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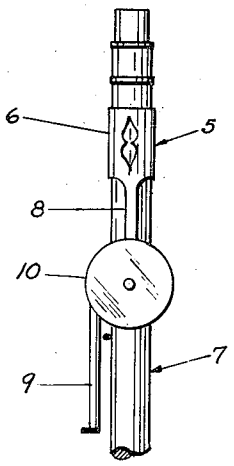


Fig. 1.

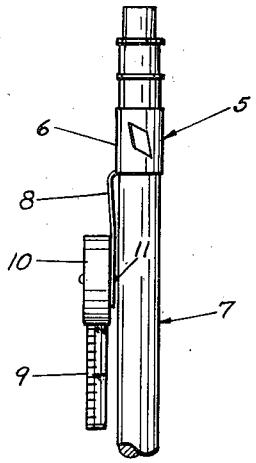


Fig. 2.

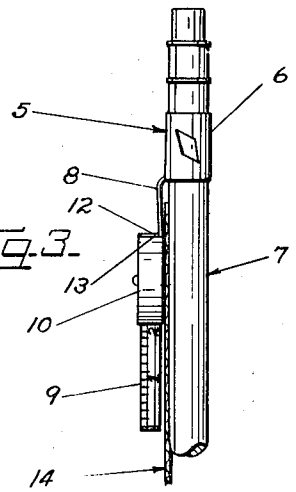


Fig. 3.

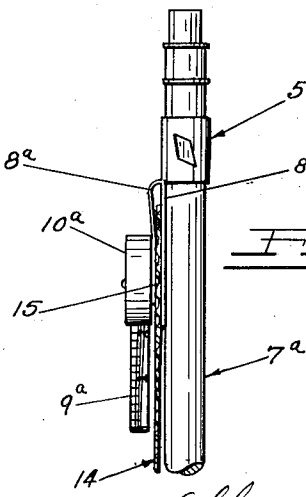


Fig. 4.

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1 Claim. (Cl. 24—11)

This invention relates to a combination pencil clip and self-winding tape-line.

The main object of the invention is to provide a small self-winding tape-line in a case attached to the end of a pencil clip in such manner that a pencil may be removably inserted in the clip and then in the pocket of the user, with the case of the tape-line positioned outwardly of the pocket at the end of the spring-clip, whereby the case presses inwardly against the pencil and interposed pocket wall, and thus retains the elements in place ready for use.

Another object is to provide in combination a pencil clip including a sleeve for removably engaging a pencil and a spring-prong extended from the sleeve for passing outwardly of a pocket as the pencil passes into the pocket, and a self-winding tape-line in a case, the said case being rigidly mounted at the pendent end of the prong.

Another object is to provide in combination, a special form of pencil clip including a pencil sleeve and a pair of pendent prongs extended therefrom in superposed relation for frictionally engaging or embracing the outer wall of a pocket for independently holding the clip thereon, and a tape-line in a case, the case being anchored to the outer one of the two prongs, whereby the tape-line may be maintained in handy position for use whether or not there be a pencil inserted through the pencil sleeve, and likewise the pencil may be withdrawn for use without disturbing the tape line.

With the foregoing and such other objects and advantages in view as may appear from the specification, preferred embodiments of the invention are shown in the drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a frontal elevation of a pencil having mounted thereon a pencil clip, and a tape-line and case at the free end of the clip or clip-prong.

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the assembly of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a detail of pencil-clip and tape-line, showing a modified mode of joining the case of the tape-line to the prong of the pencil clip, the same being clipped to the user's pocket.

Figure 4 is a side elevation of a modified form of pencil clip, the same having a pair of prongs for engaging a pocket independently of an inserted pencil, and showing a tape-line case anchored at the end of the outer prong of the pencil clip.

In practising the invention as illustrated in Figures 1 to 3, I provide a conventional pencil clip **5** comprising a parted sleeve or ring **6** for slidably engaging the pencil **7**, and from which extends a rigidly connected spring-prong **8**, the use of such form of clip being well understood.

I then permanently mount at the outer side of the lower, free end of the prong **8**, a small, conventional, self-winding tape-line **9** housed in its metal case **10**. This mounting may be effected either by riveting or welding the end of the prong across one flat side of the case, as indicated at **11** in Figure 2, or by turning the lower end of the prong outwardly at a right angle to form a foot **12**, this foot being then riveted or welded across the upper edge of the case, as shown at **13** in Figure 3.

In the use of the device, constructed as described, the combination is used in manner similar to the use of a pencil clip alone, for holding the pencil **7** in the user's pocket **14**. In this use the tape-line case **10** will rest at the outer side of the pocket, in convenient position.

In the modification shown in Figure 4, the pencil clip **5***a* is provided with a pair of superposed spring prongs **8***a*, **8***b*, adapted to slip down over the outer wall **14** of a pocket as indicated in Figure 4, the case **10***a* being anchored at the end of the outer prong **8***a*, as indicated at **15**. This form of the device is thus maintained in place of itself and independently of the pencil **7***a* used therein. Thus the pencil may be withdrawn for use without disturbing the tape-line **9***a*, or both may be removed from the pocket, as may be required in use.

While I have here shown and described certain embodiments and structural features of the invention, the same may be changed in minor details, within the scope of the claim. The tape-line may be of fabric or steel.

I claim:

In a device of the kind described, a pencil clip comprising a sleeve for receiving the pencil, and a pair of superposed prongs extended from a common base at one side of the sleeve, and adapted to frictionally engage the wall of a pocket as passed between them, the said base of the prongs being joined to the lower margin of the pencil sleeve, and a laterally spread element at the lower end of the outer prong for assisting in maintaining the device in place upon the pocket.

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