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Fig. 1.

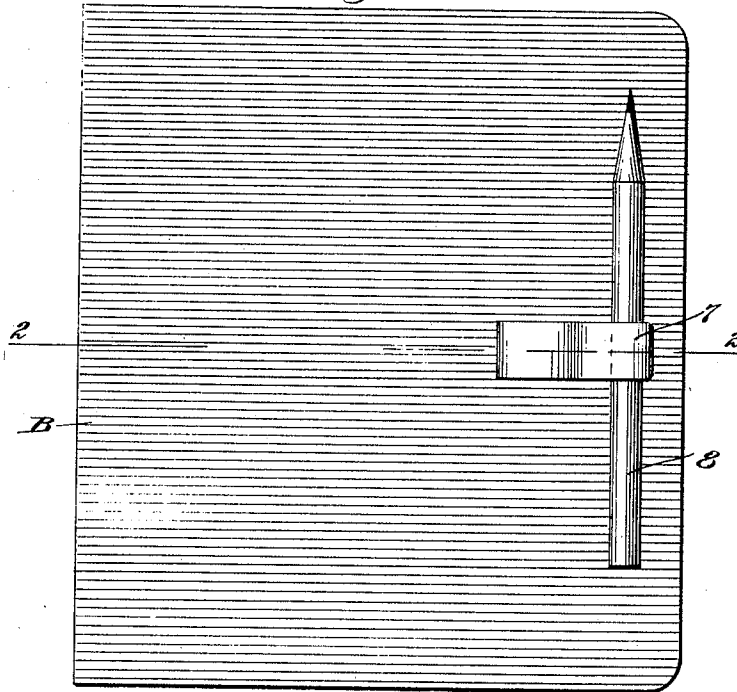
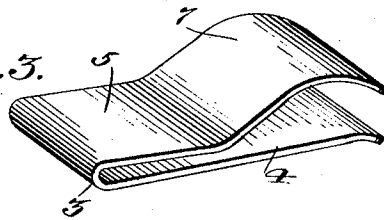


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to pen and pencil clamping devices, and more particularly to a clamp which may be attached to various articles, such as a note-book, a pad or the like, for holding a pencil or a pen in connection with such article.

The invention is characterized by a clamp composed of a single piece of sheet metal, or other sufficiently rigid and elastic sheet material, the elasticity of the material being utilized to maintain the clamp in position, as well as to hold the pen or pencil in connection with a book or other article.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Fig. 1 is a plan view illustrating the invention;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2-2, Fig. 1, and

Fig. 3 shows the clamp in perspective.

The clamp comprises a piece of tempered sheet steel or sufficiently rigid and elastic sheet material, and is formed of a suitable length of said material folded upon itself at 3 to produce a base portion 4, a return parallel portion 5, and an upwardly and downwardly curved portion 7. When constructed as shown in Fig. 3, the clamp may be applied to the cover of a book B, to a piece of stiff cardboard, or to a sheet of limp leather, as desired. When so applied to the article in connection with which the clamp is to be used, as, for example, a note-book B, the clamp will act to hold a pencil or pen 8 firmly in position upon one of the covers of the book, and at the same time by reason of the elastic quality of the material of which the clamp is composed will permit the ready detachment of the pen or pencil when the latter is needed for use, or its application to the clamp after use.

In applying the device to the base to which it is to be attached, as the cover of a book B, preferably the leading end *e* of the curved portion 7, is first introduced from below into a slit 10 made in the cover of the book, the length of which slit is equal to the width of the clamp. The clamp is then threaded through the slit from the inside to the outside of the cover until it assumes its final position on the cover as shown in Fig. 2, with the two parallel portions 4, 5 of the clamp lying upon opposite sides of the cover, while

the upwardly curved pencil retaining portion 7 lies above the outer face of the cover, with sufficient space between this portion of the clamp and the cover to permit the pencil or pen 8 to be forced into the opening between the forward edge *e*, and the cover of the book, the elastic character of the clamp permitting the pencil to be moved into position, whereupon the pencil will be retained against the cover of the book by the elastic pressure of the clamp.

Due to the design of the clamp as illustrated in the drawings, the stress of holding the pen or pencil is borne entirely by the clamp itself, and accordingly it is immaterial on what character of material the clamp is used. It works equally well on cardboard of any thickness, leather (stiff or flexible), paper, or any material used in the covers of any kind of note-books, or writing tablets.

I claim:

1. A pen or pencil holder comprising a base portion arranged to lie upon the inside of a book cover or like support, and rebent upon itself to pass through a slot in the support and provide a member to lie upon the opposite side of said support, said member and base portion being of substantially the same width and formed continuously of a relatively narrow strip of metal and such member for a portion of its length being flat and extending parallel with the base portion, and thence curved upwardly to form an open socket, said member having its end normally spaced from the support and shaped to receive a pen or pencil and to clamp it against said support.

2. A pen or pencil holder comprising a flat base member, such as a book cover, provided with a slot, in combination with a metallic clip passed through said slot, comprising a base portion lying upon the inside of said cover, and a gripping portion lying upon the outer face of said cover, said gripping portion being for a portion of its length flat and extending parallel with the cover and thence curved upwardly to form an open socket for clamping a pen or pencil flat upon said base or cover.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of March, A. D. 1927.

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