

inches long, 3 inches wide and 3 inches deep, each drilled with as many holes (a little larger than the diameter of the penholder) as there are pupils in a row, and numbered according to row or class number, in order that each pupil may be responsible for, and always have the same pen for the session. The blocks are better to be provided with handles, one at each end, so that the pupil when passing them can take hold of the handle with his right hand and his pen with the left, and vice versa when collecting them. To prevent noise cover their bases with cloth and allow the pupils to hold their pens in their hands (until they are all distributed) in the same position as they were in the block with the end of the holder resting on the desk, then at the word of command "pens down," they will simultaneously place them on the desk in the groove made to receive them, with their nibs pointing to the right, which will enable the pupil to grasp his pen, in taking it up to write, with the least possible trouble. Pupils are inclined to race at this exercise; it would therefore be well for the teacher to count 1, 2, 3, &c., in distributing and collecting them. A drill in these exercises for five minutes once a week would ensure despatch.

In collecting, the method above described may be observed, in reverse order. The pupils should be called into proper position, by a tap of the bell or word of command, and the books should be

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