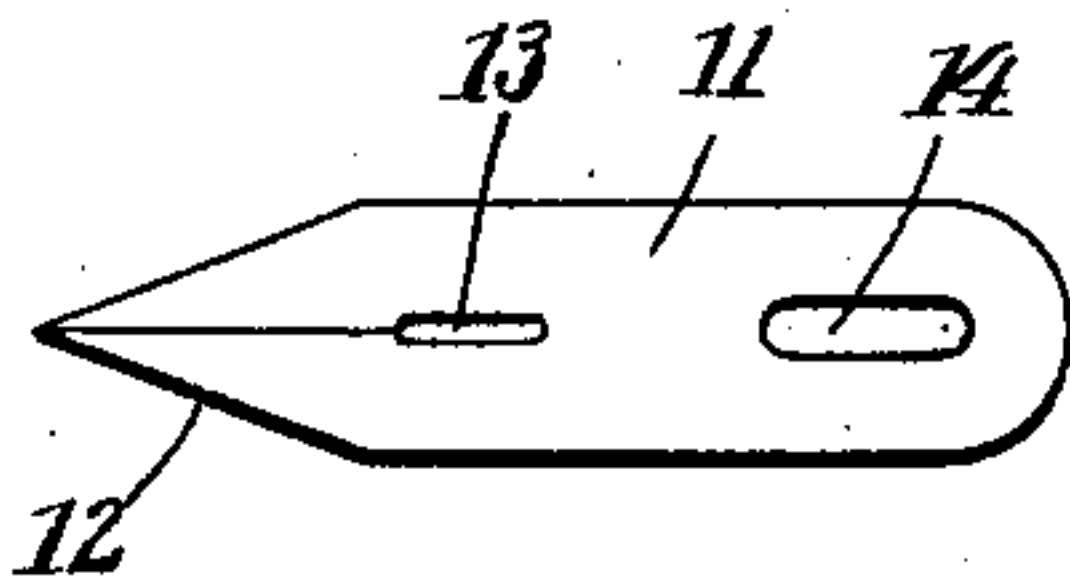
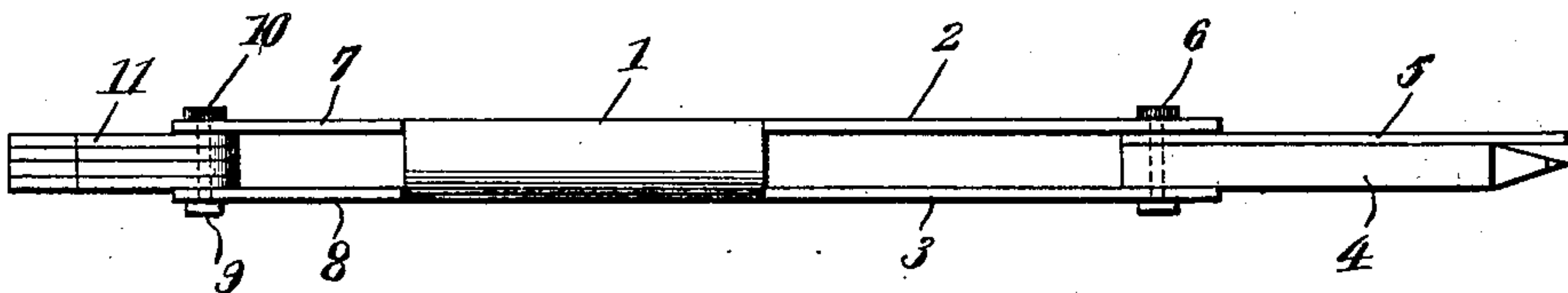


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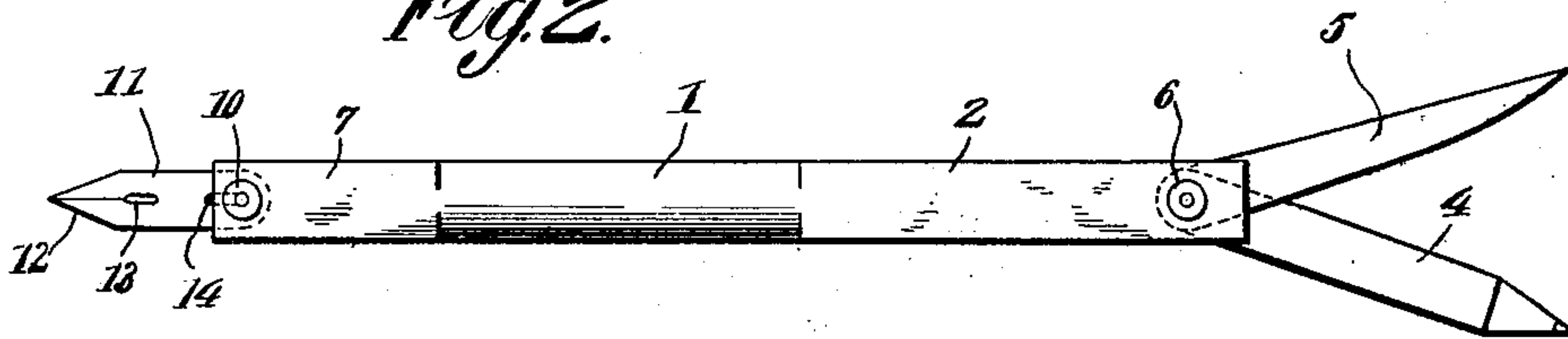
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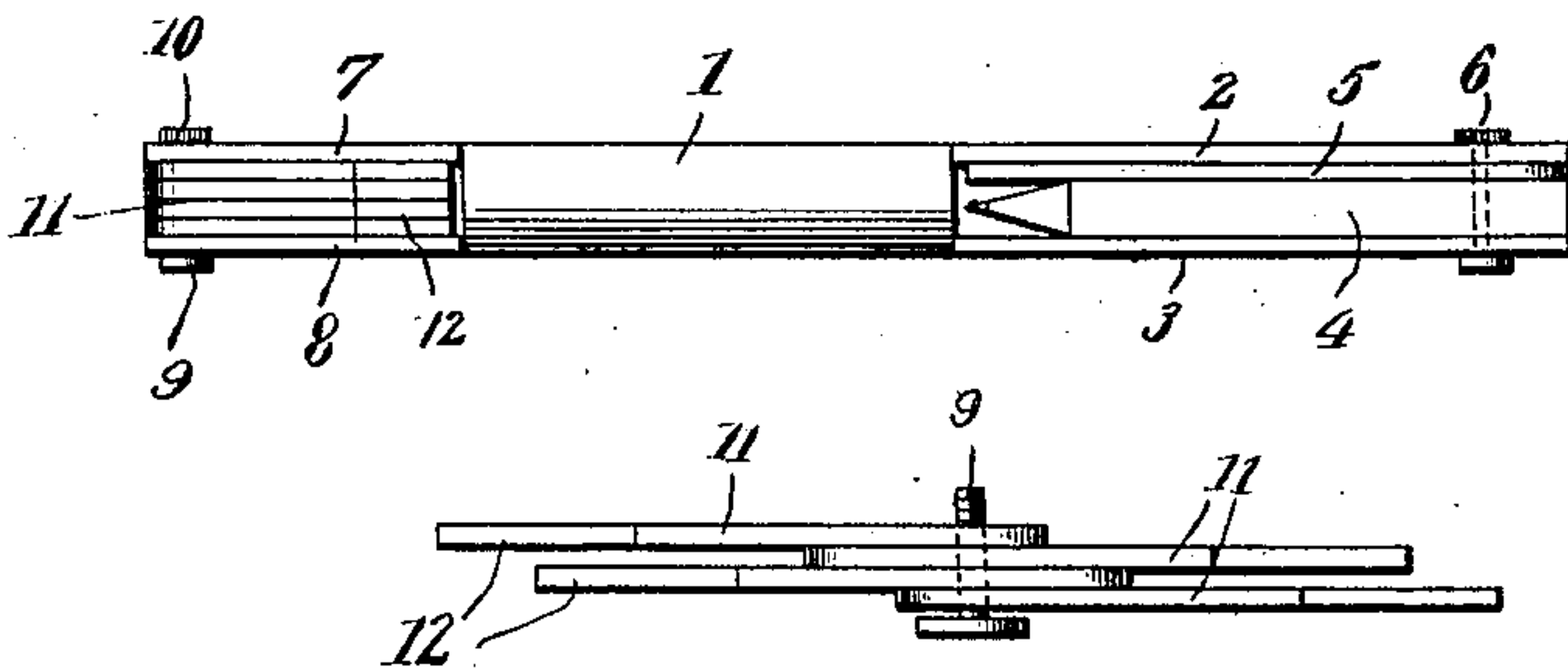
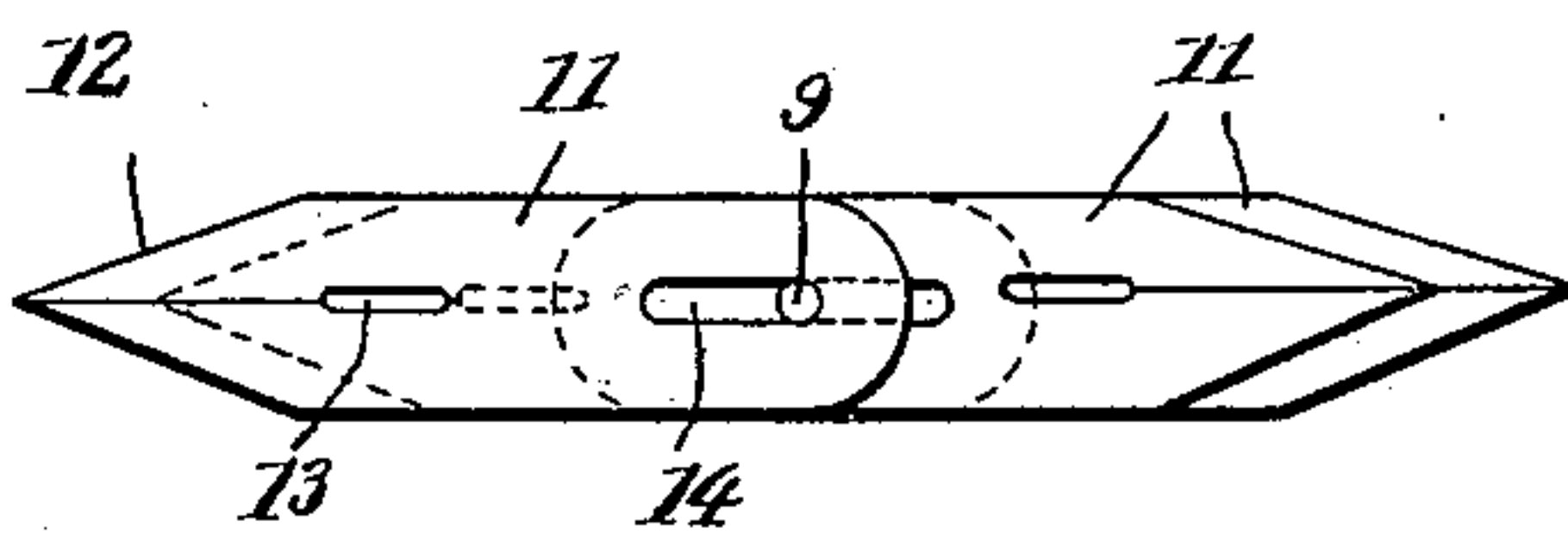


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*Fig. 2.*

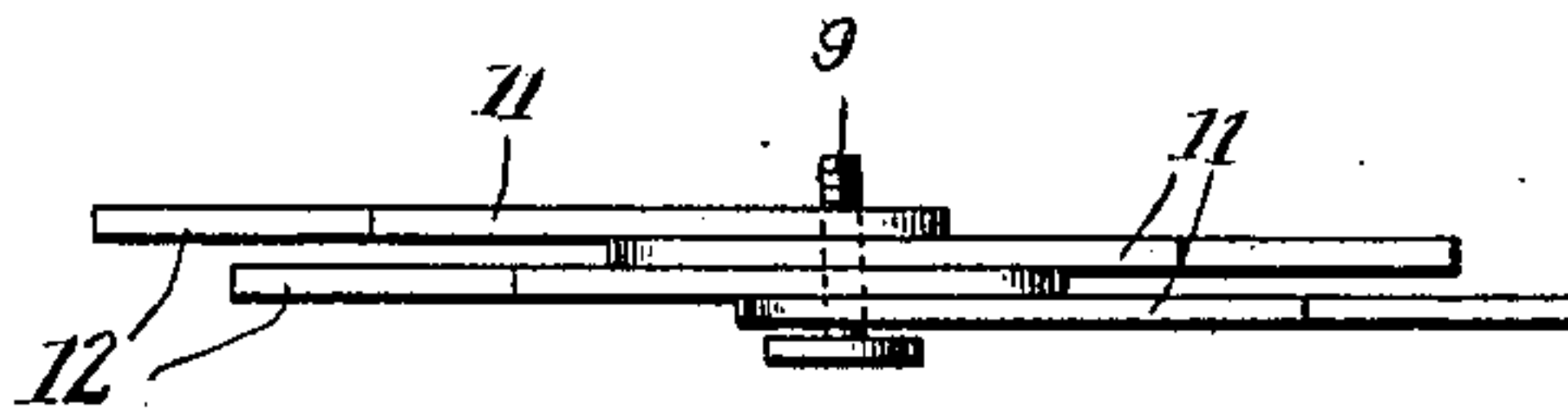


*Fig. 5.*



*Fig. 3.*

*Fig. 6.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRITZ SPLETTSTOSSER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Stryker, in the county of Polk and State of Texas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Folding Penholders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to pens and holders therefor, and the object of the invention is to provide a device which is simple in construction, efficient, and which can be manufactured at a small cost.

With the above and other objects in view which will appear as the description progresses, the invention resides in the novel construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a device constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a side elevation showing the pens as well as the pencil and eraser folded within the holder. Fig. 4 is a top plan view of one of the pens. Fig. 5 is a similar view illustrating the manner in which two or more pens may be employed. Fig. 6 is a side elevation of the device illustrated in Fig. 5.

In the accompanying drawings the numeral 1 designates the holder of the device. This holder is preferably constructed of a tubular member formed of some suitable resilient material. The holder 1 has its top and bottom faces preferably flattened for a distance away from the opposite ends thereof and the sides of the holder adjacent the said flattened portions are cut away, as clearly illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3 of the drawings. Positioned between the arms 2 and 3 provided by the cut away portions adjacent one end of the holder 1 is a pivoted marking member such as a pencil 4 and a knife or eraser 5, the same being also connected with pintle sustaining the marking element 4. The pintle preferably has its upper extremity threaded and is adapted to be engaged by a milled nut 6, so that the arms 2 and 3 may be readily compressed so as to sustain either the member 4 or the member 5 in a desired position with relation to the holder 1. The knife or eraser 5 and the marking element 4 may be employed, when in the position illustrated in Fig. 2 of the drawings, as a divider or scribe. The elements 4 and 5 may be swung between the arms 2 and 3 of the

holder 1 when not in use, and as illustrated in Fig. 3 of the drawings.

The numerals 7 and 8 designate the arms provided by the cut away portions upon the opposite end of the holder 1. The numeral 9 designates a headed screw which is adapted to pass through suitable openings provided in the arms 7 and 8 and the projecting portion of the screw 9 is engaged by a milled nut 10. By this arrangement the arms 7 and 8 may be readily compressed toward each other as desired.

The numeral 11 designates the pen members. Each of these pen members is of identical construction and each comprises a flattened member constructed of steel or other partially yieldable material. Each of the pens 11 is provided with the usual nib 12 and with a slitted portion communicating with the ink retaining opening 13. Each of the flattened pen members 11 is further provided with an elongated slot 14, and through this slot the screw member 9 is passed and retains the pens 11 between the arms 7 and 8. It is, of course, to be understood that any desired number of the pen members 11 may be employed, and that any desired number of the pens may be used in writing or scribing. As illustrated in Figs. 5 and 6 of the drawings, two of the pen members are projected beyond the end of the holder 1 while the intermediate pen point 11 is swung between the arms 7 and 8 as are the remaining pen members. One of the said pens is drawn outwardly a suitable distance beyond the coacting pen member, and by this arrangement it will be noted that the device may be employed as a fountain pen, the ink being received between the upper face of the lower pen member and the lower face of the upper pen member. If desired, an ink sustaining element such as a piece of blotting paper may be inserted between the spaced pens so that a sufficient quantity of ink will be retained to allow the pen to be used for quite a time. It is to be further noted that the pens may be swung upon any desired angle upon their pivot 9 and retained in the said swung position through the medium of the milled nut 10.

The device may be employed as a drafting pen, as a writing pen, as a "striker" for vehicles and for many other uses which are not deemed necessary to herein enumerate, but from the above description taken in



connection with the accompanying drawings, it will be noted that each of the separate pen members may be readily cleansed after use and may be swung between the  
5 arms 7 and 8 when the device is not in use, and as illustrated in Fig. 3 of the drawings, so that the nibs of the pen will not contact any obstruction and whereby the device may be readily carried within the pocket of  
10 the owner.

Having thus fully described the invention, what I claim as new, is:—

The combination with a holder constructed of resilient material, the said holder be-

ing provided with integrally formed oppositely arranged arms, a pintle connecting the arms, a nut secured to the pintle for compressing the arms, and a plurality of flattened pen points having elongated openings adapted to be engaged by the pintle,  
15 20 substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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