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Fig. 1.

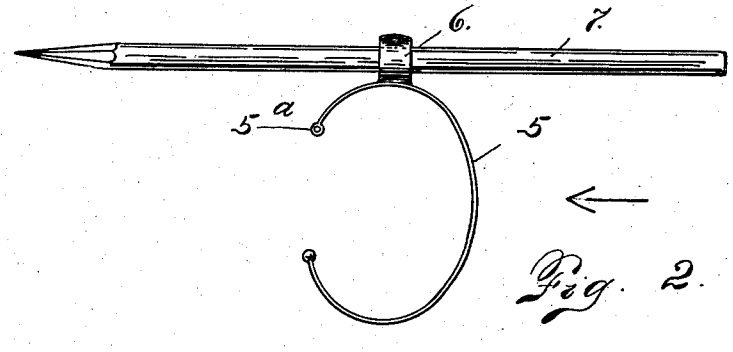


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM J. SEEBOLD and JOSEPH M. HURWITZ, both citizens of the United States of America, residing at Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Holders; and we do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Our invention relates to improvements in pencil-holders; and it consists of a device adapted to be worn by the user and is especially adapted for the use of people who are accustomed or for whom it is convenient to place the pencil above the ear in order to have it within easy reach. It is well known that the pencil when in this position is very insecurely held, though the location is exceedingly convenient.

Our object is to provide a pencil-holder adapted to be applied to the ear of the user whereby the pencil may be securely held in place, and to this end the device consists of a spring-clip for the ear and a pencil-holding clasp attached to the upper extremity of the clip and open at the top to receive the pencil, whereby the latter is held securely in place.

The invention will now be described in detail, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which is illustrated an embodiment thereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a profile view illustrating our improved device in use. Fig. 2 is a side view of the device shown in detail and on a larger scale, a pencil being in place. Fig. 3 is a view of the same, taken at right angles to Fig. 1 or looking in the direction of the arrow.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all the views.

Let the numeral 5 designate an ear-clip preferably composed of spring-wire and adapted to pass behind the ear in the usual manner, as will be readily understood. To the top or upper curve of this clip is attached the pencil-holding clasp 6, which is open at the top and composed of two spring-jaws adapted to hold the pencil 7 securely in place, but permitting its easy removal by a straight forward pull. To insert the pencil, it is only necessary to place the latter against the side of the head above the ear and move it downwardly until it engages the jaws of the clasp.

The clip 5 may be provided with an eye 5^a, formed at one of its free extremities for the attachment of a chain 8, leading to a pair of eyeglasses 9, whereby the clip may perform a double function when the pencil-holder is used by people who wear eyeglasses.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim is—

The combination with a spring ear-clip, of a vertically-disposed pencil-holding clasp rigidly secured to the top of the clip above the ear and open at the top to receive a pencil as the latter is moved downwardly from a position above the ear of the user.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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