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Fig. 1.

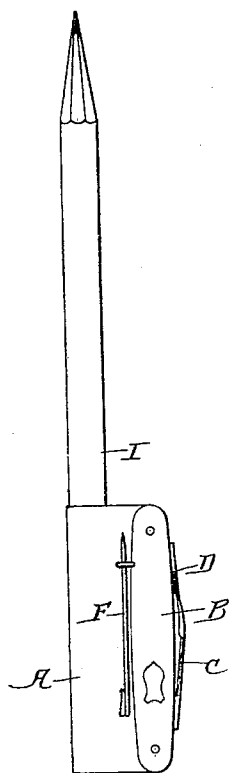


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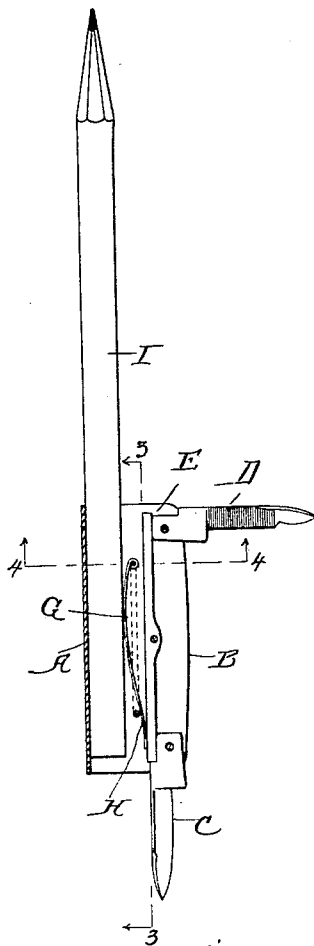


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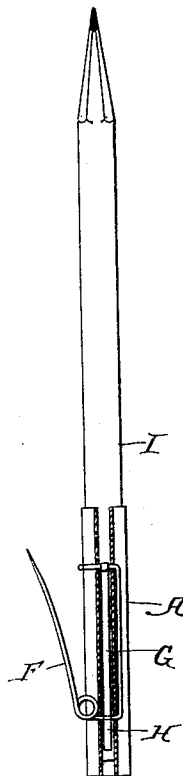
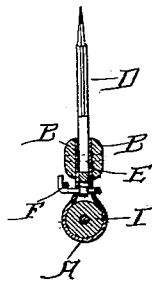


Fig. 4.



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COMBINED PENCIL-HOLDER AND PENKNIFE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW HOFSTETTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in a Combined Pencil-Holder and Penknife, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in a combined pencil-holder and penknife, and has for its object to provide a simple device of this description which may be readily attached to the wearing-apparel of a person at any convenient point and thereafter serve to firmly hold a pencil in place, and yet when desired to be used as a penknife may be detached from the garment and used for sharpening the pencil or other purposes for which a penknife may be utilized.

With these ends in view this invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then specifically designated by the claim.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains may understand how to make and use the same, the construction and operation will now be described in detail, referring to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my improvement; Fig. 2, a section thereof, showing the manner of holding the pencil therein; Fig. 3, a section at the line 3 3 of Fig. 2 looking in the direction of the arrows, and Fig. 4 a section at the line 4 4 of Fig. 2 looking in the direction of the arrows.

In carrying out my invention as here embodied, A represents the socket which composes the body of the device and which is so bent as to form the metal sides of the knife-handle B. The knife is preferably provided with the blade C, which may be opened in

the usual manner, and a flat blade D, which may be opened at right angles to the handle, but is prevented from any further outward movement by the stop E.

A fastener is provided for attaching the device to the wearing-apparel, which consists of a safety-pin F, the body of which passes twice through the holder, and at one of these points a spring G is secured around the safety-pin, while the opposite end of the spring is confined at the other point, as clearly shown at H. By this arrangement a pencil I, inserted within the socket, will be firmly held against accidental displacement by the spring G, and yet when it is necessary to use the pencil it may be readily withdrawn for that purpose.

The cost of manufacturing my improvement is comparatively small, while its utility is great, it serving all the purposes of a pencil-holder and an ordinary penknife and affording the convenience of having the two combined and attached to the wearing-apparel in such manner as not to be readily lost.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful is—

In a device of the character described, a metallic plate bent on itself to form a socket, a pin formed from a single piece of wire strung through apertures in the metal plate holding the said plate, one end of said wire being formed into a hook and the other end shaped into a securing-pin adapted to engage the hook; a spring between the sections of the plate having one end bent around the wire; said spring being curved to bear against an object to be placed in the socket.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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