ATTACHMENT FOR WRITING IMPLEMENTS

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The present invention is concerned with an attachment for writing implements primarily designed to facilitate the teaching of penmanship, and to assure the proper positioning of a beginner's fingers on the writing implement.

One of the principal difficulties encountered in teaching penmanship is the fact that the beginner almost invariably has a tendency to grasp the writing implement in a vice-like grip, with his or her fingers in an awkward and cramped position. By virtue of the present attachment there are provided finger receiving devices which insure the proper gripping of the implement, and after the student has used the attachment for a certain length of time, the attachment may be dispensed with and the pen or pencil will be naturally gripped in the proper manner.

Other and more general objects of the invention are to provide an attachment of the character noted above, which may be readily associated with any conventional type of pen or pencil, which will be of simple, practical construction, rugged, durable and efficient in use, and well suited to the requirements of economical manufacture.

With the above noted and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter set forth and pointed out in the claims. The invention may be more fully understood from the following description in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a penholder with my improved attachment in place, showing the manner of using the device.

Fig. 2 is an edge view of the attachment.

Fig. 3 is a plan view thereof.

Fig. 4 is a side view of the device.

While the device may be used with any sort of writing implement, I have elected to show it in use with a penholder, and it is to be understood that future references to a penholder in this application, are intended to cover other forms of writing implements. The penholder includes a handle 10, shank 11 and a pen 12. In accordance with conventional practice, the shank of the holder is of cylindrical shape, and is adapted to be entered into the bore 13 of the body portion 14 of my improved attachment. The attachment is preferably cast or molded, and may be formed of rubber or any other suitable material. Integral with the body of the attachment, are a pair of finger-receiving, externally tapered ring portions 15 and 16 preferably of approximately oval cross section. The rings 15 and 16 do not overlap, but are so disposed that the forefinger and middle finger of the writer's hand may be conveniently entered therein as best seen in Fig. 1.

It will also be noted, particularly from Fig. 2, that the ring portions 15 and 16 are disposed not at right angles to the transverse axis of the bore 13, but are inclined relatively thereof, so that when the attachment is in position on a penholder, the penholder will be thrown to one side, as seen in Fig. 1, to clear the forefinger of the writer, and to permit the hand to assume a natural and correct position.

The body preferably at the side opposite the rings 15 and 16 may be formed with a pair of projecting semianular ribs 17, one of which affords a thumb-hold, so that the thumb will not slip on the attachment.

The bore 13 may be of any cross sectional shape in accordance with the cross sectional shape of the implement with which it is to be used. The device is made in several sizes to accommodate various sized hands, and the finger encircling portions may be shaped in accordance with the exact shape of the user's fingers if desired.

Obviously, various changes and alterations might be made in the general form and arrangement of parts described without departing from the invention. Hence I do not wish to limit myself to the details set forth, but shall consider myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. An attachment for writing implements including a body portion having a bore adapted to encircle the implement, finger receiving portions integrally connected with the body and comprising ring members disposed in offset longitudinal and transverse planes relatively to each other, the ring portions being internally tapered and of approximately oval cross sectional shape.

2. An attachment for writing implements including a body portion having a bore adapted to encircle the implement, finger re-
receiving portions integrally connected with the body and comprising internally tapering ring members disposed in offset longitudinal and transverse planes relatively to each other, the axes of the ring portions being inclined relatively to the axis of the bore.

3. An attachment for writing implements including a body portion having a bore adapted to encircle the implement, finger receiving portions integrally connected with the body and comprising internally tapering ring members disposed in offset longitudinal and transverse planes relatively to each other, the body being formed with a projection at the side opposite the finger-receiving portions, said projection serving as a thumb piece.

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