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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MYRON T. FISH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ithaca, in the county of Tompkins and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Loss-Preventing Device, of which the following is a specification.

The objects of the invention are, generally, the provision in a merchantable form, of a device of the above mentioned class, which shall be inexpensive to manufacture, facile in operation, and devoid of complicated parts; other and further objects being made manifest hereinafter as the description of the invention progresses.

The invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts herein-after described, delineated in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, it being understood that divers changes in the form, proportions, size, and minor details of the structure may be made, without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to denote corresponding parts throughout the several figures of the drawings.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a side elevation, partly in section; Fig. 2 is a rear elevation; Fig. 3 is a top plan.

In carrying out my invention, I provide a carrying member, which, in the embodiment of the invention selected as the subject of illustration, takes the form of a cap 1. This cap 1 is adapted to be used in connection with a fountain pen, as a closure for cases in which clinical thermometers, tooth-brushes and the like are carried, or if desired it may be fashioned from resilient material and used as a cap for a lead pencil or other cylindrical objects commonly carried in the pocket.

I further provide a resilient clip adapted to be connected inseparably with the cap 1 and arranged to rotate about the said cap. This clip comprises a top member 2 and a resilient tongue 3, having its upper end integral with the outer end of the top member 2, and being disposed substantially at right angles to the top member 2. This resilient tongue 3 tapers from the point of its attachment to the top member 2, to its free end which as shown, is outwardly flexed. The resilient tongue 3 carries near its lower, free end, a plurality of corrugations 4. The top member 2 is provided with an aperture through which is passed a rivet 5 or like device adapted to the same end, the rivet being passed through the top of the cap 1, and headed upon the inside of the said cap, securing the resilient clip inseparably to the cap 1. However, in attaching the top member 2 to the cap 1, the rivet 5 is not malleated until the top member 2 is drawn into close relation with the cap 1, sufficient play being allowed for the top member 2 to rotate upon the rivet 5.

I prefer that the resilient tongue 3 be spaced slightly from the cap 1, and that the 70 corrugations 4 which are bent into the tongue 3 be brought into contact with the cap as shown in Fig. 1.

When the article upon which the cap 1 is mounted, is inserted into the pocket, the 75 lower, outwardly flexed end 6 of the resilient tongue 3 will engage the upper edge of the pocket, and deflect the same between the resilient tongue 3 and the cap 1, the corrugations 4, engaging the outer face of the pocket and serving to hold the device securely in its place. By spacing the member 3 from the cap 1, I cause it to assume, when the article is inserted in the pocket, a position parallel to the face of the cap 1, preventing it from standing at an angle to the face of the cap 1 under the wedging action of the portion of the pocket which is inserted between the member 3 and the cap 1.

When a cap carrying a loss preventing device of the common sort, is removed from the stylus of the pen, and placed upon the upper or butt end thereof, it frequently happens that when the pen is grasped and the act of writing begun, the loss preventing device is found to occupy a position which seriously interferes with the use of the hand in writing. In my invention, should the resilient tongue 3 be found to be in the way of the hand, the normal pressure of the hand and fingers in grasping the pen will cause the said resilient tongue to rotate upon the rivet 5, and move to the front of the penholder, out of the way of the fingers of the hand. Although the resilient tongue 3 is thus free to move about the cap 1, and out of the way, it will be seen that its attachment to the cap 1 is secure, and that the device cannot be separated from the cap 1 of which it is a part, and become lost or misplaced.
Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. A device of the class described comprising a tubular cap having a closed end; a rivet inserted in the closed end of the cap; and a resilient clip having one of its ends rotatably mounted upon the rivet, its other end being bent into contact with the side wall of the cap; the rivet being headed on one end to engage the cap and headed on the other end to engage the clip.

2. A device of the class described comprising a tubular cap having a closed end; a rivet inserted in the closed end of the cap; and a resilient clip journaled for rotation at one end upon the rivet, the said clip being tapered to its free extremity, and said tapered portion being bent into substantial parallelism with the side walls of said cap and spaced therefrom, the said clip in its tapered portion being corrugated to contact normally with the side wall of the cap; the rivet being headed on one end to engage the closed end of the cap, and headed on the other end to retain the clip.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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