

scratchy and did not give a good flow of ink. On two of the sets, the lower end of the feed bar was so near the tip of the pen that when the pen deflected in writing, the feed made contact and marked the paper when used at a normal writing level, a fact which, of course, should have been noticed in factory inspection. The pen was also loose in one holder, possibly due to contraction of the plastic encasement, so that it slipped back under pressure.

C. Not Recommended

Swivodex (Zephyr American Corp., 2 W. 46 St., New York 19) \$3. Several faults of design. Found unsatisfactory in use (see text).

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Before the war, consumers were accustomed to buying pen holders or "one-dip" pens containing stainless steel points, which gave considerable service, often for several years, before noticeable corrosion set in. When the use of stainless steel for this purpose was prohibited



A widely sold desk-pen set of unsatisfactory design.

because of extreme wartime demands for this steel by munitions manufacturers, pens of non-stainless metal were made and these looked much as the good ones used to. The accompanying photograph shows what happens to one of the wartime "one-dip" fountain pens after a short period of use.

Though these were sold as genuine "non-corrosive" gold-plated points, they succumb rapidly to the corrosive influence of ordinary ink. The same period of use of the pre-war stainless steel pen would have produced no noticeable deterioration whatever.

Since a good many pens of this low grade and type have been sold and are still on the market, the consumer should remember that gold plating does not protect a steel pen from corrosion. It merely makes it more attractive to the buyer, by suggesting the corrosion-resisting properties of pure gold.



"One-dip" inkwell and two badly corroded steel pens of the type sold as "non-corrosive."

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Rating

THIS section aims to give critic digest of opinion from a wide picture reviews, including the motion press, leading newspapers and magazines different periodicals in all. The ratings which follow thus do not judgment of a single person, but a analysis of critics' reviews.

The sources of the reviews are:

Box Office, Chicago Daily Tribune, The Christian Century (N.Y.), The Exhibitor, Harrison's Reports, Madam, Herald, National Legion of Decency List, New York Tribune, New York Times, Parents' Magazine, Religious Committee, Successful Farming, Time, Variety (Opinions of Current Motion Pictures which includes Federation of Women's Clubs, the American Legion Music Council, and others.

The figures preceding the title of indicate the number of critics who have rated the film A (recommended), B and C (not recommended).

Audience suitability is indicated by "Y" for young people (14-17 children, at the end of each line.

Descriptive abbreviations are as

ad—adventure	his—founded
bio—biography	mel—melodrama
c—in color (Technicolor or Cinecolor)	mus—musical
car—cartoon	mys—mystery
com—comedy	rom—romantic
cr—crime and capture of criminals	soc—social problem
doc—documentary	trav—travel
dr—drama	war—dealing in war
fan—fantasy	

wes—western

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