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POSTAGE STAMP HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

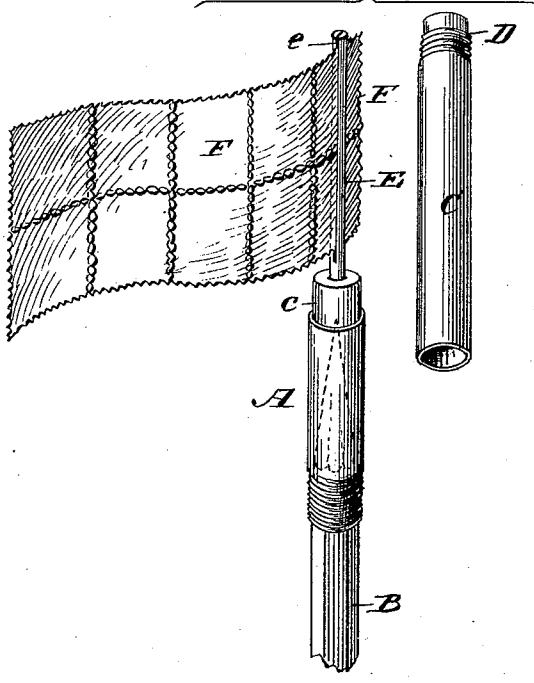


Fig. 2.

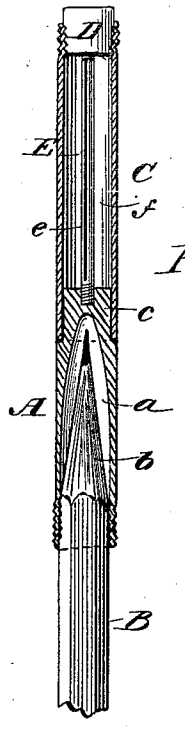


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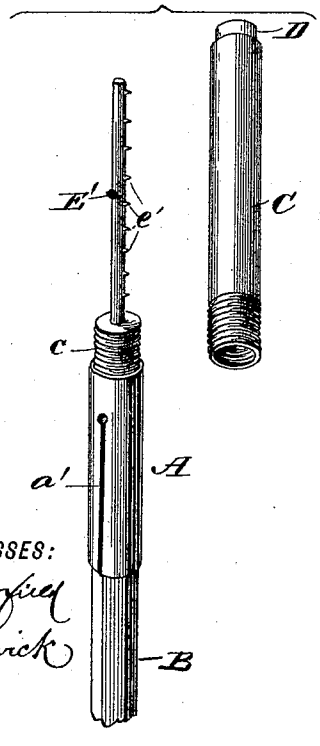
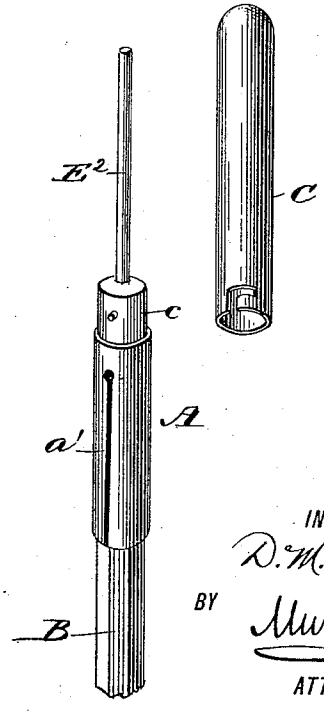


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID M. BLOCH, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Postage-Stamp Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to a device adapted more particularly for holding postage-stamps and protecting them from dust and moisture while in a pocketable and readily-portable form, and conveniently at hand, with a pencil or pen and an eraser, which may be used in addressing letters or packages, the stamps to mail which may be supplied from the holder.

The invention consists in certain novel features of construction of the stamp-holder, all as hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a postage-stamp holder made in accordance with my invention, with the cap-tube removed and the stamps unrolled, the holder being applied to the pointed end of a lead-pencil. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the postage-stamp holder, with the stamps removed and the cap in place, the pencil-point being shown in side elevation. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a modified form of the stamp-holder, with the cap removed and as applied to a pencil; and Fig. 4 illustrates another slightly modified form of the stamp-holder, also with the cap removed and shown on a pencil.

I prefer to make the base portion of the postage-stamp holder in the form of an elongated hollow and open-bottomed tube A, providing an interior cavity or chamber *a*, in which the pointed end *b* of an ordinary lead-pencil B may be accommodated, to prevent breaking of the pencil-lead; or this portion A may receive the back end of a short pencil to provide for using the pencil more conveniently, or a pen-point or knife-blade may be guarded in and by the tube. I show the tube A in Figs. 1 and 2 provided with an internal-pressed screw-thread to assure a more secure connection to the pencil by screwing it thereon; but this screw-thread may be dispensed with and the tubular base or pencil-socket may be split, as shown at *a'* in Figs. 3 and 4, to give it a yielding clamping action on the pencil.

The outer portion of the tube A, which forms the base or bottom of the postage-stamp holder, is preferably reduced in diameter at *c*, to receive the inner end of a tubular cap C, which may or may not be provided at its outer end with an ordinary eraser D, (shown on the caps in Figs. 1 and 3, but omitted from the cap shown in Fig. 4,) the outer end of which is closed by the metal of which the cap is formed. This tubular cap may be snugly fitted to a plain shoulder at *c* on the holder-base, to keep its place by friction alone, as shown in Fig. 1; or the cap may be fitted to the base-shoulder by a screw-threaded joint, as shown in Fig. 3; or the cap may be fitted to a plain shoulder of the base and be provided with a pin and angular slot, forming the well-known bayonet-joint connection shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings.

The most important feature of my invention consists of a pin or spindle E, which is fixed to the base or one end of the postage-stamp holder and projects therefrom sufficiently far to allow one or more rows of postage or other stamps F to be attached to and wound around it until the roll of stamps so formed or applied will quite fill the interior chamber *f* of the tubular cap C around the pin.

In the preferred construction the stamp-holding pin or spindle E is provided with a central lengthwise slit *e*, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, which allows the end of the series of stamps to be caught in the slit to hold them prior to turning the pin or spindle around by turning the base or pencil or pen sheath or guard-tube with one hand while the stamps are held or pressed toward the pin by the other hand, and when the stamps are all rolled onto the pin and each other the tubular cap C will be slipped over them and onto the base of the holder to fully protect the stamps from dust or moisture when laid aside or carried in the pocket.

It will be noticed that the pin or spindle *e* is slit through to its outer end or extremity, which is entirely free or disconnected from a cap or other device, thus allowing the pin to be sprung open easily to insert the stamps in

the slit or for allowing the stamps to be easily slipped into the slit from the extremity of the pin.

Instead of using the pin or spindle E, provided with a slit *e*, in which the stamps will be held or clamped, as above described, I may use a pin or spindle E′, (shown in Fig. 3,) provided with one or more teeth or barbs *e′*, on which to catch the stamps prior to winding them onto the pin; or a plain pin or spindle E^2 (shown in Fig. 4) may be used, on which to wind the stamps, and should this pin be made of wood the marginal adhesive strip or ribbon at the end of one or more rows of stamps may readily be moistened and gummed to the pin prior to winding the stamps on it.

The drawings represent the stamp pin or spindle made long enough to accommodate two rows of stamps, which will be unwound from the pin and separated at their perforated divisions, as they are required for use; but the holder may be made shorter to accommodate but one row of stamps when rolled up, or it may be made longer to hold three or more rows of stamps, as the desired form or style of the holder may make necessary.

I may make the stamp-holder entirely separate from a pencil or pen or knife-blade guard or sheath, like or substantially like the tubular shank or base A shown in the drawings; but the combination of a postage-stamp holder with such a pencil or pen guard or sheath makes a very desirable and convenient article whether the tubular cap which confines and protects the stamps is provided with an eraser-cap or head-piece or not, as will readily be understood.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The combination, with the base-piece and a pin or spindle secured at its lower end thereto and having a longitudinal slit extending from its upper end downwardly, the upper end of said slit being open to admit of the insertion of a stamp or stamps from said upper end, of a tubular cap closed at its upper end, passed downward over the pin or spindle, and fitting at its lower open end over the base or part thereof and removable bodily from said base and pin, substantially as set forth.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, a combined pencil-tip, eraser, and stamp-holder, consisting in the sleeve A, a pin or spindle secured at its lower end to the upper end of the sleeve, said upper end forming a base therefor, a separate and independent tubular cap or cover C, inclosing said pin or spindle and fitting at its lower open end upon the upper end of the sleeve A, and an eraser D, separate and independent from the rod and closing the upper end of the cap or cover C, the cover C and its eraser D being bodily removable together upwardly or outwardly from the sleeve A and pin E, substantially as set forth.

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