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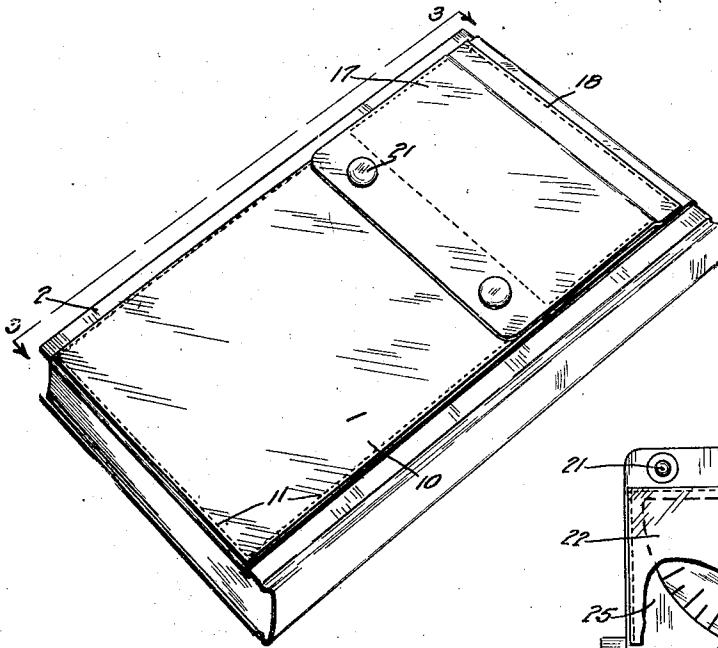


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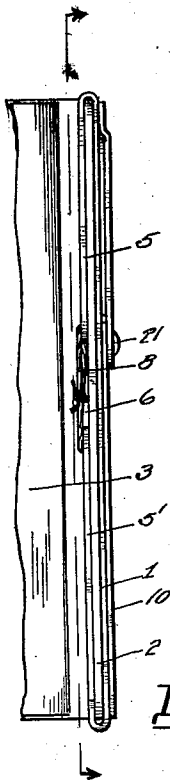
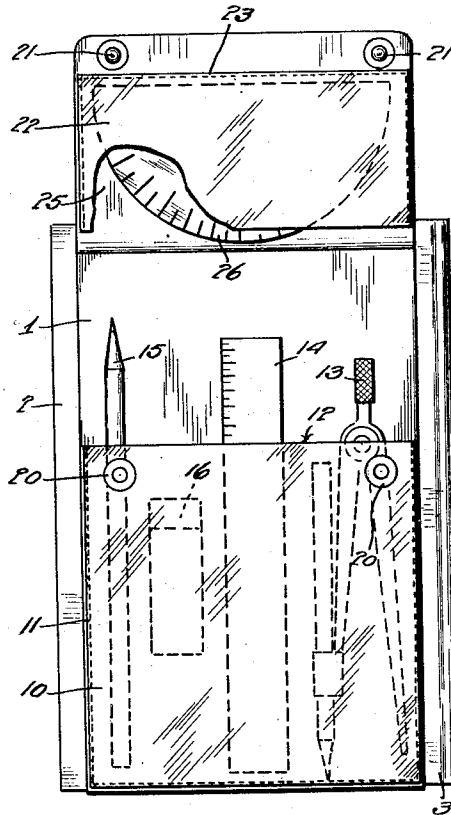


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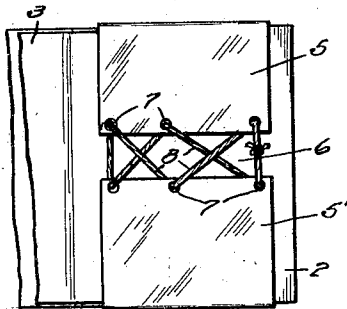


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This invention relates to improvements in pocket attachments for books with stiff covers to hold pencils, instruments, and the like.

The object of the invention is the provision of a simple and inexpensive protective holder or pocket of simple construction, adapted to be detachably connected to a schoolbook or other book, and provided with expansible connections, whereby the holder may be adjusted as to length while yieldably and securely attached to the book-cover.

Students of classes requiring the use of drawing instruments in connection with a textbook, such as in the study of geometry, usually carry such instruments in a separate case. Such instrument case is often mislaid or forgotten when the student enters his classroom, causing considerable annoyance and delay in the progress of the class. Students and readers generally often require pencils, notepaper, or other accessories while reading or studying.

It is the further object of this invention to provide a convenient protective holder for instruments that may be readily mounted on the textbook of the course requiring the use of the instruments contained therein, so that the pupil is fully equipped when entering the classroom for the prosecution of his studies, or to supply a pocket for retaining a reader's conveniences in direct connection with the book with which they are used and which may be readily attached to any book as the need requires.

Other objects and advantages of my invention, and objects relating to details of construction and arrangement of parts, will be fully apparent in the course of the detailed description to follow.

The accompanying drawings illustrate by way of example one form in which my invention may be embodied, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hook to which an embodiment of my invention is attached.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same with the cover flap open to disclose the instruments therein and to more fully illustrate its construction.

Fig. 3 is a view in end elevation of a book-

cover with my improved holder mounted thereon.

Fig. 4 is a view in elevation of the inner side of the book-cover with my improved holder attached thereto.

Referring to said views, the reference numeral 1 indicates a band of leather, leath-
erette, or other flexible and suitable material, of length adequate to extend about the front or rear cover 2 of a book 3 of the usual size employed for textbooks, such as 12 mo. or 8 mo. size. Said band extends on its middle portion over the outside of the cover 2 and extends inwardly upon the inside of the cover in ends 5 and 5', which terminate to allow a space 6 therebetween. A row of eyelet holes 7 are formed along the extremity of each of the band ends 5 and 5' through which an elastic cord 8 is laced across the space 6 to secure the band ends together in elastic condition so that, when the band is mounted upon the book-cover, by shoving the latter through the band from one edge, the lacings 8 will be stretched sufficiently to place a moderate degree of tension on the band thereby to provide a degree of adjustability for the band, without further adjustment of the laces and furthermore to hold the pocket securely on the book-cover.

On the outer side of the band a rectangular piece 10, preferably of leather, is sewed along its bottom edge and side edges by a sewed seam 11, thus making a pocket 12 open at its upper end for the reception of instruments, such as the pencil compass 13, ruler 14, pencil 15, and eraser 16, and such other instruments as may be desired. Said pocket piece is positioned so that it will lie at the lower end of the band extending exteriorly of the book-cover at such position that its bottom edge will be in substantial alignment with the larger size of books.

At the upper edge of the band portion extending exteriorly of the book-cover a flap piece 17 is sewed along its upper edge, as at 18, to the band and extends in lapped relation over the pocket piece 10. Complementary snap fasteners 20 and 21 are secured to the upper and lower edges of the pocket piece and flap, respectively, so that

the flap may be secured over the opening of the pocket and the instruments therein held against loss or dislodgement. Upon the under side of the flap piece 17 a pocket strip 22 is sewed along its bottom and side edges in a seam 23 forming a relatively shallow pocket 25 which may be utilized to contain a protractor, as indicated at 26. When the flap piece is in secured position, the pocket 25 will be right side up to hold the protractor against displacement.

It will be seen that my improved pocket and holder is of extremely simple construction and particularly adapted for the work intended. The sizes of books usually employed by the general reader and the grammar school and high school student are relatively constant as to size of cover, so that, when once the lacings 8 are secured in the manner described, the holder will fit upon almost any book the student may use. The holder may be taken off and put on book-covers readily but cannot be accidentally displaced therefrom, due to the relatively extensive bearing that the band extends over the edges of the cover.

Having described my invention, what I claim, is:

1. A pocket attachment for a book cover comprising, a band adapted to be wrapped over said cover, a flexible section secured at its edges to the exterior of said band intermediate its ends, to form a pocket, and a flap like cover adapted to overlies at its free end the open end of said pocket.

2. A pocket attachment for a book cover comprising, a band adapted to be wrapped over said cover, a flexible section secured at its edges to the exterior of said band intermediate its ends, to form a pocket, a flap like cover adapted to overlies at its free end the open end of said pocket, and said cover provided with a supplemental pocket on its underside.

3. A pocket attachment for a book cover comprising, a band adapted to be wrapped over said cover, a flexible section secured at its edges to the exterior of said band intermediate its ends, to form a pocket, a flap like cover adapted to overlies at its free end the open end of said pocket, said cover provided with a supplemental pocket on its underside, and means for securing the flap like cover in place when arranged in its closed position.

4. A pocket attachment for a book cover comprising, a band adapted to be wrapped over said cover, adjustable means for connecting the two ends at said band whereby to secure the band on said cover, a flexible section secured at its edges to the exterior of said band intermediate its ends, to form a pocket, a flap like cover adapted to overlies at its free end the open end of said pocket, and means for securing the flap like

cover in place when arranged in its closed position.

5. A pocket attachment for book covers, comprising a flexible band folded at its ends to form oppositely disposed flaps and open on both sides to slip over a book cover, flexible means connecting the flaps, a pocket formed on the lower outer portion of the flexible band, a flexible flap at the upper outer portion of the flexible band, said flexible flap overlapping the upper end of the pocket, and means for fastening the flexible flap to the pocket.

6. A pocket attachment for book covers, comprising a flexible band folded at its ends to form oppositely disposed flaps and open on both sides to slip over a book cover, means connecting the free ends of the flaps, a pocket on the lower outer portion of the flexible band, a flexible flap at the upper outer portion of the flexible band, a pocket on the inner side of the flexible flap, said flexible flap overlapping the upper end of the pocket on the lower outer portion of the band, and means for fastening the flexible flap to said pocket.

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