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Fig. 1.

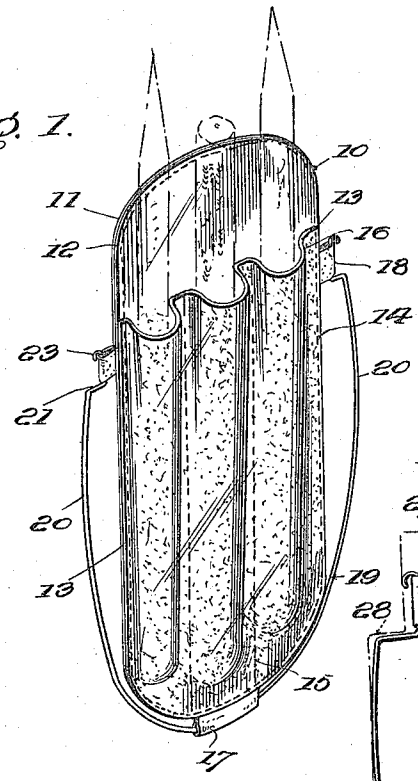
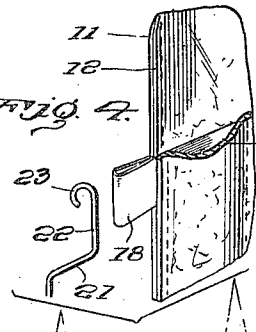


Fig. 4.



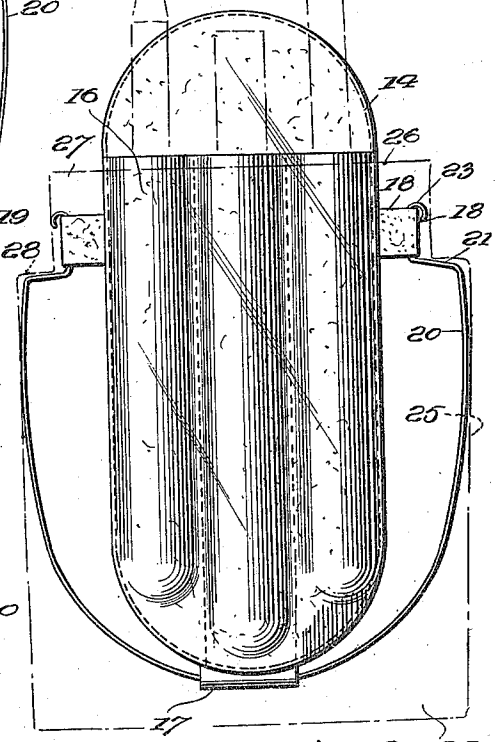


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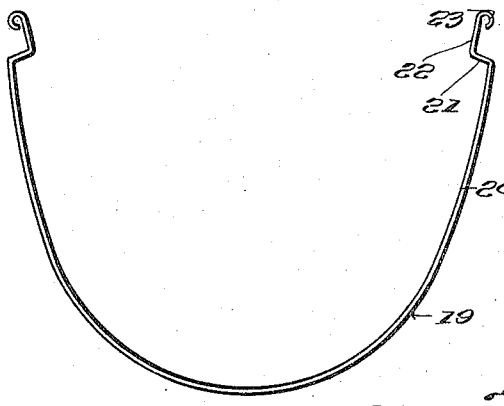
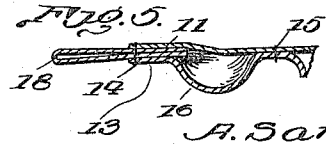


Fig. 2.

Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER SANDERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Poplar Bluff, in the county of Butler and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved pencil holder adapted to be removably fitted within a pocket of the clothing as for instance, the vest pocket, and disposed to receive a plurality of pencils, pens, or articles of like character.

The invention has as its primary object to provide a device of this character adapted to resiliently engage within the pocket in such manner that the possibility of accidental loss or displacement of the holder from the pocket will be reduced to a minimum while at the same time, the holder, if desired, may be readily positioned within or removed from the pocket.

The invention has as a further object to provide a pencil holder including a pencil case which will normally be resiliently supported in relatively flat position within the pocket in order that pencils may be readily inserted within the case or removed therefrom.

A further object of the invention in this connection is to provide a pencil case which will be simple in construction and which may thus be readily manufactured and to also provide a simple pocket gripping member or clip which will be detachably connected with the pencil case in such manner that it will, when the holder is arranged in operative position within a pocket, act to resiliently maintain the pencil case in the relatively flat position stated, and which will also, at the same time, provide shoulders which will be yieldably held in engagement with the walls of the pocket to effectually prevent the accidental displacement of the holder from the pocket.

Other and incidental objects will appear as the description proceeds and in the drawings wherein I have illustrated the preferred embodiment of my invention and wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved pencil holder, Fig. 2 is a detail view of the pocket engaging member detached, Fig. 3 is an elevation showing the holder in position within a pocket, which, however, is shown in dotted lines, Fig. 4 is a fragmentary perspective view particularly illustrating the construction of the pocket engaging member at the extremities thereof, and Fig. 5 is a fragmentary sectional view disclosing the manner in which the loops for the pocket engaging member are connected with the body of the holder.

Before proceeding to the detail description of the invention, it is desired to state that while I have designated my invention as a pencil holder, it is to be understood that this title is merely a general one since the construction employed is equally applicable for holding pens or any other object of a nature similar to a pen or pencil.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, the body portion of my improved pencil holder is indicated as a whole at 10 and is preferably formed of leather although it will be understood that any other suitable material may be employed, the said body portion being substantially oblong and being rounded at its extremities as shown.

More particularly, the body portion 10 includes a back 11 which may be formed from a single piece of relatively thick material and to one side of which at the upper extremity thereof, is preferably secured a facing 12, the facing 12 also being formed from a single piece of material, preferably a piece of relatively thin finished leather which may be suitably colored to enhance the appearance of the article. Secured to the back 11 upon one side thereof and extending throughout the greater portion of the length of the back is a pocket forming member 13 which is also formed from a single piece of suitable leather and which at its upper extremity overlaps the inner margin of the facing 12, the member 13 being also preferably colored similarly to the said facing. A single line of stitching 14 which extends entirely around the body portion 10 adjacent

the edges thereof, connects the member 13, the facing 12, and the back 11, while a series of transversely spaced and longitudinally extending lines of stitching 15 connect the member 13 with the facing 12 and back 11, at spaced points to define a plurality of pencil receiving pockets 16, as will be readily understood.

Secured to the lower extremity of the body portion 10 medially thereof, is a longitudinally extending loop 17 which is preferably formed from a length of suitable leather having its extremities brought together in overlapping relation and inserted between the member 13 and the back 11 to be secured in position and connected with the body portion 10 by the line of stitching 14. Secured to the body portion 10 adjacent the upper extremity thereof, is a pair of oppositely disposed and laterally extending loops 18, each of which is similar to the loop 17 and is similarly connected to the body portion 10 by the line of stitching 14, it being observed that the loops 18 are arranged immediately adjacent the lower inner edge of the facing 12. Single lines of stitching 15 are also preferably employed in defining the pockets 16 which lines of stitching at their upper extremities, also serve to further connect the back 11 and facing 12. It will therefore be seen that the body portion 10 is of very simple construction and may be readily manufactured.

In connection with the pencil case thus described, I employ a resilient clip or pocket engaging member 19, which as best shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, is preferably formed from a single length of suitable resilient wire bent intermediate its ends into substantially U-shape to define spaced arms 20. Adjacent their upper extremities, the arms 20 are bent inwardly toward each other to define laterally projecting shoulders 21 disposed in a plane with the arms and are thence continued upwardly at substantially right angles to the shoulders 21 to define loop engaging members 22, the members 22 terminating at their free extremities in laterally or outwardly projecting open eyes 23 which are also disposed in a plane with the arms 20. As will be observed upon reference to Fig. 3 of the drawings, the eyes 23 face downwardly and the free ends thereof terminate in spaced relation to the loop engaging portions 22. The pocket engaging member thus formed is disposed to embrace the body portion 10 of the holder as best shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings with the bight portion of the member 19 extending through the loop 17 and with the arms 20 disposed upon the sides of the holder, the loop engaging portions 22 being passed through the loops 18 while the upper margins of the said loops 18 are removably received within the eyes 23. It will thus be observed that the member 19 is detachably connected with the holder and particular attention is now directed to the fact that, owing to the presence of the eyes 23, the loops 18 will be prevented from becoming disengaged from the portions 22 of the pocket engaging member. In this connection it is also desired to direct attention to the fact that the loops 18 are disposed to maintain the arms 20 of the member 19 normally compressed slightly, so that the resilient action of the member 19 will, under ordinary circumstances, exert sufficient tension upon the loops 18 to maintain the body of the holder in a relatively flat position. This is an especially advantageous feature of construction since, when the holder is inserted within a pocket as will be presently described, the body of the holder will be prevented from wrinkling by the action of the arms 20 such as would render it difficult or inconvenient to insert or remove a pencil within one of the pockets 16, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, the arms 20 exerting tension upon the body of the holder in a plane immediately adjacent the open ends of the pockets 16.

It will be observed that the shoulders 21 extend laterally beyond the outer extremities of the loops 18 and are adapted to engage the walls of the pocket adjacent the open end thereof, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawing, the holder in this figure, being shown in operative position within a pocket, which, however, is shown in dotted lines and is of conventional construction.

The body of the pocket is indicated at 24, the side walls thereof at 25 and the mouth at 26. As is well known, the average pocket at the mouth thereof is provided upon its free edge with a transversely extending hem or, in some instances, a transversely extending binding strip 27 is employed as shown, which binding strip upon its inner edge defines at its junction with the side walls 25 of the pocket, horizontally arranged shoulders 28.

In constructing my improved pencil holder, it will of course be understood that it may be made in various sizes to fit various sized pockets and when inserted within a pocket, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawing, it will be seen that the arms 20 will, throughout the greater portion of their length resiliently engage the side walls 25 of the pocket, while the shoulders 21 will yieldably engage beneath the shoulders 28 of the pocket. Consequently, the holder will, under ordinary circumstances, be held firmly within the pocket through the resilient action of the arms 20, but if for any reason, the said holder should tend to move upwardly out of the pocket, the shoulders 21 will engage the shoulders 28 to consequently reduce to a minimum, the

possibility of the accidental loss of the holder.

It will thus be seen that the improved form of pocket gripping member 19 which I provide performs a three-fold function first, in that the arms 20 thereof are disposed to yieldably engage the side walls of the pocket to maintain the holder firmly in position therein, second, in that the said arms serve to yieldably maintain the shoulders 21 in position to engage the shoulders 28 of the pocket and third, in that the said arms will also simultaneously exert a tension upon the loops 18 to maintain the body of the holder relatively flat within the pocket. Thus, even though I provide a pocket gripping member of relatively simple construction, the highly important advantages of the arrangement disclosed will be readily seen.

In order to remove the holder from the pocket, it is simply necessary to compress the arms 20 of the member 19 until the shoulders 21 will clear the shoulders 28 when the entire structure may be bodily removed through the mouth 26 as will be readily understood. While I have indicated that the member 19 is preferably U-shaped substantially, still, I do not wish to be limited to this particular configuration of the member, as it will be seen that minor changes in the structure thereof could be readily made without in the slightest departing from the spirit of the present invention. However, it is to be observed that in thus making the member 19 U-shaped, the lower bight portion thereof, may be initially inserted in the mouth 26 of the pocket and downward pressure exerted upon the body 10 of the holder when the curved sides of the said member will ride over the walls of the pocket at the mouth thereof to direct the holder inwardly within the pocket compressing the arms 20 and thus permitting the ready insertion of the holder within the pocket. As will be clear, in thus inserting the holder within the pocket, the arms 20 would, as soon as the shoulders 21 had passed the shoulders 28, again spring outwardly to bring the said shoulders 21 into position to engage the shoulders of the pocket. In thus providing the substantially U-shaped member 19, the possibility of tearing of the walls of the pocket is reduced to a minimum, while at the same time, the operation of inserting the holder within the pocket is facilitated.

The body portion 10 is, of course, preferably of such length that the open ends of the pencil receiving pockets 16 will be disposed adjacent or slightly above the mouth 26 of the pocket as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, so that pencils or pens may be readily inserted within the pockets of the holder. It will, therefore, be seeen that I provide a very efficient construction for the purpose set forth, which, owing to its simple structure, comprehends a very desirable novelty.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. An article of the character described including a body portion adapted to fit within a pocket and disposed to receive a pencil or the like, a pocket engaging member embracing the body portion, and a flexible connection between the said member and the body portion, said pocket engaging member being adapted to engage the walls of the pocket for maintaining the body portion in position within the pocket.

2. The combination with a body portion adapted to fit within a pocket and disposed to receive a pencil or the like, the said body portion being provided with loops upon opposite sides thereof and a loop at one end, of a pocket engaging member formed from a single length of material and bent intermediate its ends into substantially U-shape to provide spaced arms, the said arms adjacent their upper extremities being bent inwardly toward each other to provide laterally arranged shoulders and being thence continued to form loop engaging portions terminating at their free ends in open downwardly facing eyes, the said member being detachably connected with the body portion with the bight portion of the member inserted through the loop at the end of the body portion and with the loop engaging portions of the said arms engaging within the loops upon the sides of the body portion, the upper margins of the said last mentioned loops engaging within said eyes.

3. An article of the character described including a body portion adapted to receive a pencil or the like, and a pocket engaging member carried by the body portion, there being a flexible connection interposed between one end of the body portion and said member and between opposite sides of the body portion and said member.

4. An article of the character described including a body portion adapted to receive a pencil or the like, a pocket engaging member carried by the body portion, and flexible connections between the extremities of the said member and the body portion and between the said member intermediate its ends and the body portion.

5. The combination with a body portion adapted to receive a pencil or the like and provided with loops adjacent its upper end projecting laterally upon opposite sides of the body portion and with a laterally projecting loop at its lower end, of a pocket engaging member having its intermediate portion passed through said last mentioned

loop and connected at its extremities with said first mentioned loops, the said member being provided with lateral shoulders disposed within the lines of the member and having terminal open eyes formed thereon detachably receiving the upper edges of said last mentioned loops.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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