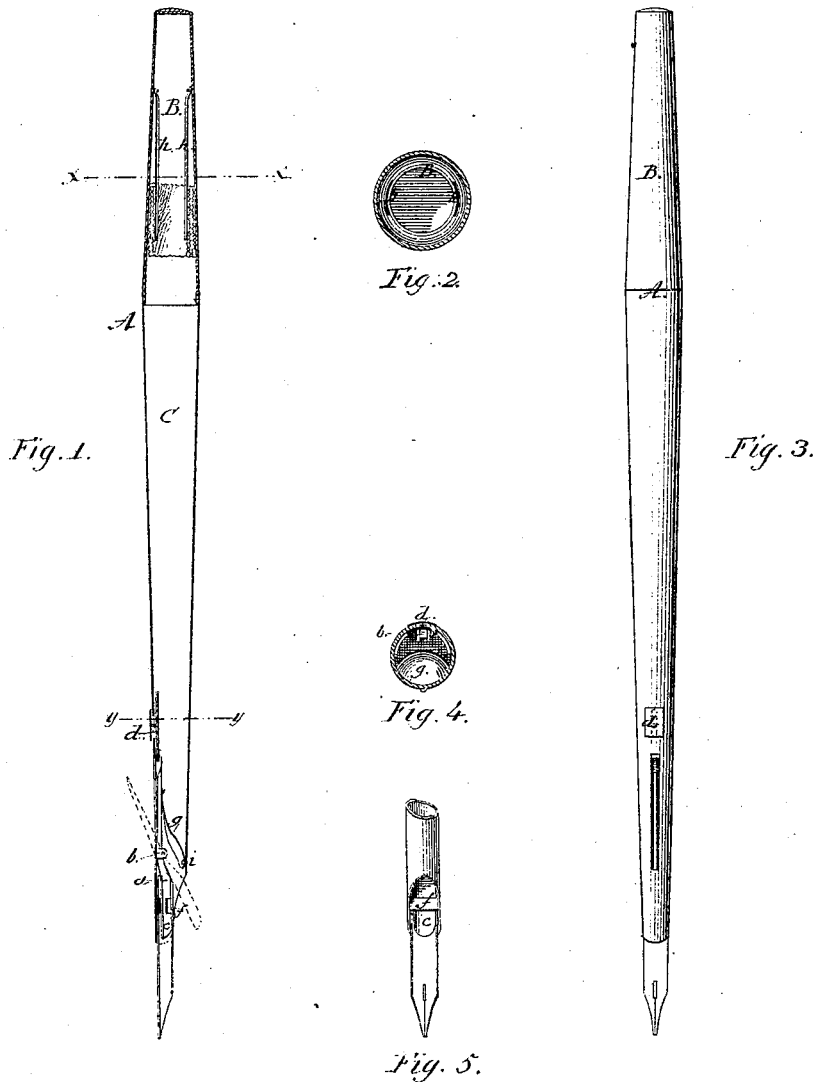


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## IMPROVEMENT IN PEN-HOLDERS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

I, BENJAMIN CHARLES, of Akron, in the county of Summit and State of Ohio, have invented an Improvement in a Combined Pen-Holder, Stamp, and Pen-Case, of which the following is a specification.

### *Nature and Objects of the Invention.*

My invention relates to an improvement in pen-holders, constructed in such a manner as to utilize all the space which it contains, and to furnish to the market a compact and economical article, which, while it holds the pen in use, forms a convenient receptacle for pens, postage-stamps, &c.

### *Description of the Drawing.*

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of the device.

Figure 2 is a horizontal section on line *x-x*.

Figure 3 is a back elevation.

Figure 4 is a horizontal section on line *y-y*, with spring broken away.

Figure 5 is a front elevation of lower part.

A is the handle, constructed with the peculiar exterior form, of metal or other suitable material, with the lever *a* suspended at the axle *b*, and having at one end the clamp *c*, curved to suit the form of the pen.

This lever may be operated by the thumb or finger, and when pressed down forms, with the back of the handle and clamp *c*, a complete holder for the pen being used.

The lever *a* may be used on the opposite side of the handle, if desired, by reversing the lever and its fulcrum.

An opening or slot is formed in the back of the handle, to allow the lever to move freely.

The long arm of the lever is beveled at the end, so that when the pen is clamped the slide *d*, moving in its slot, serves to hold the curved clamp *c* in its proper position while the pen is being used.

The advantage in this form of lever over other

methods of securing pens in their holders is on account of its allowing the dirty and worn-out pen to drop freely from the holder when released without having to use and soil the fingers in the act.

The clamp *c* is provided with an elastic band, *f*, which, at the back of the clamp, gives a soft and elastic bearing to the pen while it is being used.

This elastic band may be of rubber or other soft and elastic material, and may extend to the end of the holder, to prevent the ink from finding its way between the clamp and the back of the holder, and thereby to assist in keeping the ink from the fingers while the pen is being used.

O is the hollow space within the handle, which may be used as a receptacle for pens, &c., and has a bottom, *g*, to keep the articles in the hollow space from falling through, and it being attached at the point *i* by a rivet or solder, serves at the same time as a spring to throw up the lever and release the pen when the slide *d* is withdrawn.

B is the cap or upper part of the handle, and may be secured to the lower part by screw-threads or any other means in common use.

Slips of metal or springs, *h*, are secured to the inside of the cap by means of rivets or solder, and extend toward the joint of the handle, to serve the purpose of holding between them and the inside surface of the cap postal or other stamps.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The elastic band *f*, in combination with the clamp *c*, as set forth.

2. The metal slips or springs *h*, in combination with the cap or cover B, as and for the purpose set forth.

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