

DIRECTIONS FOR USING

# THE BLACKBIRD PEN

LEVER - FILLING

**HOW TO FILL.** Lift lever and immerse the nib in the ink, (Swan Ink recommended) until well covered, then, after closing the lever, *pause a few moments* to allow the rubber sac to expand fully and so draw in the ink ; *this is important.*

**NOTE.** When filling the pen the nib should be kept wholly immersed in the ink, otherwise bubbles are likely to form in the sac, thus preventing the pen from being totally filled. When the pen is new, fill and expel several times to moisten thoroughly the ink ducts and feeds. Should the pen require cleaning, repeat the filling operation several times, using *cold* water.

**CAUTION.** Operating the filling device compresses the ink sac and expels the ink from the pen ; never, therefore, do this if there is likely to be ink in the pen, unless the nib is held over an ink bottle, and never do so with the cap screwed on. Even though the pen is in disuse it should be kept filled with ink.

**THE SAFETY CAP—Special Instructions.** When the pen is not in use, it is important that the cap to protect the nib *be screwed on firmly*, and then another little turn given "just to make sure;" this allows the pen to be safely carried in any position without leakage.