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Fig. 1.

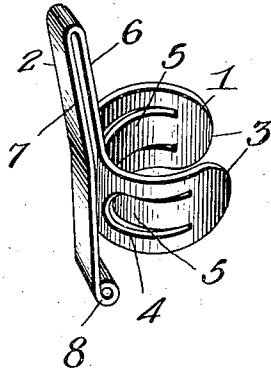


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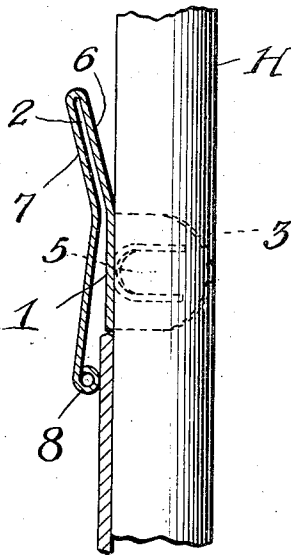
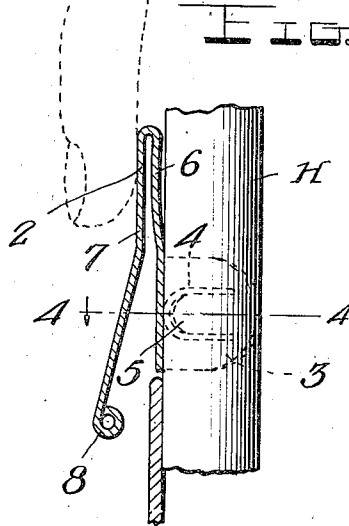


Fig. 2.

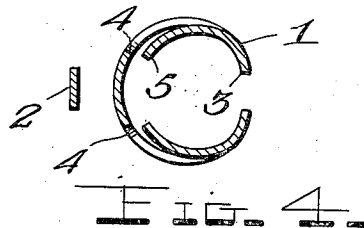


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER MacALLISTER MacKASKIE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Manhattan, in the county of Nye and State of Nevada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clasps, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to improvements in clasps for holding pen holders, pencils and the like in the pocket of a vest or other garment.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and practical device of this character which may be produced at a small cost from a single piece of resilient sheet metal and which will effectively retain such article in the pocket but at the same time permit it to be readily removed and replaced without injury to the pocket.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel features of construction and the combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the clasp; Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the device showing it applied; and Figs. 3 and 4 are longitudinal and transverse sectional views.

The improved clasp is preferably formed from a single piece of resilient sheet metal and comprises two clasp members 1, 2, one to engage the pen holder, pencil or other article and the other to engage the edge of the pocket of a vest or other garment or the edge of any other receptacle or holder in which the article may be placed. The clasp member 1 is in the form of an open band of substantially circular-shape, while the member 2 is of substantially U-shape and projects at right angles from one edge of the band at its closed central portion. Said member or band 1 has the extremities of its spaced ends or arms slightly bent, as shown at 3, to provide two jaws which bear against the pen holder H or other article to frictionally retain said member 1 upon it. To render this clasp member 1 more effective, its curved arms are formed at opposite points with U-shaped slits 4 to provide resilient tongues 5, which latter are bent or curved longitudinally, as shown, so as to project inwardly and form extra clamping

jaws. These friction tongues or jaws 5 project in opposite directions from the jaws 3 and are disposed substantially opposite the latter so that the two sets of jaws provide four points of contact for the clasp member 1 around the pen holder or article H. This construction, it will be noted, gives the clasp member 1 an effective frictional locking engagement which will hold the device at any adjusted point on the pen holder but at the same time will permit the device to be readily adjusted on the same according to the depth of the pocket or receptacle in which it is placed.

The clasp member 2 is formed by bending a strip or tongue, which projects from and is, preferably, integral with the band or member 1, upon itself to provide two arms or jaws 6, 7. The inner arm 6 is short and has a slight longitudinal curvature and also an inclination away from the clasp member or band 1. The tongue or jaw 7 is also curved or bowed longitudinally and is made long so as to project across or below the member 1 and to have its lower portion extend downwardly from said member, whereby the member 2 may be readily engaged with the edge of a pocket or receptacle by pressing inwardly with one finger upon the upper end of the member 2 and thereby springing the tongue 6 inwardly to throw the lower end of the tongue or jaw 7 outwardly or away from the pen holder H, as clearly shown in Fig. 3. The lower extremity of the long outer tongue or jaw 7 is bent or rolled upon itself, as shown at 8, so as to provide a rounded edge which will not cut or otherwise injure the edge of the pocket when the device is engaged with or disengaged from the same. The peculiar construction of the clasp member 2 causes it to effectively engage the edge of the pocket to retain the holder or other article 1 therein but at the same time permits the device to be easily and quickly disengaged from the pocket without injury thereto.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the invention provides an exceedingly simple clasp of this character which may be produced at a small cost, which will be strong and durable in use, which may be readily adjusted on a pen holder or other article to adapt it to the depth of the pocket and when so adjusted will be effectively retained in adjusted position and may be quickly en-

gaged with and disengaged from the pocket without injury thereto.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:

5 1. A device of the character described comprising an open band of resilient material forming an article engaging member, the ends of said band forming a pair of clasp jaws, a second pair of clasp jaws
10 formed by slitting the intermediate portion of the band and bending the tongues formed by the slits inwardly, said second pair of jaws projecting in a direction opposite to that of the first mentioned jaws, whereby the
15 article within the member will be frictionally clamped at four substantially equally distant points.

2. A device of the character described comprising an open band of resilient material
20 forming an article engaging member, the ends of said band forming jaws and said band being formed with substantially U-shaped slits to provide tongues, the latter

being bent to provide other jaws and a pocket engaging clasp carried by said band. 25

3. A device of the character described formed from a single piece of resilient sheet metal and comprising an article engaging member consisting of an open band having its spaced ends forming jaws, said band being formed with U-shaped slits to provide
30 tongues, the latter being bent to form other jaws and a pocket engaging member formed from a strip integral with one edge of the closed central portion of the band and projecting at an angle therefrom, said strip being bent upon itself to provide long and
35 short jaws, the long jaw having its lower end disposed opposite and beneath the band.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my
signature in the presence of two witnesses. 40

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