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Fig. 1.

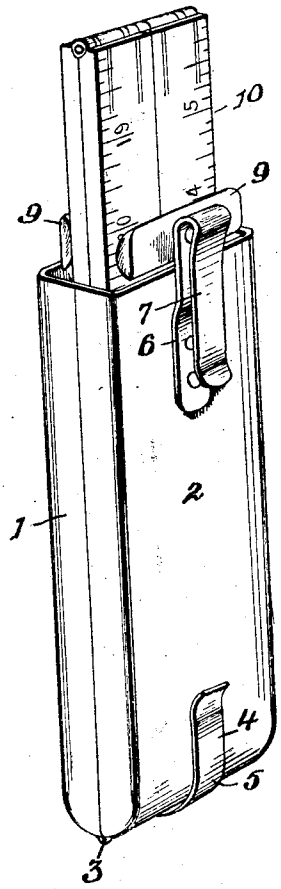


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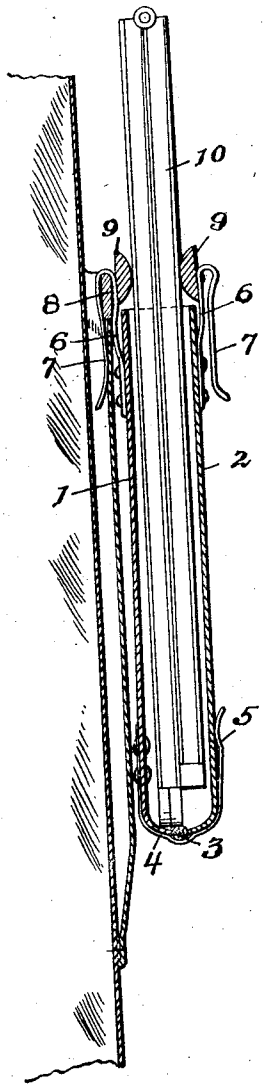
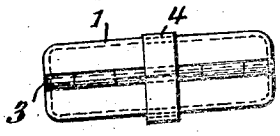


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that RAYMOND BURGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kent, in the county of King and State of Washington, has invented certain new and useful Improvements in Foot-Rule Sheaths, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to an improvement in carriers for folding pocket rules, comprehending particularly a carrier support for the rule, in which the rule is frictionally held against accidental separation therefrom, and in which the carrier is adapted for removable connection with the pocket or garment of the user.

The improved rule pocket or carrier comprises a metallic sheath made in two parts hinged together, a spring being arranged to hold the parts in sheath forming relation. Springs are carried by the sheath sections, which springs yieldingly support gripping members to frictionally engage the rule, the springs also being formed to permit engagement and support of the sheath as an entirety from the pocket or garment of the user.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the improved pocket, the rule being shown in place therein.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view with the rule in elevation showing the sheath in applied position on the pocket of a garment.

Fig. 3 is a bottom plan view of the rule pocket.

The improved rule pocket comprises two substantially duplicate sections 1 and 2, of U-form in cross section, hingedly connected at their lower edges at 3, and one of the sections as 1 being provided with a spring 4, which underlies the hinged connection and bears against the opposite section as at 5 to normally hold the sections in pocket forming relation, while permitting a certain spreading movement at the upper ends against the tension of the spring 4. On the outer side of each section 1 and 2 near the upper end are secured spring strips 6, which extend upwardly above the free end of the section and are formed in return bends to provide spaced sections 7 providing gripping elements, whereby the rule pocket may be engaged over the edge of a garment pocket, as indicated at 8, Fig. 2, or over the edge of any portion of a garment of the user, to hold the rule pocket in position for the convenient location of the rule. Each upper end of each holding spring 6 is provided with a gripping member 9 preferably of a length corresponding to the width of the rule to be used and constructed of leather, cork, or similar material.

When the rule 10 is inserted in the pocket, the gripping members 9 are forced apart as the rule is inserted and act to grip the rule to prevent its accidental separation from the rule pocket. The gripping members 9 are preferably rounded on the inner side to facilitate the insertion of a rule.

Claims:

1. A rule pocket comprising independent sections hingedly connected at their lower ends and open at their upper ends, a spring for normally holding the sections in pocket forming relation, article engaging springs carried by the sections, and gripping members carried by said springs.

2. A rule pocket comprising independent sections hingedly connected at their lower ends and open at their upper ends, a spring for normally holding the sections in pocket froming relation, article engaging springs carried by the sections, and gripping members carried by said springs, the article engaging springs being formed to provide garment engaging clips.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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