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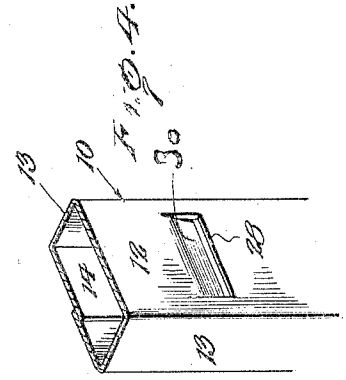


Fig. 4.



Fig. 3.

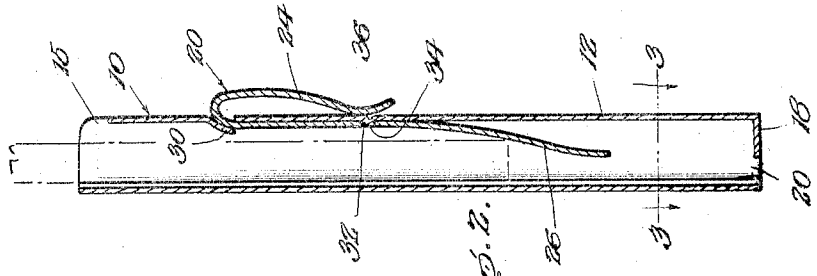


Fig. 2.

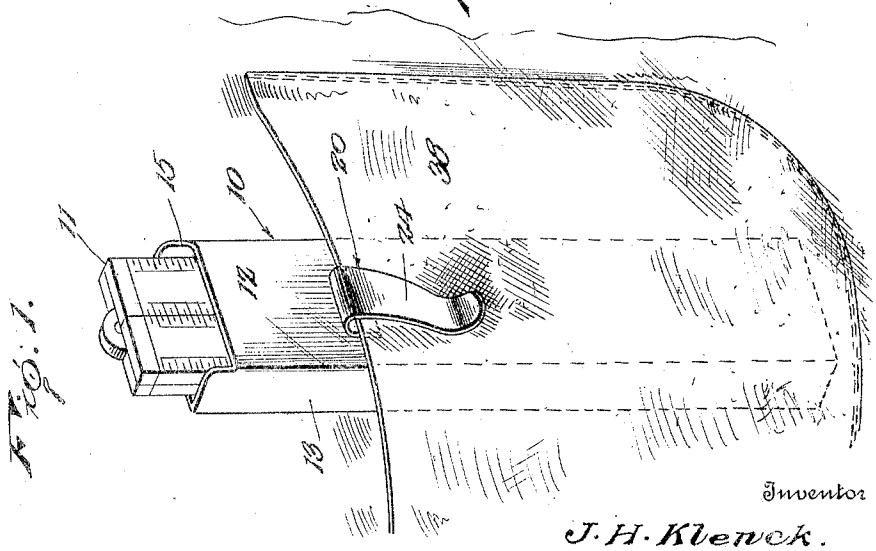


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. KLENCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clarendon, in the county of Warren and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Article-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in holders for rules and other small tools.

An important object of this invention is to provide a rule holder having a spring clip which serves as an efficient means for securing the rule within the holder and for securing the holder within one of the pockets of a garment.

A further object of the invention is to provide a rule holder which may be readily and conveniently attached to a garment pocket and which when in position will be securely prevented from loss or accidental displacement.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a rule holder which is neat in appearance, desirable in use and cheap to manufacture.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this application and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same,

Figure 1 is a perspective of the improved rule holder in use,

Fig. 2 is a central vertical longitudinal section through the same,

Fig. 3 is a horizontal section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2,

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary perspective of the holder.

In the drawing wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown a preferred embodiment of the invention, the numeral 10 generally designates a holder or casing adapted for the reception of a rule 11 or other small tool used by mechanics.

The improved holder forming the subject matter of this application is formed from a single blank of metal stamped to form a front wall 12, side walls 13 and a rear wall 14 which, as illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4, is formed from the longitudinal edge portions of the blank. The longitudinal edge portions of the blank which form the rear wall 14 are overlapped so that the casing may enlarge slightly upon insertion of a large tool. The single blank of metal from which the casing 10 is formed is provided at one end with an extension which upon stamping the device is bent inwardly to form a bottom wall 18. Of course, a plurality of blanks are stamped from a single strip of metal and the bottom wall 14 is formed from the material cut away from the adjacent blank to form a recess 15 in the upper end of the casing so that the fingers may be engaged with the rule or other tool within the casing. It will be noted, however, that the bottom wall 17 terminates short of the rear wall 14 so as to provide an opening 20 through which any dirt which may be collected in the casing may be discharged and through which a rule or other tool may be inserted, when it is desired to remove the attaching clip generally designated by the numeral 20.

The clip 20 is formed from a single length of spring metal bent intermediate its ends to form a pocket engaging tongue 24 and a tool engaging tongue 26. As illustrated in detail in Fig. 4, the front wall 12 of the casing is provided with a U-shaped incision 28 through which the tool engaging tongue 26 is extended. The U-shaped incision 28 provides a retaining member 30 which by reason of its flexibility will bear flatly against the adjacent portion of the clip to secure the same in position. The tool engaging tongue 26 lies flatly in contact with the inner side of the front wall 12 for the major portion of its length and has its free end portion curved toward the rear wall of the casing so as to be engaged by a tool upon being inserted into the casing. As a rule or the like is inserted into the casing, the same will bear against the free lower end portion of the tongue 26 and when the rule reaches the limit of its downward movement or when it engages the bottom wall 18, the same will be absolutely prevented from accidental displacement by the tongue 26. The intermediate portion of the rule engaging tongue 26 is formed with an aperture 32 which receives a locking notch 34 formed by indenting the front wall 12. As the clip is applied, the rule engaging tongue 26 will of course move flatly along the inner side of the front wall 12 until the notch 24 is received within an opening 32, thereby causing the clip to be securely locked in position. The exterior portion of the clip which forms

the attaching tongue 24 is extended inwardly into contact with the outer wall 12 and is then curved outwardly, as indicated at 36, to form a gradually restricted entrance opening for the outer wall 38 of a pocket.

When attached to the wall 38 of a pocket, the device will be securely prevented from accidental displacement in the event of the wearer of the garment stooping or bending while working. When it is desired to remove the holder from the pocket, it is merely necessary to pull upwardly on the casing 10 with the result that the attaching tongue 24 will be disengaged from the wall 38 of the pocket.

As illustrated in Fig. 1, the entire clip 22 is disposed below the entrance opening to the casing so that the clip does not interfere with the insertion or removal of the rule or the like. When it is desired to detach the clip from the casing, it is merely necessary to insert a smaller tool through the opening 20 in the lower end of the clip and engage the same with the lower end of the tongue 26 with the result that the notch 34 will be removed from within the aperture 32.

It is to be understood that the form of the invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as a preferred embodiment of the same and that such minor changes in construction and arrangement of parts may be made as will remain within the spirit of the invention and the scope of what is claimed.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A device of the class described comprising a casing inclusive of front, rear and side walls, said front wall being provided with an incision, and a clip extending through said incision and having its lower inner end projecting from the casing wall to frictionally hold an article inserted in the casing.

2. A device of the class described comprising a casing inclusive of front, rear and side walls, said front wall being provided with an incision, and a clip extending through said incision and having article engaging means disposed within the casing, said incision being U-shaped in cross section and the portion of the wall between the ends of the incision constituting an inwardly extending retaining member bearing frictionally upon the upper end of the clip.

3. A device of the class described comprising a casing inclusive of front, rear and side walls, said front wall being provided with an incision, and a clip extending through said incision and having article engaging means disposed within the casing, said clip and the front wall of said casing being provided with an interfitting notch and recess.

4. An article holder comprising a casing having a front wall provided with a U-shaped incision thereby forming a flat yieldable retaining member, and a spring clip extending through said incision and having its intermediate portion flatly engaged with the inner side of said front wall and one free end portion curved longitudinally from said wall for forming an article engaging tongue, the other free end portion of said clip being arranged exteriorly of the casing and bearing against the same for forming an attaching tongue and the bend of the clip being in frictional engagement with the said flat yieldable retaining member.

5. An article holder comprising a casing having a front wall provided with a U-shaped incision thereby forming a flat yieldable retaining member, and a spring clip extending through said incision and having its intermediate portion flatly engaged with the inner side of said front wall and one free end portion curved longitudinally for forming an article engaging tongue, the other free end portion of said clip being arranged exteriorly of the casing and bearing against the same for forming an attaching tongue, the intermediate portion of said clip being provided with an aperture, said front wall being provided with an indent forming a locking notch adapted to be received within said aperture for locking the clip to the casing.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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