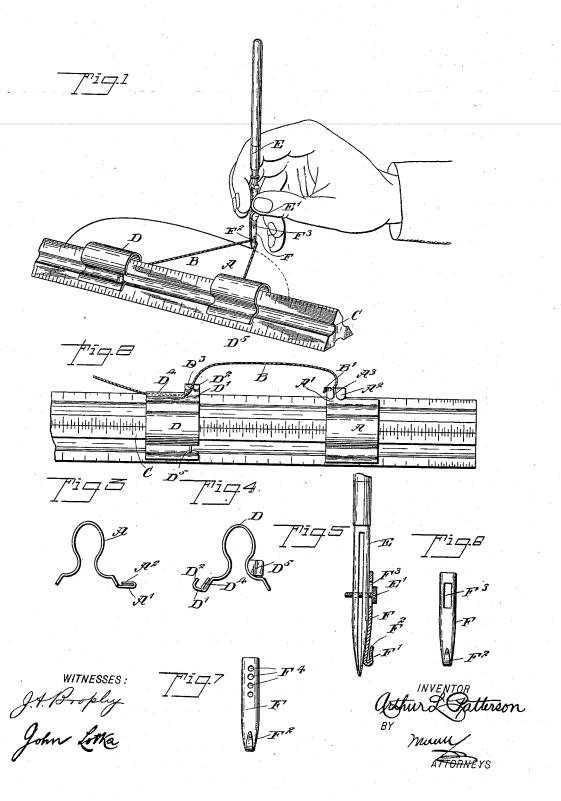
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR LOW PATTERson, a citizen of the United States, residing at China Grove, in the county of Rowan and 5 State of North Carolina, have invented a new and Improved Drawing Implement, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to drawing imple-10 ments, and has for its object to provide a simple and inexpensive means for drawing ellipses. To this end I provide the attachments fully described hereinafter, and specifically defined in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating 20 the application of my invention. Fig. 2 is a plan showing a ruler with my attachment applied thereto. Figs. 3 and 4 are end views of the two clips employed in connection with the ruler. Fig. 5 is an end elevation of a ruling-25 pen provided with my attachment, the attach-

ment being shown in section. Fig. 6 is a face view of the attachment shown in Fig. 5, and Fig. 7 is a face view of another form of the said attachment.

In carrying out my invention I employ two clips adapted to be secured to a ruler. One of the clips A is provided at its lower end with a projecting portion A', having a return portion A² above it, said return portion being 35 slitted, as at A³. The two portions A' A² form a clamp for a cord or string B, which is passed between the members A' A² and out through the slit A³, as shown in Fig. 2, the endwise movement of the string being prevented by ty40 ing a knot B' init. The clip A fits upon a ruler
C, for instance, of triangular form, as shown,
and the clamp A' A² projects from the edge of

the said ruler. The other clip D has at one side a portion D', projecting to the same extent as 45 the portion A' and having a return-lip D², slotted at D³. Toward the other end of the clip D extends a turned-up portion D4, forming a clamp, but not projecting so far from

the body of the clip as the lip D2. On the 50 other side of the ruler the clip D is provided | ing devices at their adjacent ends and can be with a thumb-piece D5. The string B is first | moved closely together. The clip A is gen-

passed through the slit D³ of the lip D² and then through the longitudinal clamp formed

by the turned-up portion D4.

The string B is adapted to form the guide 55 for an attachment on the ruling-pen E. This pen may be of any usual type, and the attachment consists of a plate F of suitable formation to fit one of the members of the ruling-pen and provided at its bottom with a 60 passage-way F^\prime for the string B. This passage-way is preferably formed by bending up the end of the attachment-plate F to form a hook F2. This attachment-plate is secured to the ruling-pen by means of a thumb-screw 65 E' and is adjustable thereon, the screw passing for this purpose either through a vertical slot F3 in the attachment-plate, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6, or through one of a series of superposed holes F4, as shown in Fig. 7.

The manner of using the implement is clearly shown in Fig. 1. The clips A and D are set according to the scale on the ruler, each clip indicating one of the foci of the ellipse. The string is then secured to the clips 75 in the manner hereinbefore described and is also passed through the hook F2 of the attachment-plate of the ruling-pen, and the ellipse may then be drawn in the usual manner. It will be observed that since the points 80 at which the string B is fastened—that is, the slits A⁸ and D³—are somewhat in advance of the corresponding edge of the clips A D the ellipse or, rather, the half-ellipse can be drawn very accurately even to the ends of the great- 85 est diameter. As the string B is held somewhat above the paper or drawing surface and not in contact with it, the resistance to the movement of the implement is reduced and the danger of blurring the lines is avoided. 90 The vertical adjustability of the plate F is of advantage, since in drawing a large ellipse it will be advisable to raise the attachment-plate F to compensate for the greater amount of sagging in the string. Furthermore, this ad- 95 justability allows the plate F to be used with ruling-pens of various sizes.

The implement is simple and compact, and even small ellipses can be readily drawn with it, as the clips A and D have the string-clamp- 100

erally stationary, and the draftsman with his | left hand can readily adjust the string B and

It will be seen that my improved implement 5 has no sharp points requiring to be forced

into the paper and mutilating it.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent-

1. A drawing implement, comprising a string, a ruler, two clips adapted to be slipped on the ruler and each provided with a stringclamp, a ruling-pen and a plate adapted for attachment to the ruling-pen and provided

15 with a passage-way for the string.

2. A drawing implement, comprising a string, a ruler, two clips adapted to be slipped on the ruler and each provided with a stringclamp projecting from the edge of the clip, a 20 ruling-pen and a plate adapted for attachment to the ruling-pen and provided with a passage-

way for the string.

3. A drawing implement, comprising a string, a ruler, two clips adapted to be slipped 25 on the ruler and each provided with a stringclamp projecting from the edge of the clip the same distance as the clamp of the other clip, one of the clips being further provided with an additional string-clamp arranged in-30 wardly with reference to the first-named clamp, a ruling-pen and a plate adapted for attachment to the ruling-pen and provided

with a passage-way for the string. 4. A drawing implement, comprising a string, a ruler, two clips adapted to be slipped 35 on the ruler and each provided with a stringclamp projecting from the edge of the clip the same distance as the clamp of the other clip, one of the clips being further provided with an additional string-clamp arranged in- 40 wardly with reference to the first-named clamp, and with a projection or thumb-piece located on the other side of the clip, a rulingpen and a plate adapted for attachment to the ruling-pen and provided with a passage- 45 way for the string.

5. A drawing implement, comprising a string, a ruler, two clips adapted to be slipped on the ruler and each provided with a stringholding device, a ruling-pen and a plate adapt- 50 ed for attachment to the ruling-pen and provided at its lower end with a hook forming a

passage-way for the string.

6. A drawing implement, comprising a string, a ruler, two clips adapted to be slipped 55 on the ruler and each provided with a stringholding device, a ruling-pen and a plate adapted for attachment to the ruling-pen and provided with a passage-way for the string, said plate having means for adjusting it vertically. 60

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of

two subscribing witnesses.

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