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PEN OR PENCIL CLIP.

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Fig. 1.

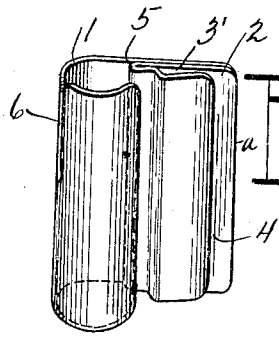


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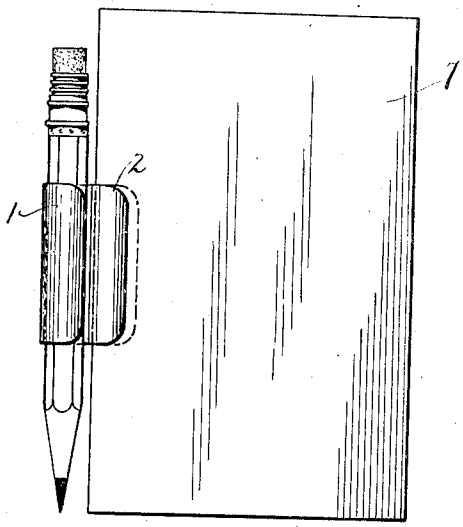


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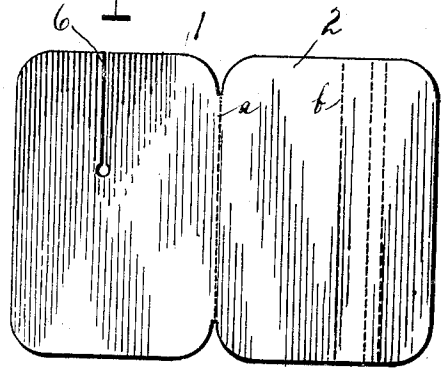


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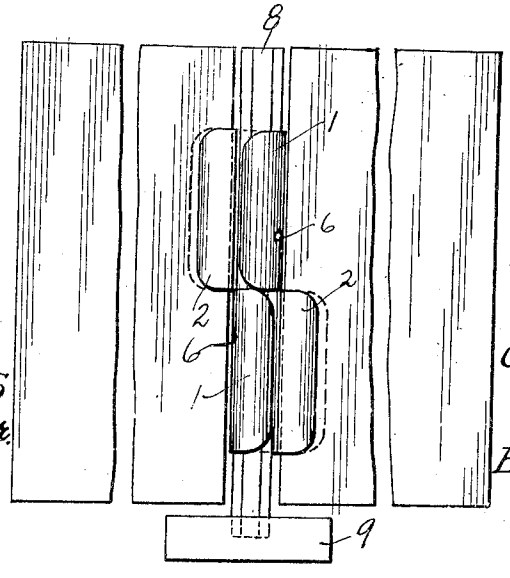


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE WOODHOUSE, a citizen of Great Britain, (who has declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States,) residing at Butte, in the county of Silverbow and State of Montana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pen or Pencil Clips, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a new article of manufacture which is primarily designed to constitute a clip by means of which to attach a pen or pencil to some article, such as a memorandum book, a pad, pocketbook or the like.

As will be set forth hereinafter, it is capable of still further usage and I therefore do not wish to be limited to the application or function above referred to.

The invention consists of the construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter specifically described and claimed. Reference will now be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the clip which forms the subject matter of this invention.

Fig. 2 is a view showing the application of the clip to a pad or similar article for holding a pencil.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the blank from which the clip is formed.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view showing more clearly the formation of the clip device, and

Fig. 5 is an elevation view showing an adaptation of the invention to constitute a card display holder.

Throughout the following detail description and on the several figures of the drawings, similar parts are referred to by like reference characters.

One of the main features of novelty of my clip device resides in its particular formation from the metal blank. This blank, referring to Fig. 3, is rectangular in form, and notched substantially midway at each side, thus dividing it into two sections, so to speak, designated 1 and 2. To form the clamp portion, the metal of section 2 is bent along the line *a* upon itself, then backwardly again on the line *b*. This last rebent portion is bent outwardly approximately midway, as at 3, leaving an open space, indicated at 3′, which is of importance, as will be explained, but the edge at 4 bears firmly against the underlying surface and will effectively grip any article inserted between or within this clamping part. The rebending of the metal in this manner provides the fold edge 5 which it will be observed lies at the mouth of the pencil holder formed by rolling the metal of section 1 over toward the clamping section. It is, of course, understood that the metal from which the article is formed possesses resiliency and while the holder just referred to will readily yield to permit of the introduction of the pencil thereinto, especially as it is provided with a longitudinal slit 6, it nevertheless tends to grip the pencil tightly and press it against the fold edge 5, which prevents the pencil from turning or the gripped object from turning about the pencil.

This clip may be attached to different articles, as hereinbefore premised, and in Fig. 2 it is represented as mounted upon a pad 7 such as used for memoranda purposes. In slipping the device upon the pad or other object, the corner of the article is first inserted into the opening 3′ at one end. It may then be slid along the edge into proper position thereupon. This formation simplifies or facilitates the attachment of the device to the particular article, as otherwise, owing to the clamping pressure of the edge 4, it would be somewhat difficult to insert the card or booklet without bending or breaking the material of which it is made.

One of the advantageous features of my device is its adaptability to form a card display holder. This adaptation is best shown in Fig. 5. Two of the clips are employed, each having a card such as used for display of photographic mounts, or the like inserted into the clamping portion. A pencil or an ordinary staff 8 is passed through both pencil holders and is then mounted upon a baseboard 9, as shown. The cards may be adjusted to any angle and will be firmly held at the position desired. Obviously a single card may be mounted in this manner.

The primary object of the device is to provide a means for holding a pencil or pen upon a memorandum pad or the like so as to always have the writing instrument convenient when it is desired to use the same. Owing to the formation of the device it allows the pad or book to lie flat upon the writing surface, which is important in this type of device. It is needless to add that the clip may be easily and cheaply manu-

factured, a desideratum in devices of this character.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:

1. An article of manufacture comprising a clip consisting of a piece of metal bent back upon itself at one side and then rebent to provide a clamp, the metal at the other side being rolled over toward the clamp to form a holder for a pencil or the like.

2. An article of manufacture comprising a clip consisting of a piece of metal bent back upon itself at one side and then rebent to provide a clamp adapted to receive the article upon which the clip is to be mounted, the material at the other side being rolled over toward the clamp to form a holder adapted to receive a pencil or the like, the rebent edge of the clamp portion lying approximately at the mouth of the holder and against which edge the pencil is firmly pressed.

3. An article of manufacture comprising a clip formed from a substantially rectangular metal blank bent approximately midway back upon itself and then rebent along a line substantially midway of the aforementioned bent portion, the metal of the last mentioned bent portion being slightly bent outwardly intermediate its length to provide an opening, the edge of said portion firmly pressing against the contiguous surface to securely grip an article introduced therebetween, the metal at the other side of the blank being rolled over toward the clamping portion referred to to form a cylindrical holder adapted to receive a pencil or similar object.

4. A clip adapted to be used in multiple to form a display holder and comprising a clamp formed by doubling back the end portion of a metal blank to grip the edge of a card or similar article to be displayed, and a tubular holder formed by bending the other end over adjacent the clamp to provide a support receiving element.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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