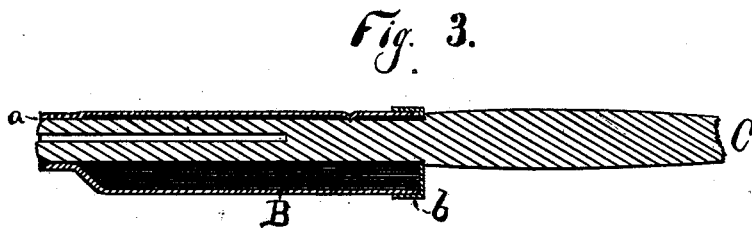
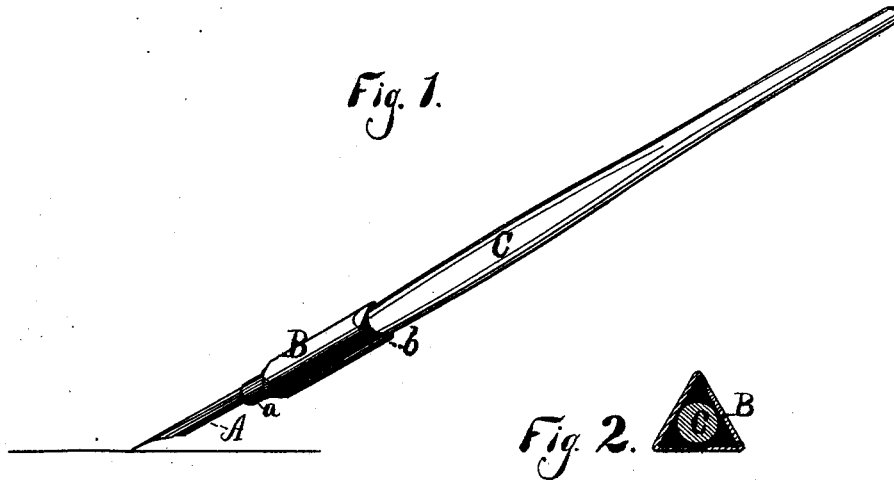


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL H. MURPHY, of Plainville, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pen-Holders, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists, first, in a pen-holder the lower end of which is provided with three finger-seats, all formed in one and the same piece of sheet metal, as hereinafter described; and, second and third, in the combination of parts, as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pen-holder which embodies my invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same through the head; and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of the same, the two latter views being on an enlarged scale.

A designates an ordinary pen, held within the socket *a*. B is the triangular head, and C the stale or handle, of any ordinary form or material, and which, in the present instance, constitutes the wooden body of the pen-holder. The three sides of the triangular head B form three finger-seats, and are designed for the balls or ends of the thumb and two forefingers of the penman to rest against in the act of writing, for the purpose of better supporting the pen and preventing it from twisting in the hand. This triangular head is not only specially useful to beginners, but is also of value to old penmen, and those writing for many hours at a time, as the pen-handle does not need to be grasped so firmly as an ordinary round one does, and therefore it can be held with greater ease.

For the above purpose the socket for holding the pen may be of any ordinary form, and the head B and handle or stale C may be constructed separately or in one piece, as may be desired.

The specific construction of the head is as

follows, viz: The triangular head B is a sheet-metal shell, formed of one piece, with a finger-seat on each side of said head, and the tubular socket *a* formed at its lower end. The upper end of the shell or head B is covered by a flanged cap, *b*, which may (in case it is desired to improve the design) have a tubular socket formed at its upper end, to correspond in appearance with the socket *a*. This flanged cap *b* shuts over the upper end of the head B box-cover fashion, and is provided with a central round hole. The handle or stale C is rounded at its lower end, and is passed through the central hole in the cap *b*, and through the shell or head B into the socket *a*. The lower end of the stale C is split, removing a thin portion, so that it may be sprung away from one side of the socket, and allow the pen A to be slipped in between the inside wall of the socket *a* and sides of the stale C, as in ordinary pen holders.

Slight indentations may be made with a sharp instrument in the metal of the shell B, to force portions of the metal into the wood and assist in holding the shell to the wood. It might, however, be cemented to the handle, or secured in any proper manner.

I claim as my invention—

1. The triangular sheet-metal head B, having the tubular socket *a* and flanged cap *b*, and provided with the split handle C, extending through the body of the same, to serve as a means for retaining the pen within the said socket *a*, substantially as described and shown.

2. The triangular sheet-metal head B, provided with the tubular socket *a*, in combination with the flanged cap *b* and stale or handle C, substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

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