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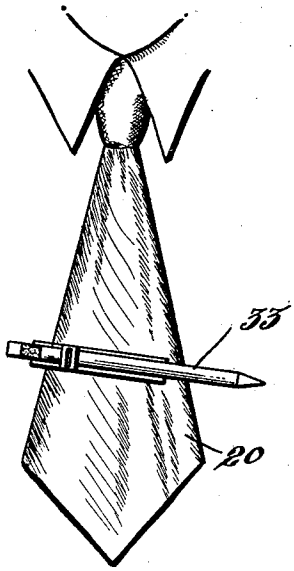

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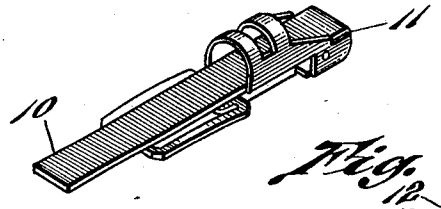

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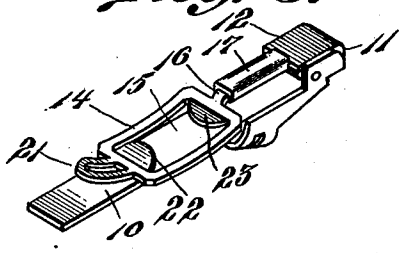

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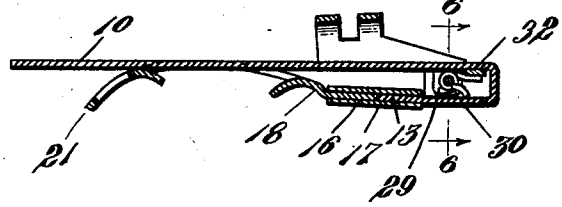

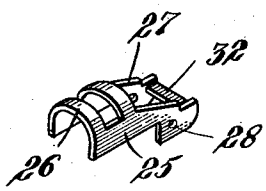

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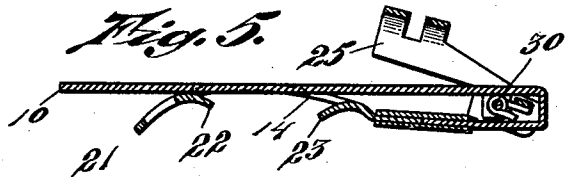

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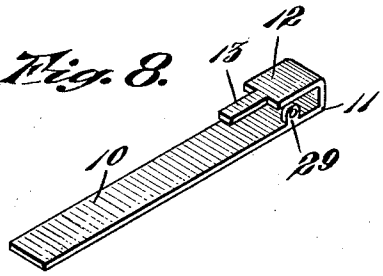

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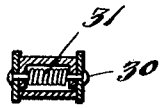

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CLIP FOR RETAINING A PENCIL

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This invention relates to a clip for retaining a pencil in desired position on an article of clothing or the like, and has for one of its objects to provide a construction which will require the use of but one hand for mounting a pencil in position in the holder.

Another object of this invention is the provision of a construction which may be clipped to any part of the clothing and along which a pencil may be guided as it is inserted between one of the clip jaws and a pencil retaining means associated therewith.

Another object of this invention is to provide a construction having a wide engaging surface so that it may be used to advantage for securing a necktie to the shirt of the wearer and which at the same time provides a mounting for retaining a pencil or the like thereon in a convenient position for easy detachment and use.

A further object of this invention is the provision of a construction which is simple to manufacture and assemble and one which will not abrade or rupture the clothing or other articles if mounted thereon or with which it is associated and may come in contact.

A still further object of this invention is the provision of a construction which will have parts so formed as to permit of easy entrance of the clothing or the like between the jaws.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, as will be more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the device used as a tie clip with the pencil secured in position.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view looking at the top of the device.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view looking at the bottom of the device.

Fig. 4 is a central sectional view.

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4 showing the pencil retaining member in raised position.

Fig. 6 is a section on line 6—6 of Fig. 4.

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the pencil retaining member detached from the clip.

Fig. 8 is a perspective view of the front jaw alone looking at the back thereof.

It is found desirable in the carrying of a pencil, especially by those not wearing coats or vests having pockets therein to retain the pencil in some desired position on the clothing, and it is also desirable in such dress to wear a clip on a four-in-hand tie, and I have combined a tie clip and pencil clip into one structure that the tie may be held in position and the pencil mounted on the tie clip, or if desired, the clip may be used at any other convenient point or utilized whether a tie is worn by the user or not; and the following is a detailed description of the present embodiment of this invention, illustrating the preferred means by which these advantageous results may be accomplished.

With reference to the drawings, 10 designates a strip of sheet stock which is folded as at 11 to provide a reversely extending portion 12, which portion is reduced to provide a finger 13 extending beyond the wider reversely folded portion 12. This strip 10 forms one of the jaws of my clip.

A generally framed shape member 14 having an open center 15 is provided with a finger 16 extending therefrom to abut the finger 13 above mentioned. A sleeve 17 is folded about these associated fingers to maintain the jaw members in assembled relation. The jaw member 14 is bent as at 18 toward the jaw or strip 10 to contact therewith under a predetermined amount of pressure and may be lifted or moved therefrom only by flexing at the fold 11 to permit the jaws to spread apart, thus the jaws are held together by the inherent resiliency of the stock at this portion of the device.

The fabric such as the edge of a pocket or the combined thicknesses of a necktie 20 and shirt may be positioned between the jaw members 10 and 14 by insertion beneath the outwardly flaring end portion 21 of the jaw 14 and the jaw 10 to the desired extent and the same will be held therein by the inherent resiliency of the stock. Lips 22 and 23 at the opposite ends of the opening 15 serve to guide

the material between the jaws of the clip and prevent the same from catching thereon.

In order to secure a pencil on this clip, I have provided a retaining member 25, which is generally arc shaped at one end to embrace the usual round pencil, although any shape may be used. This retaining member is also provided with walls or ears 27 having openings 28 which align with openings in ears 29 formed on the jaw 10 adjacent the fold and which openings receive a pivot pin 30 extended therethrough about which a coil spring 31 is positioned to engage the reversely extended portion 12 and the cross bar 32 of the retaining member 25 to force the same toward the jaw 10 that a pencil 33 may be mounted between this retaining member and the jaw member 10 to secure the same in position. The retaining member 25 is limited in its pivotal movement toward the jaw member 10 by the engagement of the cross bar 32 with the strip 10 (see Fig. 4).

The broad surface of the jaw 10 serves as a guide for sliding the pencil into the retained position between the jaw and the end of the arc shaped retaining member which may be accomplished with one hand, it being unnecessary to handle the clip, and this broad surface also serves to obtain the proper grip upon the fabric such as a tie or the like to which it is secured.

The foregoing description is directed solely towards the construction illustrated, but I desire it to be understood that I reserve the privilege of resorting to all the mechanical changes to which the device is susceptible, the invention being defined and limited only by the terms of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A clip comprising a pair of jaw members connected together at one of their ends, and a member shaped to embrace a pencil pivoted adjacent said point of connection and means for moving said pivoted member toward one of said jaw members to form a retaining means for a pencil.

2. A clip comprising a pair of jaw members connected together at one of their ends, and a member shaped to embrace a pencil, a pivot pin pivoting the same adjacent said point of connection, a spring about said pivot pin engaging one jaw member and said pencil embracing member to move the end thereof toward said jaw member for retaining a pencil therebetween.

3. A combined tie clip and pencil holder comprising a strip of sheet stock forming one jaw member folded upon itself, a second jaw member lying along the first jaw member, a sleeve folded about portions of said members to secure them together and means mounted adjacent said fold for retaining a pencil.

4. A combined tie clip and pencil holder comprising a strip of sheet stock forming one jaw member folded upon itself, a second jaw member lying along the first jaw member, a sleeve folded about portions of said members to secure them together, a pencil embracing member, means for pivoting said member adjacent said fold, and means for moving said member toward one of the jaw members to retain a pencil between it and the jaw member.

5. A combined tie clip and pencil holder comprising a pair of jaw members connected together through a fold of the stock tending to move the members toward each other by the resiliency thereof, and a holding member pivoted adjacent the fold and means for resiliently urging it toward one of said members to retain a pencil between it and the member.

6. A clip comprising a strip of sheet stock forming a jaw member and folded to provide a reversely extending portion at one end with a reduced portion forming a finger extending longitudinally, an open frame shape member provided with a finger, a sleeve folded about said fingers to secure them together, said jaw members being held in contact by the inherent resiliency at said fold, a retaining member having an arch shaped end, and means for pivoting said retaining member in said jaw members adjacent said fold.

7. A clip comprising a strip of sheet stock forming a jaw member and folded to provide a reversely extending portion at one end with a reduced portion forming a finger extending longitudinally, an open frame shaped member provided with a finger, a sleeve folded about said fingers to secure them together, said jaw members being held in contact by the inherent resiliency at said fold, a retaining member having an arc shaped end, ears on said retaining member, ears on said reversely extending portion, a pivot pin extending through said ears and a spring about said pin and acting between said retaining member and one of said jaw members to move said retaining member toward one jaw member for holding a pencil or the like therein.

8. A clip comprising a pair of jaw members connected together at one of their ends, and a member shaped to embrace a pencil pivoted adjacent said point of connection and means for moving said pivoted member toward one of said jaw members to form a retaining means for a pencil, and means for limiting the amount of swinging movement of said pencil embracing member.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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