R. F. VAN WINKLE.

FOUNTAIN PEN.

APPLICATION FILED OCT. 24, 1910.

995,307. Patented June 13, 1911.

Fig. 1.

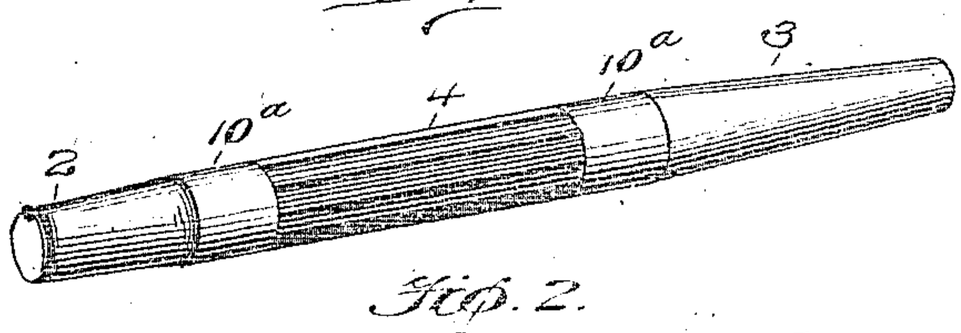


Fig. 2.

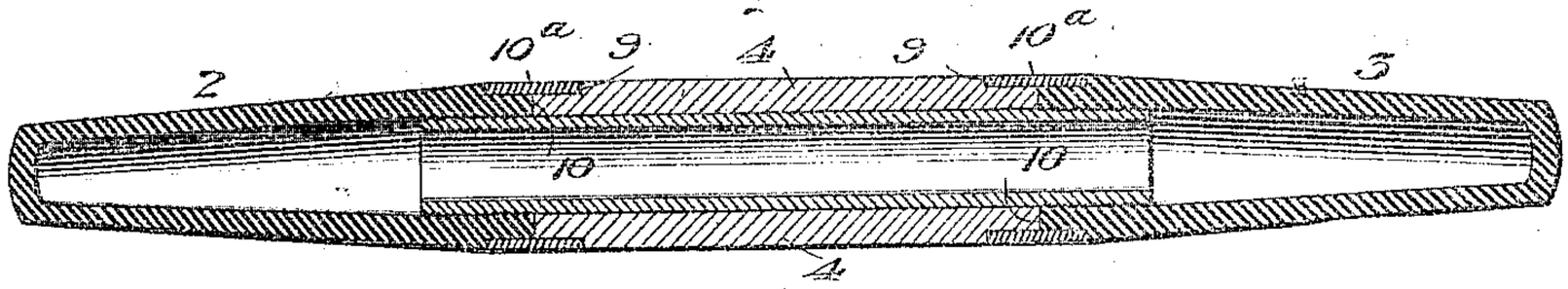


Fig. 3.

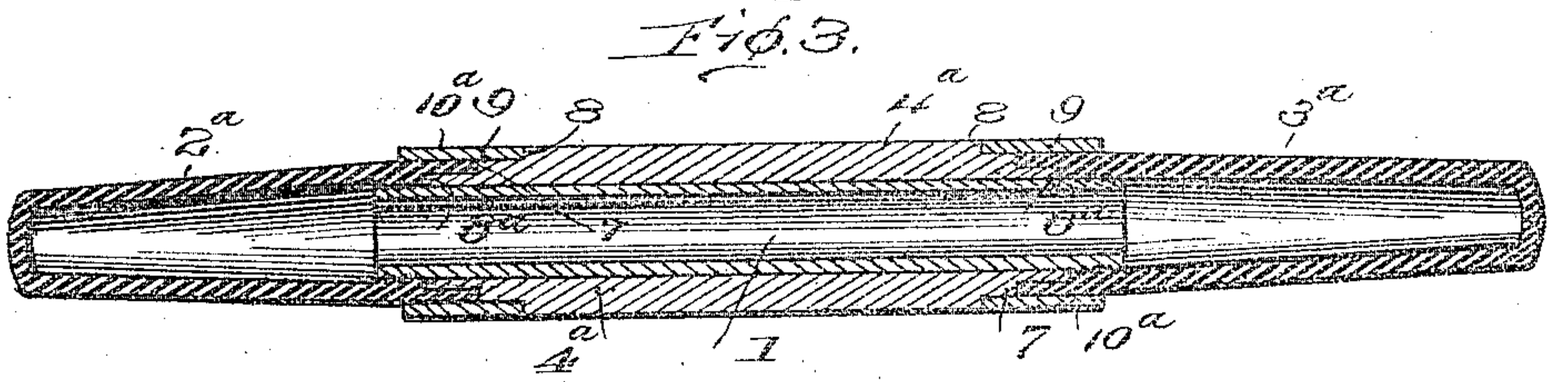


Fig. 4.

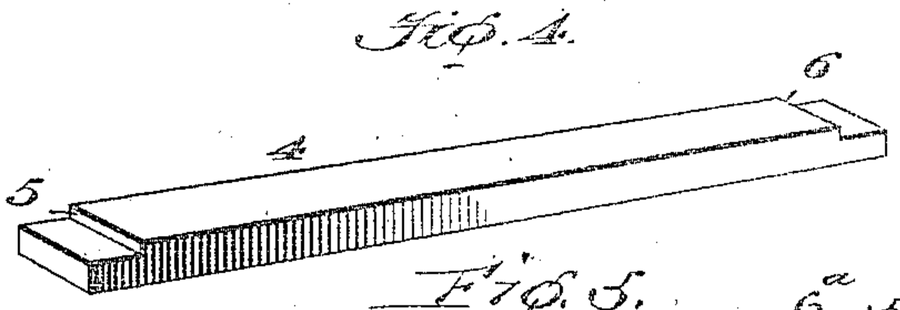
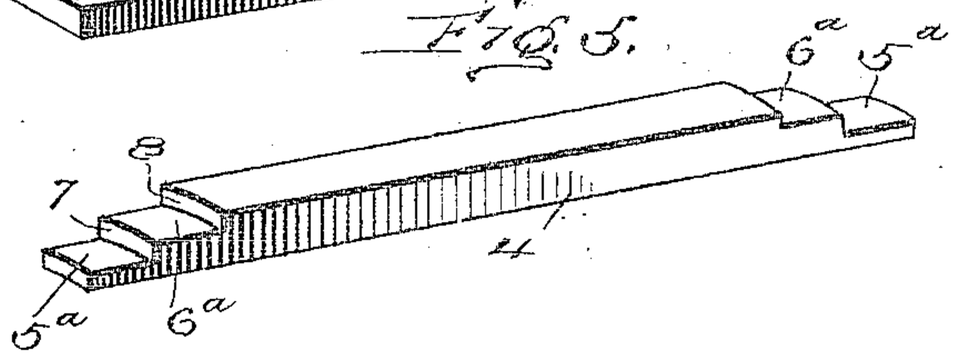


Fig. 5.



Witnesses
P. F. Towler Jr.
V. K. Gardner.

Inventor
Ralph F. Van Winkle
By William O. Deane
his Attorney

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

RALPH F. VAN WINKLE, OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA.

FOUNTAIN-PEN.

995,307. Specification of Letters Patent. Patented June 13, 1911.

Application filed October 24, 1910. Serial No. 588,916.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RALPH F. VAN WINKLE, citizen of the United States, residing at Erie, in the county of Erie and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fountain-Pens, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to fountain pens, and its main object is, to provide a pen of highly ornamental appearance, simulating a pearl inlaid pen, capable of being manufactured at very small cost.

A further object of the invention is, to provide an ornamental holder for fountain pens in which the parts will be very firmly connected together and in such a manner as to present a smooth exterior surface.

The construction of the improvement will be fully described hereinafter, in connection with the accompanying drawing which forms a part of this specification, and its features of novelty will be set forth and defined in the appended claim.

In the drawing:—Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a fountain pen holder embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section of the holder. Fig. 3 is a central longitudinal section of a modified construction of the holder. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the strips forming the ornamental covering for the central portion of the holder, and Fig. 5 is a similar view of one of the modified strips shown in Fig. 3.

The holder comprises a tubular body portion 1 serving as the ink reservoir of the pen, and preferably made of thin sheet metal, which may or may not be screw-threaded for the attachment thereto of tubular end-caps 2 and 3 of hard rubber or other suitable material. To the exterior surface of the metallic tube 1 between the end caps 2 and 3 is applied a covering of an ornamental character consisting of a series of longitudinal strips 4 of shell or so-called "pearl" of which pearl-handled knives and the like articles are constructed, ornamental metal or the like. One of these strips is shown in detail in Fig. 4 and it will be noted that each of the strips is recessed at its ends to provide two shoulders 5 and 6 so that when the strips are assembled to entirely cover that portion of the metal tube or body, continuous annular shoulders 7 are formed by the meeting of the series of shoulders 5 and 6 on the several strips.

The strips are secured to the tube 1 by cement or any other durable adhesive material, with the longitudinal edges of the strips in close abutting contact, and preferably cemented together along said edges. After the strips are thus firmly attached to the tubular body of the pen holder, the hard rubber caps 2 and 3 recessed at their inner ends to present annular shoulders 8 are fitted over the ends of the tube 1 so that the inner ends of said caps will rest against the ends of the strips. The caps 2 and 3 are interiorly recessed at their inner ends to form annular shoulders 10 against which the ends of the tube 1 abut when the caps are in place as shown in Fig. 2. The end caps may be frictionally fitted upon the tube 1 or threaded thereto as may be desired.

The joining of the caps and the ends of the strips provides annular recesses 9 to receive bands 10^a preferably of sheet metal which overlap the inner reduced ends of the caps, and also the recessed ends of the strips, the outer surfaces of the bands 10^a being flush with the outer surfaces of the strips and caps, thus avoiding projecting edges or surfaces the entire exterior of the holder being smooth and finished. The bands 10^a are cemented in place and constitute a firm reinforcement for the end caps and contribute to the strength and durability of the device.

In Figs. 3 and 5 I have shown a modified construction of the invention in which the strips 4^a are each formed at each end with two shoulders 5^a and 6^a and the end caps 2^a and 3^a with internal annular shoulders 8^a which abut the ends of the shouldered strips, the inner ends of the caps overlapping the ends of the strips and resting against the shoulder 5^a thereof. The bands 10^a overlap the inner ends of the caps and abut the shoulders 6^a of the strips.

If preferred an integral tube may be substituted for the strips, the ends of the tube being formed with shoulders.

It will be apparent that by my improvement fountain pen holders of a highly ornamental appearance may be manufactured at a very small cost, and that the construction described and shown provides a very desirable holder.

Having fully described my invention,

what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

A holder for fountain pens comprising a metallic tubular body member, a series of strips disposed end to end about the member and cemented together at their edges and also cemented to the exterior surface of the member, the said strips being of less length than the said body member and circumferentially reduced at their ends whereby to afford shoulders, retaining bands secured upon the ends of the strips and inclosing the shoulders, and end caps fitted upon the projecting ends of the body member and abutting against the shoulders of the strips.

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

RALPH F. VAN WINKLE.

Witnesses:
S. L. GILSON,
E. G. JOHNSON.