

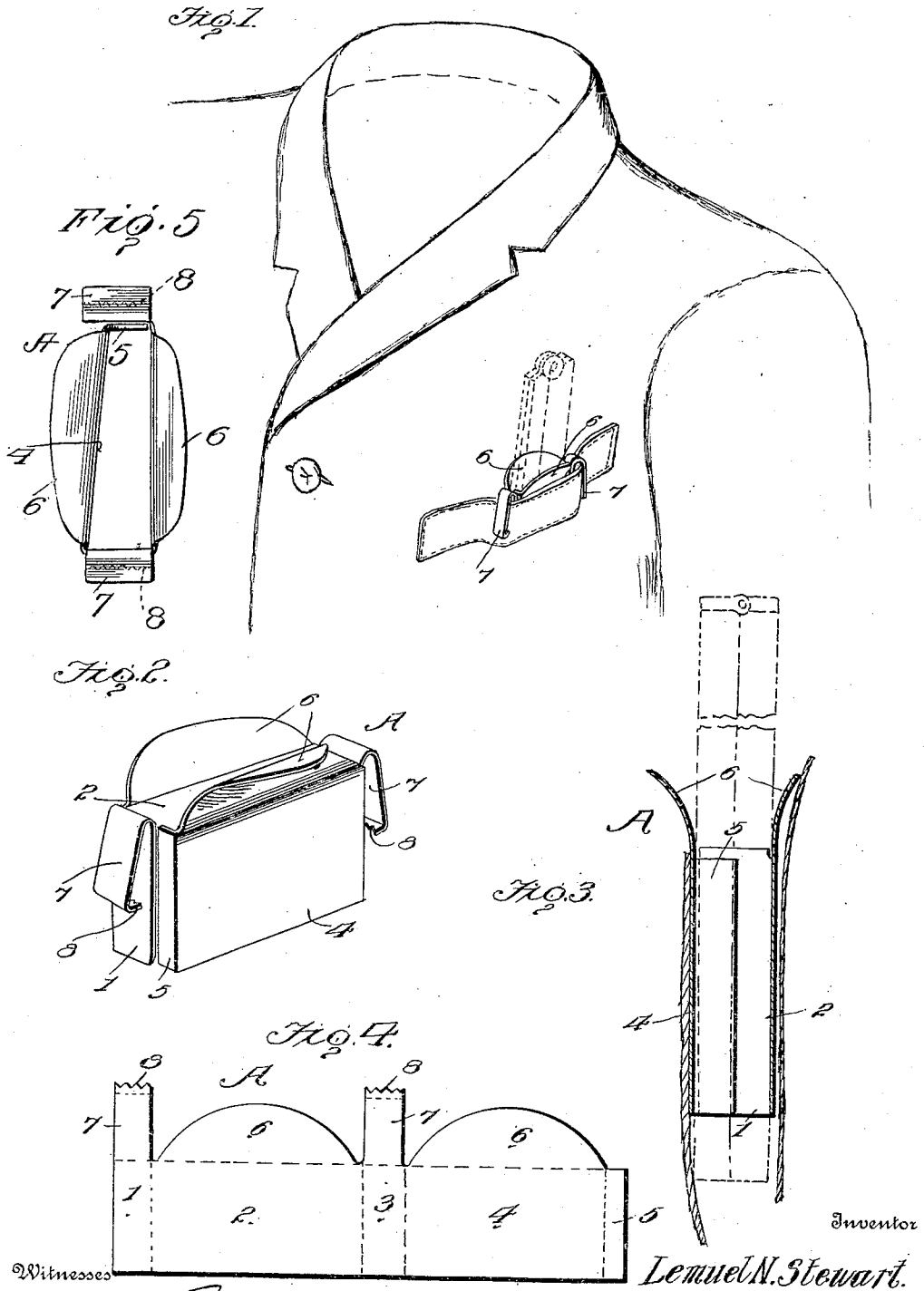
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEMUEL N. STEWART, citizen of the United States, residing at Agency, in the county of Buchanan and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rule-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention has for its object to devise a clamp for holding and retaining objects of elongated rectangular contour, the special application of the device being the retention of a folded two-foot, or other length, measuring-rule in such a manner that a carpenter or other artisan may constantly have it in handy position ready for use.

A still further object is to provide an attachment of this character which practically fills the mouth of the pocket, so that a rule, or other tool, can be very readily placed therein.

The invention further consists of the novel features and details of construction which hereinafter will be set forth, illustrated, and claimed.

Referring to the drawings forming a part of the specification: Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the practical application of my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the holder complete and ready for introduction into the pocket, having the front sprung outward slightly at its free end. Fig. 3 is a central vertical section, showing the device as applied the dotted lines indicating the position of a ruler held in place therein. Fig. 4 is a diagrammatic view of the blank from which the holder is made after the same has been stamped out. Fig. 5 is a top plan view.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

In constructing a holder in accordance with my invention I employ a plate, of spring sheet metal, and form a rectangular box, or loop, thereof, by the parts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. The part 2 constitutes the back, 4 the front, and 1 and 3 the ends of the holder, the part 5 being a stop adapted to limit the closing of the free ends of the front and rear walls of the holder. The stop 5 keeps the front and back of the holder separated suffi-

ciently to readily admit of the ruler passing between them when placed in position. Extended upwardly from the front and rear walls, 4 and 2 respectively, is an outwardly-flared semicircular portion 6, which portions form a mouth or guideway to facilitate introduction of an object into the device from the top, and extended upwardly and then downwardly from the end portions 1 and 3 are clip portions 7, which terminate in inwardly extending teeth or serrations 8.

In the operation and use of the invention the device is placed within the pocket which artisans generally have in the clothing for carrying a rule, the clip portions 7 on the outside, so that the rule-holder may be retained within the pocket to prevent the holder from falling out when the artisan stoops over, the teeth or serrations 8 being pressed into the fabric. Having placed the device in suitable position, the rule or other object can be readily inserted, the guides directing the same in position and the holder contracting to prevent the displacement of the rule when the person stoops.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, it will be seen that I have provided a rule-holder which while simple in construction, may be cheaply manufactured and which will insure the ruler being easily and quickly placed in the pocket and prevent its loss by being jarred or dropped from the pocket.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A holder of the character described, comprising a loop of elongated form and comprising a front, back, and ends, said front and back being rigidly connected by one of the ends and free to move at the opposite ends to admit of the loop contracting and expanding.

2. A holder of loop form comprising a front, a back, and ends, the front and back being connected by one of said ends and free at their opposite ends, and a stop for limiting the closing of the free ends of the front and back.

3. A holder of the character described, consisting of a front, a back, and ends, said ends having extensions which are bent upon themselves to provide spring clips, said spring clips having their lower ends bent in-

wardly toward the holder to cooperate there-
with and having their extremities serrated or
toothed.

4. A holder of the character described,
5 comprising a loop consisting of a front, a
back, and ends, the front and back having
extensions which are flared to form guides or
a mouth, and clips at the ends of the loop
consisting of extensions of said ends which

are bent upon themselves and terminate in 10
inner extensions, which are serrated or
toothed.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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