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Fig. 1.

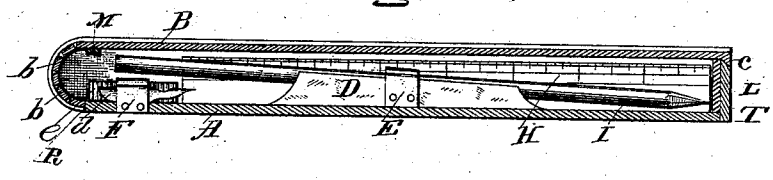


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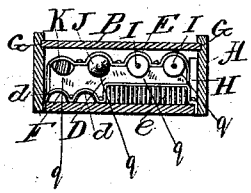
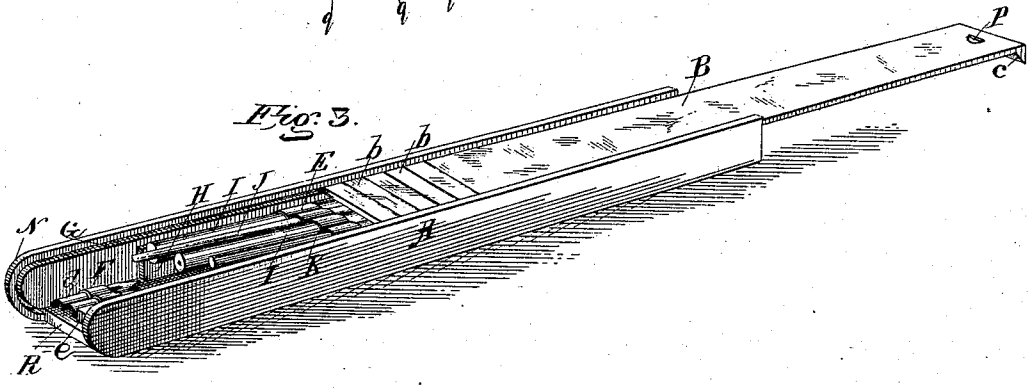


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HELLMUTH F. WERNER, of the city of Milwaukee, county of Milwaukee, in the State of Wisconsin, have invented a certain new and useful device for holding lead and slate pencils, erasers, pens, rulers, and similar instruments in place, and is especially adapted for use in draftsmen's or architects' offices, schools, or by artists; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to furnish a device by which the articles or instruments carried in the same are safely and securely held and conveyed in a very small space, and relates to that class of articles which combines a case with a sliding cover, divisions, and the proper appliances for securing the instruments or articles placed therein.

In the accompanying drawings, like letters denote similar parts.

Figure 1 is a longitudinal sectional elevation of my device with cover B closed, showing the position of the wedge-shaped block D. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view of my device, near the rounded end. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of my complete device with the cover B partially drawn back, for the purpose of exposing the interior of the case and the manner of the arrangement of the articles—viz., the lead-pencils I I, pen-holder J, the slate-pencil K, pen *d*, eraser *e*, ruler H, and the bands E and F securing the same.

A is a straight box-like case, which may be of any preferred or suitable shape and material so long as it is rigid and non-flexible. It may be of pasteboard, wood, metal, &c., and painted, japanned, or covered with cloth or not, as preferred, with a fixed permanent end, T, and an open rounded end, N, fitted with the cover B running in the slots or grooves at G G, cut or sunken in the sides of case A, with the end *b b* rendered flexible by cutting the material used for the cover into narrow strips, and fastening or mounting the same upon cloth, leather, or like material which is flexible or yielding enough to form a hinge, the material used for the hinge being placed upon the inside of the cover B and extending completely across and along the part rendered flexible, and over onto the rigid or stiff part of the cover, so that the same is firmly fixed thereto, the cover or lid B being supplied with the block M, attached to the inside of the cover at a point immediately back of the first joint of the flexible end and upon the rigid part of the cover or lid B, and of such dimensions that it passes freely to and fro over the articles in the case and below the slots or grooves G G until it strikes the pad L, and prevents the cover or lid B from being entirely removed or lost from the case; also, supplied with the notch P and the re-enforce end *c*.

D is a wedge-shaped block, so formed for the purpose of raising the ends of the pen-holders, pencils, &c., placed in the case to such a position that they can be readily fastened upon and removed from the case, and, further, to leave sufficient room for the articles placed upon the floor of the case, near the rounded end, beveled at each end and supplied with semicircular grooves, as at *q q q q*, which extend the entire length of the same, with an elastic band, E, fastened at sides of the block and extending over and across the grooves *q q q q*, and also fastened down between the said grooves *q q q q*. The block D is fastened permanently to the bottom of the case A, with the thickest end toward the rounded end of the case A, and at a point midway between the ends of the case A, and is of a width that does not entirely cover the bottom of the case, but leaves a small open space between the side of the case A and the block D, for the purpose of forming a socket for the ruler H.

F is an additional elastic band, fastened to bottom of case A and near the rounded open end, and serves to hold in place pens *d* and eraser *e*, or other articles which may be desired.

My improved device is used as follows: The cover is drawn back, which exposes the interior, and the articles are placed in position by forcing them through the sockets formed by the grooves *q q q q* and the band E, and sockets formed by the band F; then the case is closed by simply pushing the cover B in

and along the grooves G G until the flexible end *b b* is forced against the bottom of the case at R.

I claim—

A device for holding pens, pencils, or other articles or instruments, consisting of the rigid, straight, box-like case A, having the wedge-shaped block D, grooved and fixed in the same, the bands E and F, and pad L, and sliding cover B, with flexible end *b b*, combined and arranged as set forth and described in this specification.

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