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Fig. 1.

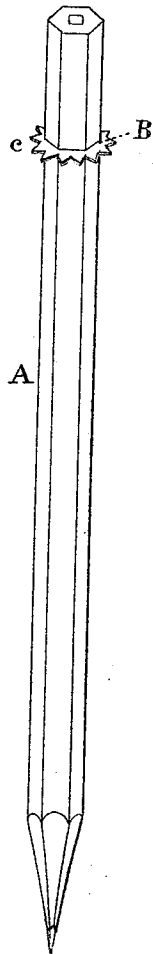


Fig. 3.

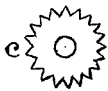
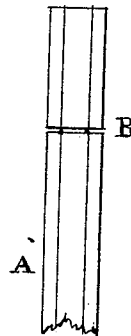


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN PENCILS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **132,713**, dated November 5, 1872.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY T. CUSHMAN, of North Bennington, in the county of Bennington and in the State of Vermont, have invented certain Improvements in Pencils; and do hereby declare that the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying plate of drawing, hereinafter referred to, forms a full and exact specification of the same, wherein I have set forth the nature and principles of my said improvements, by which my invention may be distinguished from others of a similar class, together with such parts as I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent.

My invention relates to lead-pencils of the ordinary form and construction; and the nature thereof consists in combining therewith an annular piece of rubber in the manner hereinafter specified, for the purpose of causing the pencil to be retained in the pocket.

In the accompanying plate of drawing which illustrates my invention and forms a part of the specification thereof, in which corresponding parts are illustrated by similar letters, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a lead-pencil of the

ordinary form with my improvement applied thereto; Fig. 2 illustrates in detail the slot cut upon the same; and Fig. 3 shows the form of the annular piece of rubber when detached from the pencil.

Upon the exterior surface of the pencil A is cut the annular slot B, which is intended to form a receptacle for the rubber *c*. The rubber *c* is of the annular form shown in the figure, and of such a size as to fit exactly with the said slot B, where it is held in position by the force of its own elasticity.

Having thus described the construction and operation of my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The pencil A provided with an annular slot, B, and rubber *c*, when constructed as and for the purposes described.

In witness that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto subscribed my name this 20th day of September, 1871.

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