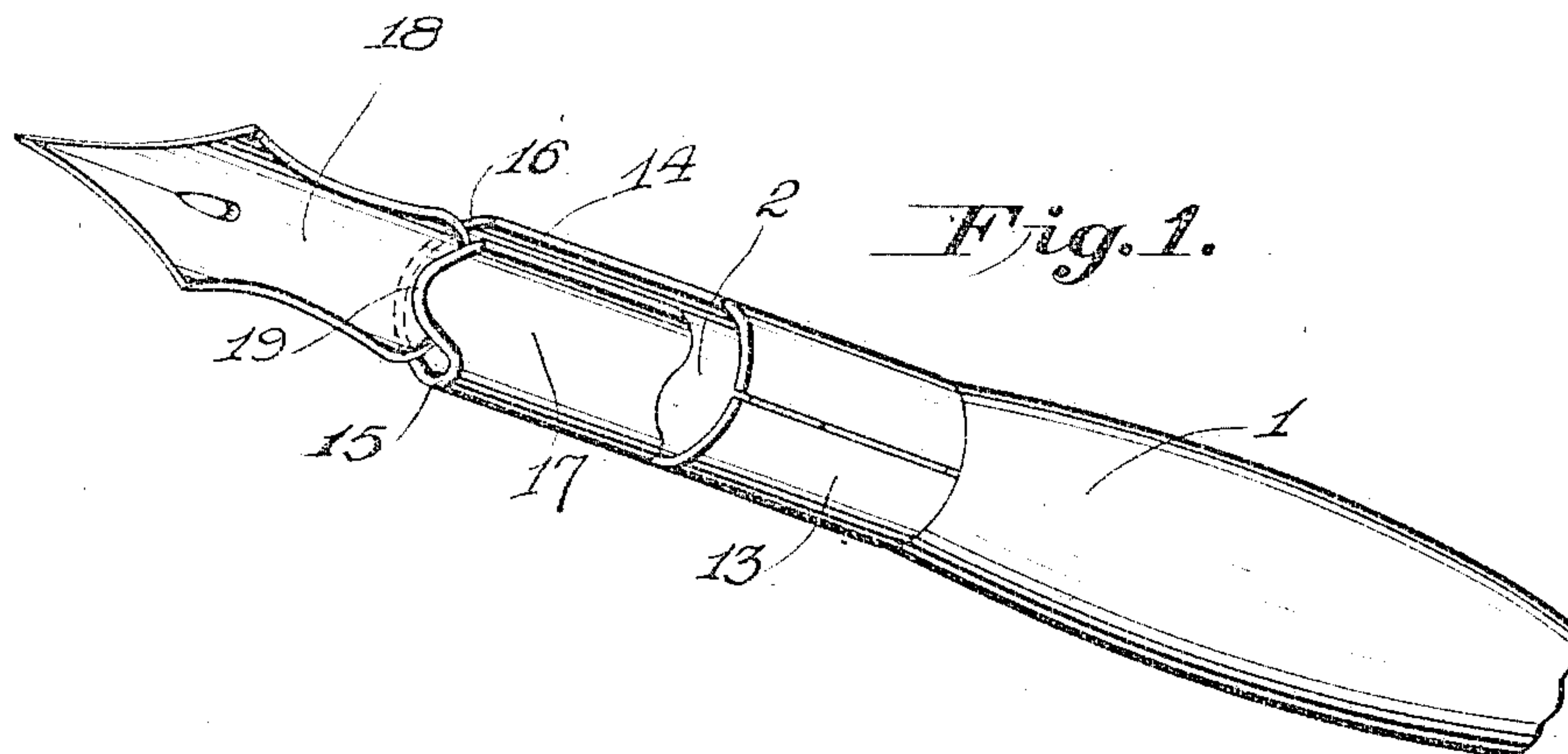


Fig. 3.

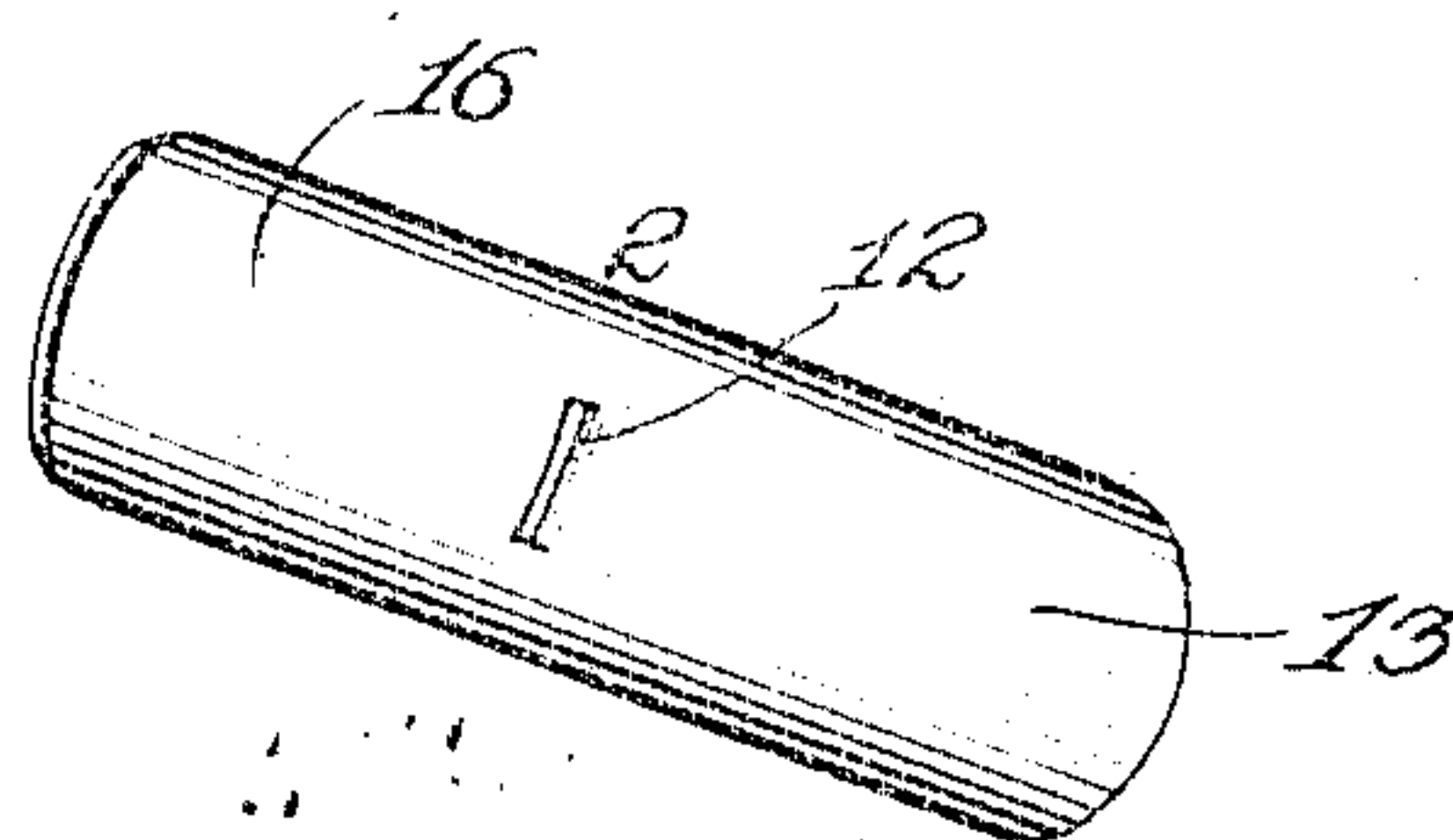
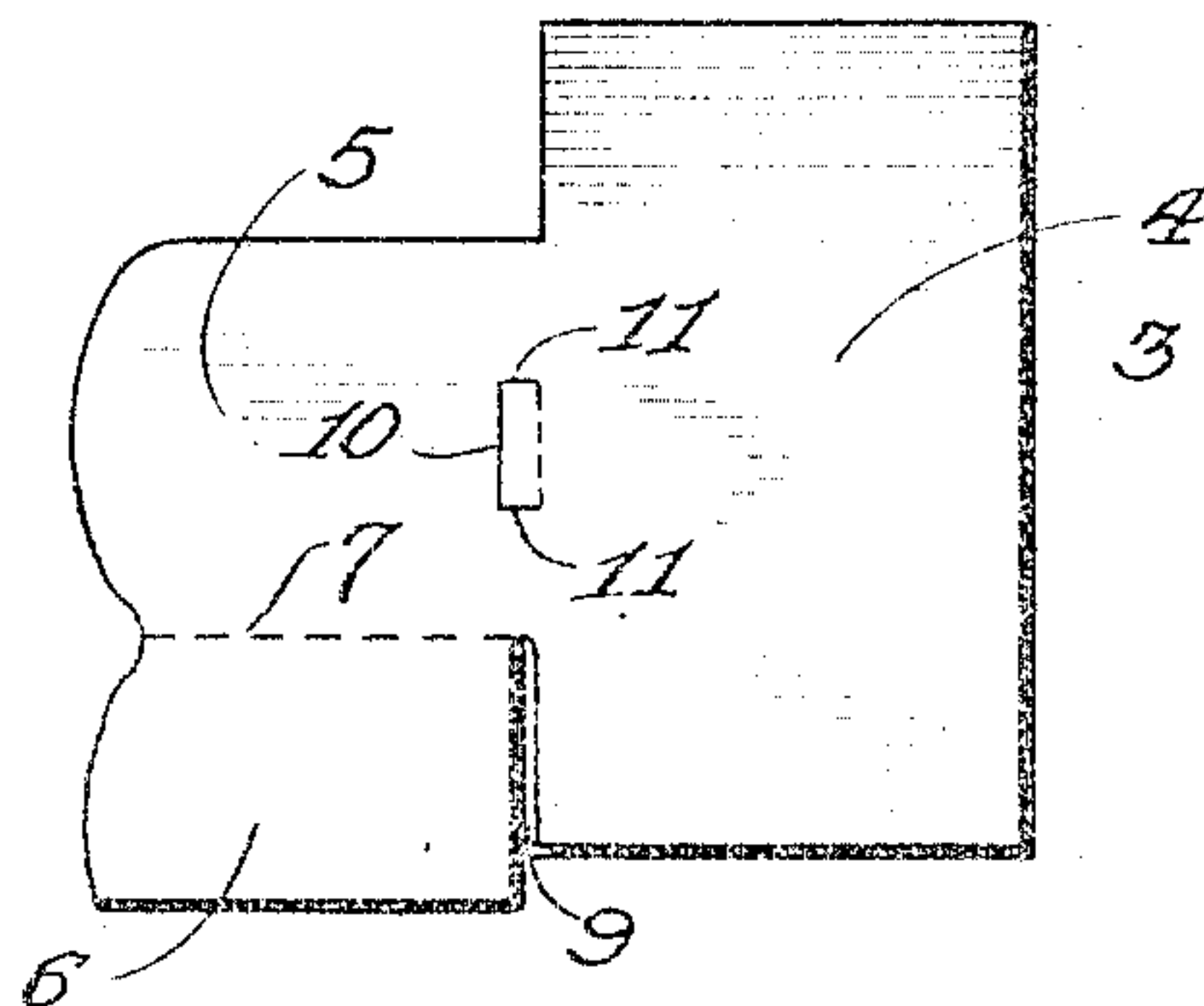


Fig. 2.

Fig. 4.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT O. SPERRY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Thayer, in the county of Neosho and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Penholders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

10 My invention relates to improvements in penholders, and has for its object to provide a penholder from which a pen can be easily and quickly ejected without soiling the fingers.

15 My penholder is exceedingly simple in construction, cheap to manufacture and durable in use, and is without any extensions, etc., to be in the way, or mechanism to get out of order or become deranged or clogged.

20 Other objects and advantages of my invention will appear in the course of the following specification.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved penholder with a pen positioned therein, the end of the penholder being broken off. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the pen-supporting portion of the penholder. Fig. 3 is a front end elevation of the pen-supporting portion of the penholder. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the blank from which the pen supporting portion of the penholder is shaped.

Referring to the drawings, which illustrate the preferred embodiment of my invention, 1 designates the handle or stock of the penholder, the end of which is broken off. A pen support 2 is formed from an integral blank 3 of, preferably, resilient metal. The blank 3 comprises a substantially oblong body portion 4, and an intermediate oblong extension 5 provided with a depending portion 6, which extends below the lower edge or bottom of the body portion 4. As illustrated, the depending portion 6 is bounded at its upper side by a longitudinally-extending dotted line 7 and at its inner end by a narrow slot 9, which extends longitudinally of the side of the body portion 4. The outer ends of the intermediate extension 5 and the depending portion 6 are rounded, as shown. Centrally between the longitudinal boundary lines of the intermediate oblong extension 5 and near its juncture with the body portion 4 is located a short transverse cut 10 from each end of

which extends a short perpendicular cut 11. The piece of metal between the cuts 10 and 11, 11, is bent down and forms a depending stop or abutment 12 for a purpose to be hereinafter explained.

The body portion 4 is bent around to form a cylindrical socket or sleeve 13 into which is secured the lower end of the handle or stock 1. The intermediate oblong extension 5 is curved substantially the same degree as the sleeve 13 and the depending portion 6 is folded back along the dotted line 7 over the extension 5 to form a resilient, releasable pen grip 14 having a closed longitudinal side 15. The pen grip is curved as shown in the drawings, and comprises opposite faces or jaws 16 and 17 between which a pen, as 18, is inserted and held in position. The outer face 16 slightly overlaps the under face 17 and this increased width of the outer face insures that the back of the pen will be firmly supported and also that the pen will be more easily ejected as hereinafter explained. As shown the under face 17 is bent up, as at 19, closer to the outer face 16, near its center, to further insure that the pen will be firmly held in position. Back of the point 19 to its end the under face 17 is inclined slightly downward with respect to the outer face 16, as shown in Fig. 3, which facilitates the removal of the pen.

The method of using my penholder is as follows: A pen 18 is inserted in the pen grip 14 where, owing to the contour of the grip and its resiliency, the pen is securely held in position. The stop or abutment 12 prevents the pen from being pushed too far into the pen grip and also steadies the pen when it is being ejected. When the pen is worn out, or it is wished to remove the same for any reason, the handle 1 of the penholder is grasped in the hand and with the open side of the pen grip uppermost the side of the pen 18 is pressed against the edge of a desk, etc., with the result that the pen will be forced out of the pen grip sideways. The resiliency and shape of the pen grip will facilitate the ejection of the pen and will also instantly return the pen grip to its original form or position.

What I claim is:

1. In a penholder, a pen grip comprising an outer and an under face oppositely disposed with relation to each other and curved in cross section, said under face be-

ing positioned closest to the outer face contiguous the center of the arch of said outer face at the lower or open end of said pen grip, said under face in a longitudinal direction being inclined away from the outer face from the lower or open end of said pen grip toward the rear thereof.

2. In a penholder, a pen grip comprising an outer and an under face oppositely disposed with relation to each other and curved in cross section, said under face being positioned closest the outer face contiguous the center of the arch of said outer

face at the lower or open end of said pen grip, said under face in a longitudinal direction being inclined away from the outer face from the lower or open end of said pen grip toward the rear thereof, and means for limiting the distance a pen can be thrust in between said faces.

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

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