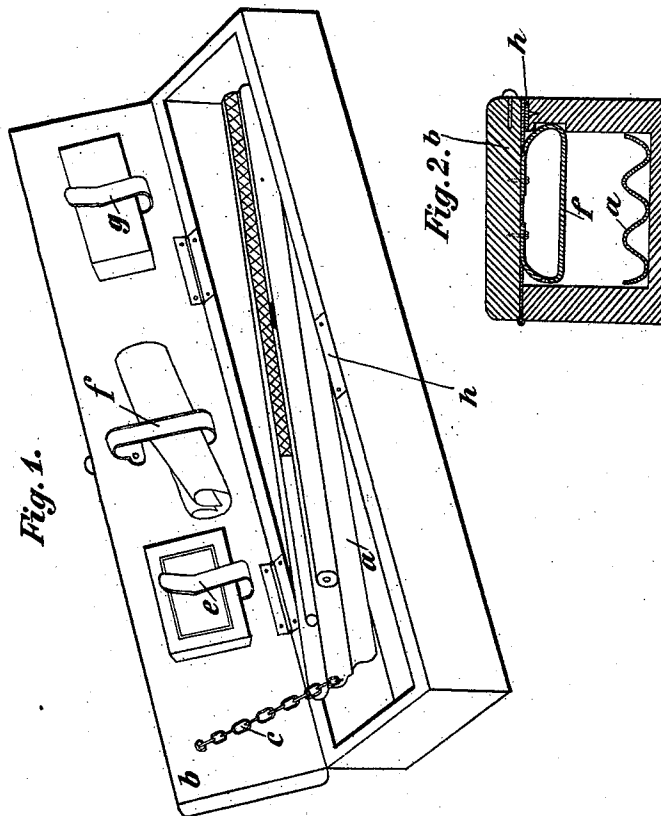


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRIEDRICH JULIUS HILLE, schoolmaster, of Leipsic, in the German Empire, have invented an Improved Pen or Pencil Case, (for which I have obtained Letters Patent in Germany, No. 63,813, dated August 23, 1891, and an additional patent, No. 66,309, dated May 28, 1892, and in Great Britain, No. 20,125, dated November 8, 1892,) of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The subject of this invention is an improved pen or pencil-case, the construction of which will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the case, showing it open, while Fig. 2 is a cross-section thereof.

The arrangement of this pen-case is such that, as its cover *b* is lifted, to open it, its corrugated or fluted bottom-plate *a* is raised along with the said cover by the chain *c* connecting the cover with the plate. The length of the chain *c* is so proportioned that, when the cover or lid *b* is lifted to the full extent, the loose or movable end of the fluted plate rises with it until it comes to be level or nearly level with the upper edge of the box. By such means, the articles resting upon the said plate *a*,—such as lead and slate pencils and pen-holders,—are brought into a position in which they may be readily and without inconvenience grasped and taken out of the case when required. Other articles likely to be of use to the child or student, such as a

piece of india rubber, an ink-eraser and a nib-case, are retained in contact with the lid or cover *b* by means of a corresponding number of suitably bent brass-springs *e, f, g* in the present instance, three. The intermediate or central brass spring *f* at the same time serves for keeping the case securely closed, as, when the cover is turned down, the said spring *f* engages with the edge of a metal plate *h*, 45 screwed or otherwise secured to the center of the front-edge of the box. A stud, whereby the box or case may be conveniently opened and closed, is provided on the front-side of the cover *b*, at a point corresponding to the position of the plate *a* on the edge of the case. 50

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A pen or pencil case provided with a hinged cover, a movable corrugated bottom 55 plate and a connection between one end of said plate and the cover, substantially as described.

2. A pen or pencil case provided with a hinged cover, a movable corrugated bottom 60 plate and a connection between said plate and said cover, said cover having clips for holding articles, one of said clips having a portion for engaging said case to retain the cover in closed position, substantially as described. 65

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand in presence of two witnesses.

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