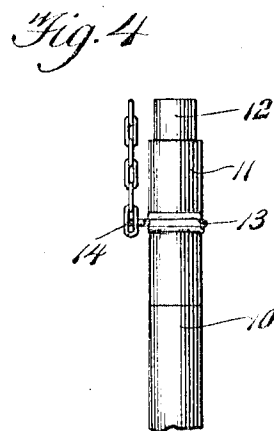
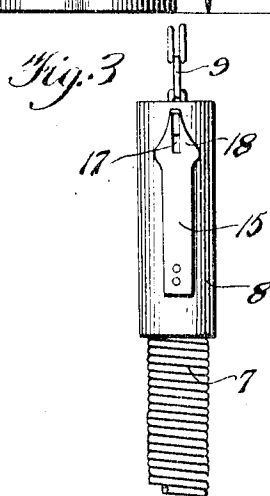
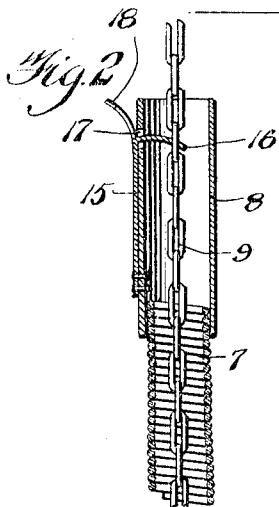
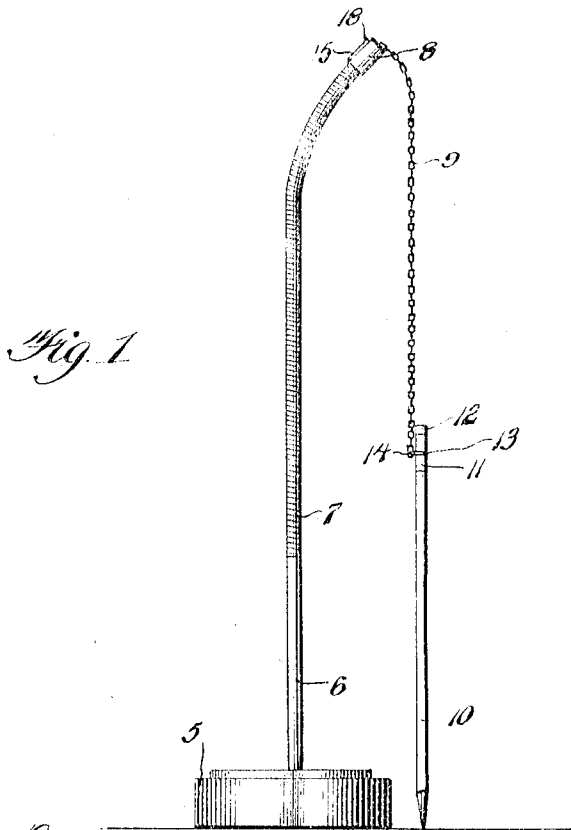


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM D. BLAKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Portable Pencil-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to a pencil holder, and more particularly to the class of portable pencil holders.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a holder of this character in which a pencil may be held, so as to avoid the loss of the same, or the falling thereof from the desk to the floor, the pencil being conveniently held, so that it can be manipulated by the hand when in the act of writing.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a pencil holder in which a pen, pencil, or the like may be fastened, so that it cannot be removed from a desk or other support, yet enabling it to be manually manipulated when in the act of writing, the holder being also useful as a paper weight. A further object of the invention is the provision of a holder of this character which is simple in construction, thoroughly reliable and efficient in its purpose, and inexpensive in manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereunto appended.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a side elevation of a pencil holder constructed in accordance with the invention, and carrying a pencil. Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view through the spring and its sleeve-like tip, showing in detail the lock for the chain mounted in the spring, and adapted to hold a pencil. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary elevation of the locking device for the chain. Fig. 4 is an enlarged side elevation, partly in section, of the ferrule mounted upon the pencil.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, the pencil holder comprises a base 5, preferably of circular shape, although it may be made in other shape, and in this instance, is shown made from glass. However, the said base may be made from other suitable

material, having the requisite weight, so that the base may serve as a paper weight. Anchored in and rising centrally from the base 5 is a vertical standard or stem 6, to the upper free end of which is fixed a coiled spring 7 which may be of any desirable length and is adapted to yield in any direction desired. The free end of the spring has soldered or otherwise fixed thereto a tubular sleeve 8, through which is passed a chain 9, one end of the same being worked through the center of the spring 7, while its other end is connected with a lead pencil 10, in a manner presently described.

Surrounding the lead pencil 10 is the usual ferrule tip 11, in which is carried an eraser 12, although in lieu thereof may be substituted a colored pencil. Fixed to and surrounding the ferrule tip 11, medially thereof, is a band 13 provided with an eye 14, to which the outer end of the chain 9 is loosely connected, so that the pencil when not in use will be held in convenient position to be grasped by the hand, when it is desired to write with the same, thereby avoiding the loss of the pencil, when not in use, or the misplacing of the same.

The chain 9 passed through the sleeve 8 and the spring 7 is adjustably held therein by means of a catch device, comprising a flat leaf spring finger 15, one end of which is riveted or otherwise secured to the tubular sleeve, exteriorly thereof, while near the other end of the finger is formed an inwardly extending locking prong or tine 16, the latter being adapted to work through a suitable slot 17 formed in the sleeve 8, so as to engage with any one of the links of the chain 9, thereby adjustably connecting the said chain in the sleeve. The spring finger 15 is formed with an outwardly curved nib 18 which permits the finger to be moved to position for disengaging the prong or tine 16 from the links of the chain 9, so that the latter may be extended or shortened, as may be desired.

It will be noted that the pencil 10 may be manually manipulated for writing as usual, and when released by the hand will be supported in suspended position by the pencil holder, so as to obviate the misplacing of the pencil or the like when not in use.

What is claimed is:

A pencil holder comprising a base, a rigid stem rising centrally from said base, a closely coiled spring having one end fixed to the

upper end of said stem and forming a guideway in its center, a sleeve fixed to the opposite end of said spring and having a slot in one side, a spring catch mounted upon the sleeve and normally passed through the slot to project interiorly on the sleeve, a chain having one end portion passed through the sleeve into said guideway in the spring and adjustably engaged by said catch, and means

at the other end of the chain for connecting to a writing instrument therewith.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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