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Fig 1

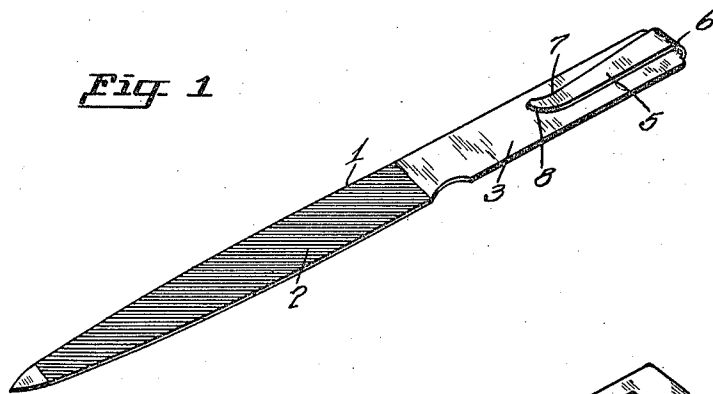


Fig 2

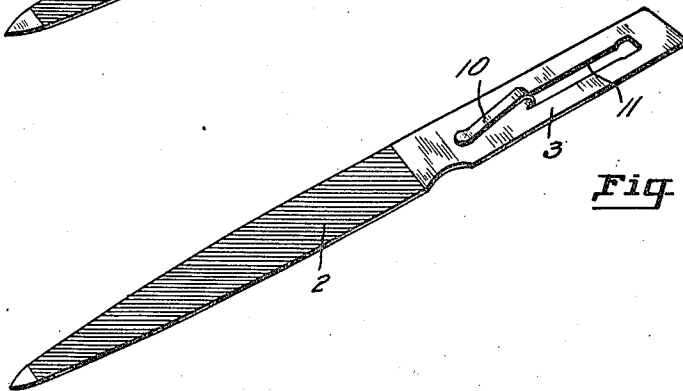
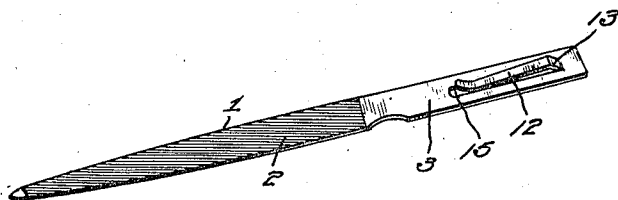


Fig 3



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This invention relates to a holding clip for nail files, the principal object of the invention being to provide a clip formed integrally from the steel material of which the file is made and which will serve to prevent the file from falling out of the wearer's pocket or causing damage by puncture of the pocket.

Men carrying nail files are inconvenienced by having to provide a case to guard the sharpened end of the file to prevent the file from tearing the pocket or lining of the clothing. The present invention eliminates the necessity for a separate case which may be easily lost and also prevents the loss of the nail file from the pocket when the wearer bends over or when the clothing is removed from the person.

Other objects and advantages of my invention, and objects relating to details of construction thereof, will be readily apparent in the course of the detailed description to follow.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a nail file having an integral clip fashioned therefrom embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 of a modified form of the invention.

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 showing the invention slightly modified therefrom.

Referring to said views, wherein similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views, and referring particularly to Fig. 1, the reference numeral 1 indicates generally a nail file of the usual form including a file portion 2 at one end and a handle portion 3 at its other end, formed of a single flat sheet of steel material. From the outer extremity of the handle portion 3 a clip 5 is fashioned as by the die from which the file blank is cut. Said clip is then folded at its connection 6 with the handle portion of the file in a rounded bend and thence extends over the handle in spaced relation therefrom to a point 7 adjacent the extremity of the clip where the clip may touch or is slightly spaced from the handle. The outer end 8 of the clip is bent outwardly to provide an easy method of applying the clip over the edge of the pocket.

Said clip is blanked and formed prior to the file being tempered so that, when the file is properly tempered, the clip will maintain its position in permanency and will yield outwardly with sufficient readiness to allow the insertion of the pocket edge thereunder and

while sufficient tension will be afforded thereby to cause the file to hold to the pocket without danger of accidental dislodgment. The file is thus secured to a coat or vest pocket in the same manner as is now customarily employed in retaining a fountain pen in the wearer's pocket.

In Fig. 2 I illustrate a modified form of my improved nail file in which the clip 10 is cut from the handle 3 leaving an open incision 11 therein. In this form the clip is integrally connected to the handle at the end adjacent to the file portion 2.

In Fig. 3 I illustrate a form of clip slightly modified from that shown in Fig. 2 in which the clip 12 is cut from the handle portion of the file but in which its integrally connected end 13 is connected at the end of the open incision 15 furthest removed from the file portion 2. In this form the clip 12 overlies the open incision 15 from which the clip is formed.

The forms shown in Figs. 1 and 3 may each be employed where it is desirable to have the nail file in full concealment in the pocket as but a small portion of the file will extend outwardly to view. In the form shown in Fig. 2 the handle 3 will extend out of the pocket to some extent, but it is advantageous in being adapted for shallow pockets and thus allow of a longer handle than would otherwise be convenient.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the advantages of the construction and application of my improved nail file and clip therefor will be readily apparent; but, while I have described the principle of operation of the invention, together with the devices which I now consider the best embodiment thereof, it will be readily understood that the structures shown are merely illustrative and that such changes may be made therein as will lie within the scope of the following claim.

Having described my invention, what I claim, is:

A nail file having a handle portion at one end, a tongue integrally connected adjacent the outer extremity of the handle portion and struck out from the handle material to extend in spaced parallel relation longitudinally of said handle portion extending over the aperture from which said tongue is formed towards the opposite end of the file.

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