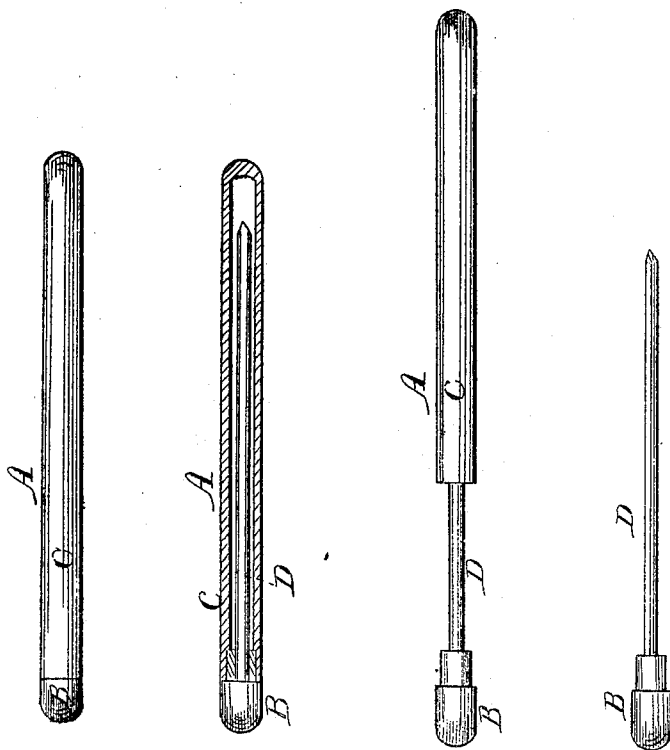


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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM BAINBRIDGE HALE, of Northampton, in the county of Hampshire, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful improvement in Indelible Pencils for marking linen and other textile fabrics.

The nature of this invention is such that by encasing the pencils in these holders, which may be made of glass, metal, hard rubber, enamelled wood, or other material not affected by moisture, they are completely protected from the action of light and moisture, which would otherwise act injuriously on the indelible composition; and I do declare that this, taken in connection with the drawings which accompany and form part of this specification, is a description of my invention, sufficient to enable any one to understand it, viz:

The case or holder A is made in two parts, B and C, of which one, B, forms the cover, head, or cap of the other. The body, C, which receives the pencil, is a hollow tube, closed at one end. The head or cap B serves the double purpose of closing the case, (nearly air-tight,) and of forming the head of the pencil; it being made with a bore in the smaller end into which the pencil D (made of the indelible composition encased in wood) is either screwed or otherwise fastened, so that on taking off the cap or head, the pencil is withdrawn from the tube. The cap should either screw into the tube or case, or fit so tightly as to retain its place when inserted.

What I claim as my invention is—

The combination by which the head of the pencil becomes the stopper or cap of the case, and thus serves as its own protector, doing away with the necessity which has heretofore existed of enclosing the pencil in a glass vial, with a cork stopper, and protecting the vial by a wood, metal, or paper holder.

Dated at Northampton, aforesaid, this 4th day of October, A. D. 1866.

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