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IMPLEMENT HOLDER OR POCKET

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Fig. 1.

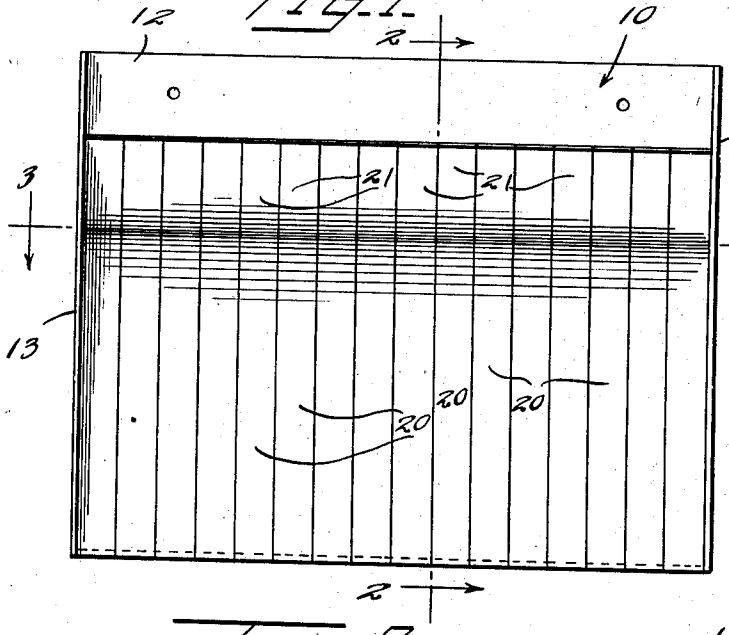


Fig. 2.

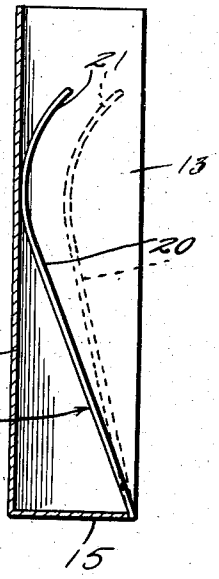


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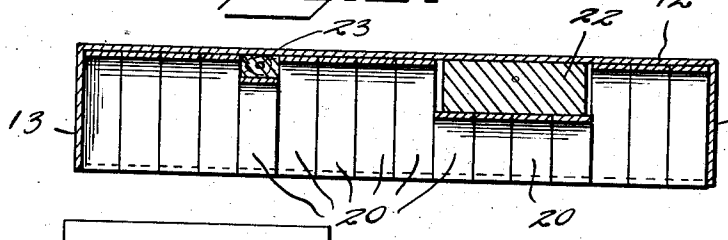
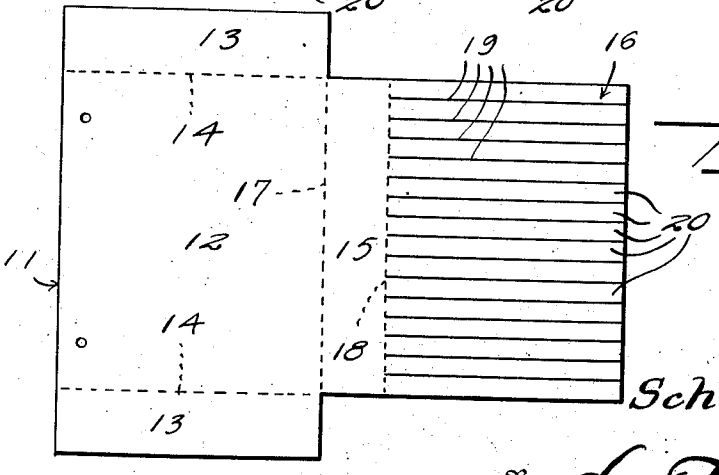


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to a holder or pocket adapted to be worn by workmen, preferably across the front of the chest, for holding a number of articles such as tools, pencils and rulers, firmly and in such a manner that these implements will not fall out of the holder or pocket when the wearer bends over or makes other movements.

Still another aim of the invention is to provide a holder or pocket formed of metal and which is adapted to be attached, preferably across the chest of the wearer, in any suitable manner as by means of a body engaging harness or body encircling belts or straps, or which, if desired, could be attached to the clothing of the wearer.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter become more fully apparent from the following description of the drawing, which illustrates a preferred embodiment of the invention, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of the pocket or holder,

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same taken substantially along the plane of the lines 2—2 of Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a horizontal sectional view of the holder or pocket taken substantially along a plane, as indicated by the lines 3—3 of Figure 1, and showing tools held in place in the pocket, and

Figure 4 is a plan view of a blank from which the holder or pocket is formed.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, wherein like reference characters designate like or corresponding parts throughout the different views, 10 designates generally a holder or pocket and 11 designates the blank, of metal, from which pocket 10 is formed.

The blank 11, as seen in Figure 4, includes a portion 12 which forms the rear wall of the pocket 10 and which is provided with extensions 13 at the ends thereof which are adapted to be bent along the dotted lines 14. The blank 11 also includes an extension which projects from one longitudinal edge of the rear wall 12 and which includes a portion 15, disposed adjacent the wall 12 and a portion 16 therebeyond.

Portion 15 is adapted to be bent outwardly along the dotted lines 17 and is disposed between the lower ends of the sides 13, when said sides are bent outwardly, to form the bottom of the holder or pocket 10. Sides 13 and bottom 15 are disposed substantially at right angles to the rear wall 12. Portion 16 forms the front wall of the holder 10 and is bent upwardly along the dotted lines 18 and extends upwardly and inwardly and toward the back wall 12. The front wall 16 is slit from its upper edge to its lower edge along a plurality of substantially parallel lines, as indicated by the lines 19 to form a plurality of spring fingers 20. Front wall 16, formed by the spring fingers 20, is disposed between the side walls 13. Spring fingers 20 normally engage against the front or inner side of the rear wall 12, as seen in Figure 2, near their upper edges and the upper ends 21 thereof are curved outwardly and away from rear wall 12.

As previously stated, the pocket or holder 10 is formed of metal which is sufficiently resilient so that the spring fingers 20 can be sprung outwardly from their full line to their dotted line positions of Figure 2. Also, in Figure 3 certain of the spring fingers 20 are shown sprung outwardly for engaging implements indicated at 22 and 23. It will be readily apparent that one, two or more of the spring fingers 20 may engage or hold an implement or tool, depending upon the size thereof, and the spring finger on either side of the spring fingers thus used or one of the side walls 13 will prevent such implement or tool from moving laterally out of engagement with the holder or pocket 10. Spring fingers 20 will engage tools and implements to be held thereby with sufficient pressure to clamp them between said spring fingers and the rear wall 12 so that they will not drop out should the workman lean over. The implements 22 and 23 can be removed readily by an upward pull thereon and can be applied to the pocket 10 by a downward movement thereof to cause the implements to engage the outturned ends of the spring fingers to force said ends outwardly of the rear wall 12.

Pocket 10 is adapted to be worn across the chest and may be supported by body engaging harness, waist engaging straps or belts or other suitable attaching means, not shown.

Various modifications and changes are contemplated and may obviously be resorted to, provided they fall withing the spirit and scope of the invention as hereinafter defined by the appended claims, as only a preferred embodiment of the invention has been disclosed.

I claim as my invention:

1. A tool or implement holder to be worn by workmen, comprising a straight back portion adapted to be disposed against the body of the wearer, a bottom and sides projecting outwardly from said back, and spring fingers constituting the front wall of the holder extending upwardly and inwardly from the outer edge of the

bottom and adapted to yieldably engage and hold tools and implements, between the spring fingers back and/or side portions.

2. A one-piece tool or implement holder or pocket to be worn by workmen, comprising a straight back wall adapted to be disposed against the body of the wearer, a bottom projecting outwardly therefrom, and a front wall extending upwardly and inwardly from the outer edge of the bottom, said front wall being provided with a plurality of slits extending immediately from the base wall to its upper edge and forming a plurality of spring fingers.

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