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Fig. 1

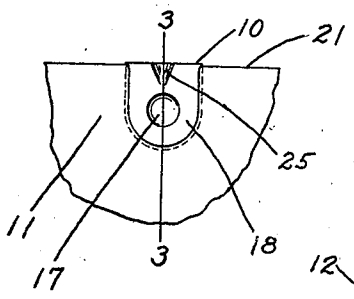


Fig. 2

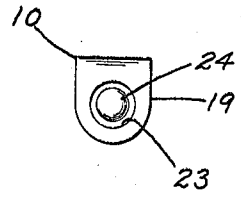


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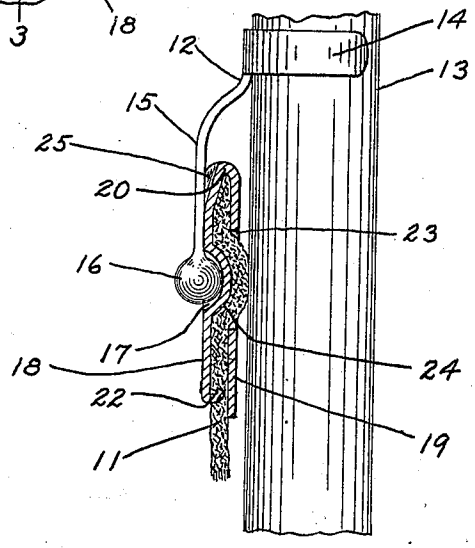
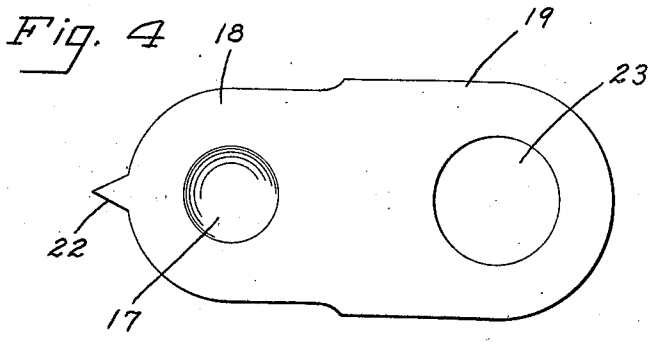


Fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISADORE MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Britain, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket Clips, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in pocket clips of the form that is adapted to cooperate with a spring clip on a fountain pen or lead pencil for engaging with the front wall of a pocket for holding the pen or pencil in place and preventing loss thereof, and the object of my improvement is to produce a pocket clip that is adapted to be positioned on the said front wall of the pocket, has holding means for holding in place, and is provided with a socket for receiving the ball or holding tip portion of the spring clip, and which, furthermore, is made of metal, whereby improved and relatively positive means are provided for holding the spring clip than is the case under ordinary and common conditions of use in which the spring clip engages with the fabric of the pocket wall.

In the accompanying drawing:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved pocket clip in position on the front wall of a pocket.

Figure 2 is a rear elevation of the pocket clip only.

Figure 3 is a sectional view on an enlarged scale on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1, a spring clip and part of a fountain pen being shown in side elevation.

Figure 4 is a plan view of the blank for the pocket clip.

My improved pocket clip 10 is adapted to be mounted on the front border wall 11 of the pocket of a garment and is constructed and arranged so as to be adapted to cooperate with a spring clip 12 that is itself mounted on a fountain pen 13 or a pencil in the usual manner and which is usually engaged when in use directly with the said front wall 11 for holding the said pen or pencil in place against accidental displacement or loss, whereby a part of the pocket clip 10 is interposed between the spring clip and the pocket wall 11.

Heretofore, under conditions of use, with the pen 13 entered for an appreciable extent in the pocket, a portion thereof will extend above the pocket wall 11; the spring clip 12 has the body portion 14 mounted on the portion of the pen 13 that extends above the pocket wall 11; a spring arm or finger 15 extends downwardly from the said body portion 14 and overhangs the front pocket wall 11 so that the free end thereof is adapted to engage with the said front pocket wall 11 directly; and, furthermore, the said free end may be provided with a ball or knob 16 that is adapted to be embedded into the material of the fabric that constitutes the said front pocket wall 11.

There are, however, objections to this arrangement, in that the pen or pencil may be gradually displaced and finally lost, and without warning and other objections, and these are overcome by my improvement, which involves the provision of a socket 17 of metal or other suitable material, other than fabric, on the pocket wall 11 for receiving the ball 16, and the means for doing this are as follows:—

The pocket clip 10 is made of sheet metal, the blank being in the form of an elongated strip that is bent adjacent the middle to provide two arms, comprising the front arm 18 and the rear arm 19, and which are spaced suitably to receive the material of the pocket wall 11 therebetween and to resiliently engage with the said material.

Preferably, in use, the junction portion 20 at the upper end intermediate the arms 18 and 19 will rest on or be adjacent the top edge 21 of the pocket wall 11. As shown, the front arm 18 has at the lower tip end a rearwardly directed prong 22 that is adapted to be embedded into the material of the pocket wall 11 for positively positioning the pocket clip 10.

The ball receiving socket 17 is formed by suitably indenting the material of the front arm 18 towards the rear.

I prefer to provide as shown, in the rear arm 19 an opening 23 in registration with the socket 17 that is adapted to receive the generally concave rear wall portion of the said socket 17 with the material of the pocket wall 11 interposed between the two arms 18 and 19.

Also, the opening 23 may be somewhat larger in diameter than the said rear wall portion 24 of the socket 17, so as to permit of forcing the said material of the pocket wall 11 therein to effect a relatively positive holding effect by reason of the deflection of said material.

A guide-way 25, formed by suitably indenting the material, may be provided in the front arm 18, as shown, extending downwardly from the upper end, adjacent the junction with the rear arm 19, for guiding and directing the ball 16 towards the socket 17.

I claim as my invention:—

1. A pocket clip adapted to be mounted on the upper edge portion of the front wall of a pocket for cooperating with a pen or pencil that is provided with a spring holder that has a ball-like knob at the free end, said clip being formed of a piece of sheet metal bent adjacent the middle to form a rear arm and a front arm positioned in opposition one to the other and separated by a space for receiving the material of said wall, said front arm having a rearwardly directed indentation that operates to hold the clip in place by being imbedded in said material of the pocket wall, the front face of said indentation being in the form of a socket that is a fit for said knob so as to be adapted to cooperate therewith for holding the pen or pencil in the pocket, said rear arm having an opening that in use is bridged by the pen or pencil, and said opening being in registration with said indentation, whereby material of the pocket wall will be forced through the opening into contact with said pen or pencil for effecting a frictional holding of the parts.

2. A pocket clip as described in claim 1, the portion of said front arm above said socket being provided with an indentation that serves as a guide-way for directing the knob to the socket.

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