

# A Few Hints to Users of THE VAD Fountain Pens

MOST OF THESE HINTS APPLY TO ANY MAKE

**BEFORE FILLING.** If your fountain pen is new unscrew the section, or if a "Screwless" pull out the plug and put at least one filler of alcohol into the pen barrel and shake out through the feeder in order to soak up the feed and remove any grease that has adhered to it.

Your pen will give better satisfaction by so doing.

**TO FILL.** Unscrew the section or pull out plug as before and fill to within three-quarters of an inch of the end, placing the end of the glass dropper against one side of the barrel while forcing in the ink in order to avoid bubbles of air which, should they appear, must be broken to obtain an even flow of ink. A broom straw pushed into the barrel is the handiest means of breaking them. Often times air-bubbles remain below the body of ink and the barrel seems quite full after putting in but little. The best way to remedy this is to empty the barrel and re-fill.

Use only the best writing fluid.

**CLOSING THE PEN.** If the threads on the end of the barrel are wet they should be wiped dry with tissue paper or a clean cloth. If you neglect to do this a drop of the ink is liable to exude from the joint at closing.

**CARE OF THE PEN WHEN NOT IN USE.** Look out for gravity which is liable to draw the ink out of the feed whenever the pen is tipped down. The point should never be down except when the pen is on the paper for writing. The pen should be placed point up when in the pocket with the cap on, and when at rest in the hand or on the desk. The point should be held up when removing the cap or putting it on and in handling the pen generally.

**CAPS.** DON'T JERK THE CAP OFF, give it a slight twist whenever putting it on or taking it off. The holes in the cap should be kept open when in the pocket or in any warm place.

In removing the cap do not cover up these holes with the fingers.

If the pen is kept on the desk away from warmth the holes in the cap should be filled with a little wax so as to prevent the pen from drying up which does not happen when in the pocket.

In case the pen is used in this manner much care should be taken in removing the cap as the ink is liable to be drawn out of the barrel if the cap is pulled off with a jerk.

**THE FIRST USE.** The pen should write instantly upon contact with the paper, though many times it is necessary to wet a new pen and feed first, or urge the ink into the feed by jarring the pen slightly.

## PECULIAR TRAITS

When a pen is nearly empty it is apt to flow more freely; in case it does, heed the warning, and fill at once.

When a pen is first filled a bit of imprisoned air sometimes drives out a drop of ink on first contact with paper. A new pen will sometimes empty every drop of ink you have placed in the barrel. This is due to the fact that there is grease of some kind on the feed, and may be avoided by shaking alcohol through the feed as we instructed.

When a pen is nearly empty it is more liable to leak when in the pocket.

Fountain pens, like every piece of delicate mechanism should be kept clean. More complaint is due to the fact that users allow the pen to get clogged. We suggest taking the section or plug that holds the point and feed, and place the same under the water faucet which will clean the pen very satisfactory and should be done once a week.

A pen is more liable to give users trouble in cold weather than in warm.

A pen is liable to flood when placed in a warm hand in the position for writing after being chilled.

A pen will give better satisfaction after being used a week than when new.

DON'T leave the cap off from a fountain pen and leave point exposed to the air as it will dry and clog up. Keep the cap on at all times when not in use.

DON'T remove the pen point from the section or plug as it is difficult to replace them properly and a correct adjustment is necessary and should be done by an expert.

## "AUTO-NOM-IC SCREWLESS"

This is a great improvement over other "Screwless" pens on the market.

To fill our "Auto-nom-ic Screwless" fountain pen, grip the pen point and feed with the thumb and first finger and twist slightly at the same time pulling out the plug. Replace plug in the same manner.